

Gateway

Newsletter of the Brooklyn Community Association, Inc

February 2016

President's Report

First of all I would like to thank Robert Arnold for his 3 years as President of the BCA. Whilst running his business he found time to meet with Councillors, the Mayor, other local community groups and our State Parliament member to advocate on Brooklyn's behalf. He has been passionate about trying to improve our community and we thank him immensely for his work and also are very happy to have him take over the treasurer's role and stay involved. Thanks also to Alan Forbes, Tim Fawcett and Amanda Gonzales for their help on last year's committee. I would like to welcome the new committee below:

<u>Committee Role</u>	<u>Name</u>
President	Di Bowles
Vice President	Peter Davis
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Treasurer	Robert Arnold
Member	Myff Sharp
Member	Jo Scarsbrick
Member	Kate Fujii
Member - Seconded	Miriam Moloney
Member - Seconded	David Brown
Member - Seconded	Bob Davis

Thanks you for putting your hand up! They do say that people that are involved in their community and volunteer are happier people that live longer!

This year we have made a change to 4 meetings a year rather than 6 due to anticipated extra consultations and workshops regarding the Brooklyn Masterplan.

The Council is still reviewing the tender submissions for the consultant for the Masterplan. They will try and have a recommendation for the March 9th Council meeting. That means the Community Reference group won't start until, at the earliest, the end of March. We have not received an update on Peat Island and we have called Matt Kean's office to have another meeting for an update on the Gateway planning for Peat Island.

Now with our newly appointed fundraising officer we have raised just over \$100 from the hot dog stand at the opening of the Seymour's field. Our famous local Tom Richmond bowled the first ball to get the match going. Thanks to Bob Davis and his helpers.

We ask that you start thinking about what you want Brooklyn to look like in the future. If you want changes, what are they (other than fixing the parking)? We will be running a contest on the best idea for making Brooklyn a better place so get your brain in gear. We will announce more details later.

Di Bowles, President president@brooklyncommunity.org.au

**Next Meeting—Brooklyn Community Association 2016
Saturday, 20th February, Brooklyn Meeting Room, 10am-12pm**

Loose-fill Asbestos Insulation - Free Testing for Hornsby Homeowners

Homeowners in the Hornsby Shire now have access to free sample testing for loose-fill asbestos insulation.

Hornsby is now one of 28 local government areas (LGAs) where the NSW Government is providing free sample testing for residential properties built prior to 1980.

Owners of properties that test positive for loose-fill asbestos have the option to either sell their land and premises or premises only to the Government at market value, as if the property was not affected by loose-fill asbestos.

Owners have until 1 August 2016 to register for free testing.

HIGHEST Award for Brooklyn GP Unit

Residents of Brooklyn, surrounding River Communities and district are most fortunate to have almost weekday, daily access to the excellent services of the highly qualified and dedicated team of the Hornsby – Brooklyn General Practice Unit. This General Practice Unit can be found at the corner of Brooklyn Road and Dangar Road, Brooklyn.

The Hornsby – Brooklyn GP Unit who were awarded the NSW General Practice of the Year 2015 by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners – a real honour for the entire team.

It is well known by many locals that the Brooklyn team has always been committed to gold standard care through its dedication to the Brooklyn and districts communities and its training of doctors of all levels in general practice at the Brooklyn Clinic. The community of Brooklyn and district congratulate our dedicated doctors and Brooklyn Unit team for being deservedly recognised with the NSW General Practice of the Year.

In August 2015, the community farewelled Professor Simon Wilcock who had been part of the General Practice Unit for over 25 years. Simon has been replaced by Doctor Cara Frame who has extensive experience in antenatal shared care and care of newborns and infants – a real asset for the Brooklyn and district community.

Appointments can be made at the Brooklyn General Practice Unit on 9985 7717.

The picture shows Hornsby-Brooklyn GP Unit team at the award ceremony - 28 November 2015. L to R: Dr Jennie Kendrick, Dr Liz Marles, Prof Simon Willcock, Dr Penny Browne, Practice Manager Julie Dominish, Anita Rowbotham, Practice Nurse Julie Shumack, Linda Crothers



The Old Dairy or Seymour's Creek Sports Field?



On 16 January 2016, Brooklyn's new sports field hosted its first cricket match between Berowra and Kenthurst. Mayor Steve Russell, A Ward Councillor Nathan Tilbury and Cricket Association representatives attended. Councillor Tilbury and Hornsby Council had worked hard to establish the sporting facility, the first new ground in Hornsby in 21 years. Council has planned for further amenities to be provided in the future.

Eminent Brooklyn resident and Cricket Association Life Member Tom Richmond bowled the inaugural ball, and proposed the ground be named Seymour's Creek Sports Field after his ancestor who farmed the area, currently referred to as the Old Dairy.

Bob Davis and the BCA provided hot dogs and cold drinks to the players and spectators.

It was a successful start for the ground, now used for cricket most weekends.



January 2016 Wild month in Brooklyn

Brooklyn residents braved strong winds, falling trees and blackouts in the first of three storms in mid-January. Peat Street and Hawkesbury Crescent had some property damage although many residents are counting their luck. Thanks to the Brooklyn Fire who turned out late on the night to check on residents and clear pathways. And to Council who organised contractors to clear the debris.



The Chapel at Mooney Mooney

The Peat Island Chapel was built in the 1950' and is just off the old Pacific Highway behind the former service station locally known as "the canteen".

The Chapel has always been available for use by the community and while it is no longer used by Peat Island folk it is still available for use by the people living in the river communities. The Chapel is in regular use by a small Roman Catholic congregation every Saturday afternoon and also by a small non-denominational group. At other times it has been used for naming ceremonies, weddings and funerals. It has also been used for a small musical concert.

The Chapel is not owned by any church but is owned by the State Government who continue to do maintenance as required. Cleaning of the Chapel and sweeping of it's paths is done by volunteers on an as needs basis. If you want to know more, or would like to use the Chapel please call local resident John on 0418-276-492.

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The Brooklyn Deli Story

The latest addition to Brooklyn's growing foodie offerings.

Opened in November last year by Natalia and Melanie who live on the river at Bar Point, The Brooklyn Deli is a cafe, green grocer and produce store, filling a need for fresh food and produce in the Brooklyn community.

Behind the bright yellow doors you will find the original shop floor has been polished and sealed, the walls have been adorned with old jetty palings and ladders displaying retro collectables, and the counters built from old fence palings.

Continuing through the front cafe area you discover the deli cabinet filled with a gourmet selection of cheeses, salamis, ham and olives from some of Australia's best producers and around the world.

Take a step through into the next surprise, a great range of fresh produce sourced where possible from local growers with everything from free range eggs and fruit and vege, to local fresh juices and cold drinks.

It doesn't stop there. Continuing along the hallway opens up a whole new world for Brooklyn. Gourmet goodies can be found in the fridges, Barambah organic milks and yoghurt, Paradise beach dips, antipasto, Pialligo bacon, Salumi salamis, Adamo's pastas to name a few. The shelves are filled with jams and relishes, pastas, sauces, and a good variety of your basic and gourmet grocery lines.

The Brooklyn Deli also carries quite a few gluten and dairy free lines from crackers to nut cheeses, pizzas, and raw sweet treats to keep everyone happy.

At the end of the hallway is a hidden oasis, the courtyard dining area where you can enjoy a coffee and cake with the weekend paper, and a catch up with friends and family.

The new menu is a must try. Bacon, eggs and kasaundi on turkish, the Buddha bowl featuring lentils, kale, Meredith goats fetta and poached eggs, a pulled pork roll, a smokey bean with ham hock chorizo burrito, smashed avocado on garlic bruschetta with goat fetta, lemon and mint.



Do yourself a favour and come and discover what hides within this little gem.

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LAST THURSDAY CRAFT GROUP

Last Thursday of the month, 18:00 - 20:00
at The Brooklyn Tuckshop | 1 Bridge Street, Brooklyn

Bring along your crafty project (or not, if you're looking for inspiration or are a complete newbie!) and enjoy an evening of friendship, new skills and cake.

Cost is free. **Everyone is welcome.**

Full details: thebrooklyntuckshop.com.au/events