

Gateway

Newsletter of the Brooklyn Community Association, Inc

February 2015

President's Report

2015 will be a big year for us all in Brooklyn, with the state election, the Brooklyn Master Plan, and the impending development of Peat Island.

There is considerable divergence in the community on both the Master Plan and Peat Island:

The Master Plan

- *Brooklyn needs a master plan*
- *We need an attractive village centre*
- *They've done it all before - its never worked*
- *The Council just wants multi-storey*
- *We need parking fixed NOW*

Peat Island

- *Mooney needs infrastructure and services*
- *There's not enough green space*
- *Too many residential properties*
- *It's the Gateway to the Hawkesbury*
- *Ignores the impact on Brooklyn*

Whatever your opinion on these issues, the most common view is:

- They haven't consulted enough... they haven't listened

The BCA considers that all communities should work together to get solutions we need and want. We might disagree on some things, but we all want the chance to participate, to influence the process and to shape the outcome.

Saturday 28th February will be exactly one month from the NSW state election. Matt Kean MP (Member for Hornsby) has accepted our invitation to attend the meeting, to address key issues and to respond to questions from the floor. In particular, Matt will address the growing surge of concerns river residents have over the development of Peat Island. Matt, during a recent visit to the village, acknowledged the direct ramifications of the Peat Island development on Brooklyn and the implications for Hornsby Council's Brooklyn Master Plan.

Hornsby Mayor, Steve Russell, and Ward A Councillors have been invited to the meeting, and we hope their schedule allows them to attend.

BCA Members, and Brooklyn and River residents and friends are welcome to join us for this important community occasion. Nibbles and soft refreshments will be provided. Financial members of the BCA will be admitted free. Brooklyn residents and Brooklyn business representatives can join on the night. Non-members and guests are asked to make a \$5 donation.

Robert Arnold, President president@brooklyncommunity.org.au

Brooklyn Community Association General Meeting

Brooklyn Meeting Room

Saturday, 28th February, 5pm to 7pm

Special Guest Speaker: **Matt Kean MP** (Member for Hornsby)

General Meeting Dates for 2015

All subsequent meetings for the year will be held in the Baden Powell Community Hall, 3 Baden Powell Avenue, Brooklyn, commencing at 10am. Please make a note in your diaries so you don't miss any!

Saturdays 10am-12noon 2 May, 20 June, 22 August, 17 October, 5 December (AGM)

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Buy Swap & Sell on the Hawkesbury River

One of the latest and more useful social media pages to attract our attention is the "Buy/Swap/Sell in the Brooklyn and close surrounding areas." This community facebook group page is set up for locals in the Brooklyn, Little Wobby, Dangar Island, Mooney Mooney, Cheero Point, Milsons Passage and Bar Point areas. It is mainly designed to facilitate the buying, selling and swapping of items that you need to get rid of, are wishing to swap or looking to buy. www.facebook.com/Brooklyn/Buy/Swap/Sell

The group was initiated by Lindsay Smith & Daniel Penton. Contact Matt Barros for more information on 0404 075 262.

Sustainability

On Sunday March 29th from 11.00 a.m. in the courtyard of redfish café gallery Bob Davis will be speaking about recycling. Bob will provide ways and means to both lighten the load on the wallet and our impact upon mother earth. As an indication of the significance of these issues across generations he will be followed by young local Luke Costelloe who will be discussing permaculture practice and hugelkultur gardening. Luke's creation of a successful hugelkultur in Brooklyn is inspiring in its use of recycled gabion walls, tree branches, compost and manures to bring life and growth to an otherwise barren garden bed. For advice on permaculture in your backyard contact Luke on: 0423 369 024.

Two new exciting Restaurants

Estuary

The long anticipated opening of Estuary restaurant at the beautiful Kangaroo Point has arrived. All reports indicate that the simple yet superbly elegant style is surpassing expectations. If you are yet to do so, pop in and say hello to Roscoe & Sue Ellen and discover some of the secrets that are bringing visitors to our part of the world.

www.estuaryrestaurant.com.au/

The Brooklyn Tuckshop

And for a more casual breakfast and lunch, try out the Brooklyn Tuckshop, a cafe/bakery serving organic sourdough, mighty fine toasties/jaffles and specialty coffee.

www.thebrooklyntuckshop.com.au

Tree down in Brooklyn Road

A tree came down in Brooklyn Road on Friday 13th and stopped traffic and cut power for the day. Thanks to the volunteers from the RFS who kept the traffic flowing until relieved late morning by Ausgrid and to Ripples who allowed traffic to divert through their carpark.



Become a Member of the Brooklyn Community Association

The BCA invites Brooklyn residents, businesses and people who work in Brooklyn to become members of our local Association. The BCA has been successful in interfacing with Hornsby Council and the NSW Government, and achieving improvements for the town. By joining the BCA, you can influence actions in Brooklyn and maybe fix those things that irritate you.

Membership is \$5 per individual or family per year. You can pay at our meeting on February 28 or make a direct deposit to the BCA at the Bendigo Bank Berowra **BSB: 633-000 Account: 12935718.**