



REPA NEWSLETTER

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2006 BROOKFIELD SHOW

It will soon be Show-time again. This year's Show is to be held on 19, 20 and 21 May. REPA will have a tent in the same general area as in past years. REPA committee members look forward to meeting members and residents to discuss issues. We intend to have information about the new plan for Rafting Ground Park, Brisbane City Council's Neighbourhood Planning, the Westgate proposal options for land the other side of the Brisbane River and development proposals in Moggill.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

REPA's 33rd Annual General meeting was held on 21st March. The previous Management Committee was re-elected unopposed. Jonathon Richards, President of the Brookfield History Group, gave a most interesting illustrated talk on how the Brookfield valley has changed over time, showing how much more native vegetation is around now than was the case 30 years ago.

At the AGM, the motions relating to ordinary membership were not passed. Instead, the meeting voted in favour of introducing a family membership, which will require a change to the Constitution. Your committee will endeavour to have this in place by next year's AGM.

Neighbourhood Planning

Several REPA committee members attended the Neighbourhood Planning workshop at Riverglen on 5 March this year. We were asked where the more intense development should occur and all participants at our table agreed that no further development should take place until the infrastructure issues, particularly the road infrastructure issues, were resolved. We then agreed that, providing the infrastructure issues were fixed, that it would be preferable to have the higher density development around the main centres of Toowong and Indooroopilly and along the corridor between them. We also said that there needed to be some major infrastructure revision around Indooroopilly, including an improved connection to St Lucia and The University of Queensland. A further Neighbourhood Planning Workshop is to be held at Riverglen, Kate Street, Indooroopilly, on Wednesday, 10 May between 7:00 and 9:00 pm.

State Opposition Cabinet meeting and BCC Cabinet meeting

Jenny Hacker intends to represent REPA at both these meetings, scheduled for 8 and 9 May respectively. At the State meeting we propose to raise two issues: - i) that of the adverse effect increased development on State roads, *e.g.* Moggill Road and ii) concerns regarding the haul route decision for the proposed quarry at Kholo Creek and the need for continuation of the Advisory Panel to ensure compliance with environmental requirements.

At the Council meeting, Jenny hopes to raise the matter of environmental compliance at Woodcrest and the fact that Council has removed the Waterway classification from land at Woodcrest, assuming that the Woodcrest provisions would take care of the conservation issues. It is evident that the Woodcrest provisions are inadequate in this regard as restrictions are not passed on to new owners when properties are re-sold.

Decision on haul route to proposed quarry site at Kholo Creek

The State Government has decided in favour of Route H to provide access to the proposed hardrock quarry at Kholo Creek. Route H is the longer route, which would probably be slightly less visible, but will pass through

a greater portion of the Brisbane City Council Water Reserve (upstream of Mt Crosby weir) and through more undisturbed vegetation. REPA Committee members preferred the shorter route D as it would have fewer environmental impacts. The Parsons Brinckerhoff Report on the haulage route has now been finalised and will be available for viewing at the REPA tent at the Brookfield Show.

Development Applications

Moggill Country Club

Council has requested further information from the developers of land at the Moggill Country Club and no decision has yet been made. REPA objected to the proposed development at Moggill Country Club for subdivision of 3 lots into 47 lots, principally on the grounds that about 75% of that land was flooded in 1974.

130 Livesay Road

Submissions are due on the proposed subdivision of land at 130 Livesay Road by 19 May 2006. The application is for 26 lots in 2.86 ha of land. This land is now within the urban footprint although it was not initially. REPA will object to the proposal on the grounds that 26 lots in 2.86 ha is above the density allowed in the Bellbowrie Local Plan and the development will have further adverse effects on traffic on Moggill Road. Members are encouraged to make their own submissions if they are concerned about this additional development in Moggill by 19 May. Information can be obtained from Jenny at the phone number below, or from the Council web-site <http://www.ourbrisbane.com/government/transactions/public/ApplicationSearch.jsp> (application number 905608).

Gold Creek Dam walk

This year REPA will not be organising an annual walk, but the energetic amongst us have been invited to join the Moggill Creek Catchment Group's planned walk around Gold Creek dam in July, probably 16 July. Contacts are either Rachel Griffiths, 3374 2656 or MCCG's catchment co-ordinator Greg Siepen, 0408 774 631. (A shorter walk may also be included if there is sufficient demand)

Wild Dogs and Deer

BCC are very keen for anyone who sights packs of wild dogs or deer to report them either to the BCC call centre 3403 8888 or to Cr de Wit's office, 3407 0220. Council is particularly interested in obtaining information from the Haven Road and Upper Brookfield areas. It is only by co-ordinating sightings and plotting the movements of these feral animals that satisfactory trappings can be made. Sadly a pet dog was killed by a pack of eight dogs recently in Moggill. Glen Alchin from the Council will be present at the Brookfield Show on Friday 19 May and will be very pleased to discuss concerns about these pest animals with residents. Other Council officers will be present on Saturday and Sunday.

THECA calendar

REPA is supporting The Hut Environmental and Community Association (THECA) in their production of their 2007 calendar. They would be pleased to receive photographs of local wildlife, plants or scenery for consideration for inclusion in the calendar. Contact: Rachel Griffiths 3374 2656.

Membership

Many members have already renewed their membership for 2006, for which we thank you. REPA can only function effectively if it truly represents members of the local community. Membership renewal forms are attached or enclosed for those whose memberships are outstanding.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE BROOKFIELD SHOW.

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