

Gateway

Newsletter of the Brooklyn Community Association, Inc

April 2015

President's Report

The election is well past, and the community and its representatives can again focus on the important improvements required to our area.

Congratulations to Matt Kean on his re-election to Parliament for the Hornsby Electorate, and his promotion to Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer.

Progress to the Brooklyn Master Plan continues. At its meeting in March 2015, Council received the Report from the Community Survey into Brooklyn's Future and resolved that:

- The Report be made available on Council's website to inform the community of the findings.
- A project brief for a planning strategy for Brooklyn be prepared that addresses the key findings of the survey as well as project scope, issues, resources and governance arrangements including, but not limited to, key stakeholder and community reference groups.
- The project brief be reported to Council by August 2015.
- All persons who completed a Community Survey be advised of Council's resolution.

The Brooklyn Community Association spoke at the Council meeting, and will continue to press the Council for more community participation.

Residents may have seen that Hornsby Council has a number of improvement and upgrade activities happening or planned in Brooklyn. These include Brooklyn Oval/Playground Upgrade, Parsley Bay Boat Ramp Upgrade, Road Works and work at the Old Dairy Site. Nathan Tilbury, Ward A Councillor, has provided a quick update of these works in his article later in the Gateway. Residents often ask the BCA for information about Council and other works, and we hope the Council update will become a regular item of the newsletter. Hornsby Council have kindly also provided more information of the upgrade to Brooklyn Park and the Playground, and residents can see those plans at the General Meeting on May 2nd.

BCA Members, and Brooklyn and River residents and friends are welcome to join us for the Brooklyn Community Association General Meeting on 2nd May 2015.

Robert Arnold, President president@brooklyncommunity.org.au

Brooklyn Community Association

General Meeting

Baden Powell Hall

(3 Baden Powell Ave, Brooklyn)

Saturday, 2nd May, 10am to 12noon

Special Guest Speaker: Dr Ross McPherson, Chief Environmental Scientist, Hornsby Council
Sydney Water Sewerage Systems and EPA Licencing.

General Meeting Dates for 2015

All meetings for 2015 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 - 20 June, 22 August, 17 October, 5 December (AGM)

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1079 Hours of Community effort to clean up 49km of estuarine coastline!

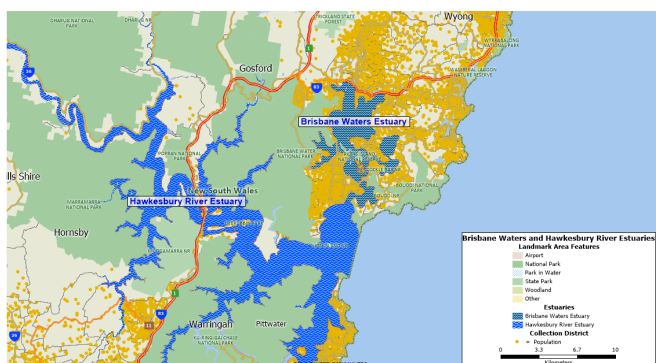
This report highlights last year's great Collaborative Community and Joint Council efforts in the clean-up of gross litter for the Hawkesbury and Brisbane Waters Estuaries. This commendable initiative was supported by 261 members of the Community volunteering their time and commitment to the Estuaries that we work and play in to make them a better place for us all.



This program success was reported to the members of the Lower Hawkesbury Estuary Management Committee, by Peter Coad, Natural Resources Strategy Manager, Hornsby Council. The initiative was funded by Hornsby and Gosford Council's and supported by the Greater Sydney Local Land Services and Community Environment Network. The Community Environment Network are to be also commended for their support to individuals and groups working in the environment in the Lake Macquarie, Wyong and Gosford districts.

The aim of the report to the Councils and Communities is to heighten awareness not only to the work of volunteers, Council officers and their commitment to the environment but also to the large volumes of gross litter collected during 2014 for the various clean-ups in the Brisbane Waters and Hawkesbury River estuaries and to present a statistical summary of that data with a focus on effort, impact of debris, and source reduction.

The initiative produced data on the litter collected that cannot adequately portray the level of effort, working conditions and enthusiasm of participants. The Clean4shore Programs' own clean-up reports and photos are well worth viewing to get a full sense of the task the program is tackling and achieving.



Map 1: Map of Brisbane Waters and Hawkesbury River estuaries (orange indicates main population)

2014 summary statistics for the Hawkesbury River include:

- 26 Clean-up outings
- 22,112 items disposed
- 19.7 tonnes of rubbish removed
- 41.9 kms of shoreline cleaned
- 261 volunteers involved for 1079 hours.

Article prepared by Jo Scarsbrick (Brooklyn Community Representative of the Lower Hawkesbury Estuary Management Committee) from a report prepared by Peter Coad from Hornsby Shire Council

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Hornsby Council News Update

Hornsby Council has a number of activities in progress at Brooklyn, most aimed at improving the amenity of the town. The recent weather has impacted work on a number of sites, and Council workers have also been involved in storm clean-up, in conjunction with the SES and other agencies. As usual, they have all done a great job in trying conditions.

Activities underway:

- Brooklyn Oval Playground Upgrade: The new playground will cater for ages 1-12, toddler to primary school ages with new play equipment and “softfall” groundcover, and should be finished by the end of May (weather permitting). Brooklyn Park has a number of other great assets, for all ages. As part of this work, we are adding a basketball hoop and netball hoop to the court. New tables, seating and paths are included, plus new fence, gardens and lawns restored in the play area.
- Parsley Bay Boat Ramp Upgrade: Tenders for the upgrade close in May 2015 and a recommendation will be put to the August General Meeting of Council. Construction is likely to be planned for Oct/Nov 2015 or Feb/March/April 2016 depending on the successful tenderer's availability and proposed schedule. Council will aim to time the work to have least impact on ramp users. Further details will be provided to the community and ramp users as the program continues.
- Old Dairy Site: The Dairy site in front of the Sewage Treatment Plant near Seymours Creek is being shaped for a sports field with earth works already undertaken over the past 18 months to raise the level. It is planned to place top soil later this year however the area needs basic amenities before it can be used for community sport.
- Road Works - Cole St: Widening of the road is underway with completion scheduled by end of June
- Road Works - Brooklyn Road Shared Footpath: The Stage 3 extension of the road works and shared footpath is planned to start in early May and complete in October 2015. Stage 3 will address the section between 43 and 55 Brooklyn Road (residents will probably have received notification by the time this Gateway is distributed).

I am working closely with Council staff to address the recent increase in issues with the homeless people at McKell Park. Some solutions should be ready to be implemented in around 3 months.

Residents are very welcome to contact me by email or phone with questions or Council issues I may be able to help with.

Nathan Tilbury

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Spotlight on our Talented Community

Renowned for its environmental beauty, Brooklyn and surrounds is also a haven of talented people. Over the past year Brooklyn has hummed to Jazz performances from some of Australia's Jazz greats. Brooklyn resident and legendary jazz pianist, Ray Alldridge and friends Craig Scott (currently Chair of the Jazz Unit, Sydney Conservatorium of Music), Warwick Alder, Steve Brien, Todd Hardy and recently Steve Fitzmaurice, have given locals the privilege of performances to rival the heart of Sydney. Ray's heady accomplishments span the Don Burrows Supper Club at the Basement, Galapagos Duck, the Ray Martin show to accompanying Grace Knight and now Rhonda Birchmore. Most recently he performed in *Freeway*, *The Chet Baker Journey* at the Hayes Theatre

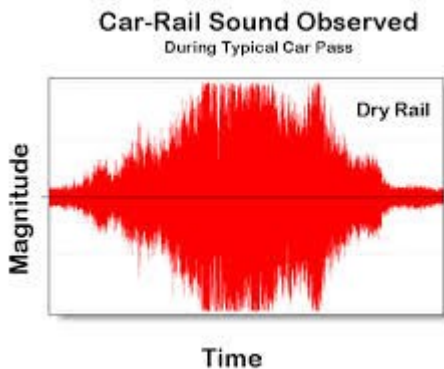
Steve Fitzmaurice from Dangar Island, known to some for his drive and leadership with Brooklyn School band, an exciting and sought after musician can also be seen with his up to 10 piece band at inner city venues and on Dangar.

Olivia Simons, vocalist in the Brooklyn Jazz nights at Redfish was recently a finalist in *Short + Sweet* at The Concourse, Chatswood.

Report on Freight Train Noise Pollution

In late 2014 the EPA produced their Position Paper on rail freight regulation. The Northern Rail Noise Committee (NRNC) made a submission to the Paper and met with Mr Barry Buffier, Chair/CEO of the EPA. In February the EPA maintained its position that the rail freight operators should be directly regulated by the EPA. Currently the regulation of operators is indirect and has not been effective in controlling wheel-squeal and other issues which have a profoundly negative impact on ours and other communities along the railway corridors of NSW.

All relevant Government Ministers have already signed off on this position, and it is anticipated that the new regulatory regime should be in force by mid-2016.



The NRNC has also had meetings with TfNSW, and the agency is directly liaising with freight operators on modifications to the worst-offending freight wagons to reduce wheel-squeal. Track lubrication has been trialled in such locations, but subjective feedback from residents suggests that the lubrication makes little or no difference.

The Beecroft Monitoring Station continues to record the alignment of wheels and associated noise, but there is no compulsion for operators to achieve reduced targets for noise levels. Once there is direct regulation of the operators, there will hopefully be mechanisms put in place to enforce compliance.

The NRNC is making some progress, but it will take time before the measures make a difference. The NRNC will continue the campaign on behalf of all the community groups it represents, and we encourage Brooklyn residents to register complaints by phone, email or website whenever a freight train disturbs your sleep, conversation or quality of life.

Phone: 1300 656 999 Email: noise@transport.nsw.gov.au

Online: [sydneytrains.info/contact us/feedback](http://sydneytrains.info/contact-us/feedback)

Cynthia and Chris Hughes

BCA representatives on the Northern Rail Noise Committee.

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Next issue closes 10 June 2015

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 May 2nd or make a direct deposit to the BCA at the Bendigo Bank Berowra **BSB: 633-000 Account: 129357182**