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## Working Together for a Cleaner Future

The Brooklyn Recycling Group (BRG) is a united partnership of businesses in the Brooklyn Industrial Precinct, working together to reduce their environmental impact and improve air quality in the local area.

In a step forward, BRG has strengthened its environmental commitments by signing Victoria's first Better Environment Plan—a proactive strategy to manage and reduce industrial dust and emissions. This plan is part of the EPA's Environment Protection Act, which encourages businesses with known impacts to take action. By lodging an official improvement plan with the EPA, BRG is setting a powerful example of local leadership in environmental responsibility.

 More businesses are encouraged to get involved and be part of this positive change. Together, we can build a cleaner, healthier Brooklyn for all. Contact us today.


Visit [www.brooklynrg.com.au](http://www.brooklynrg.com.au)



## Important Community Forum is online - register today!

The Brooklyn Community Representatives Group facilitates community, industry, government & EPA working together to ensure that public concerns & aspirations re odour, dust & noise are considered.

All welcome to join the next forum,  
**Wednesday 11 June, 6pm – 8pm.**

**Register for zoom link**  
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## Brooklyn Leading the Way in Circular Economy Innovation

Brooklyn, a key industrial hub just 12 kilometres from Melbourne's main port, is emerging as a leader in circular economy practices. Home to several recycling and resource recovery businesses, Brooklyn plays a vital role in reducing waste and promoting sustainability across Victoria. According to the Victoria's Circular Economy Market Report 2025, impressive progress is being made:

- 84% of Construction & Demolition waste is recovered
- 54% of Commercial & Industrial waste is diverted from landfill
- 56% of Municipal waste materials are recovered.

With an overall recovery rate of 69%, Victoria is setting a strong example in the transition to a more sustainable, circular economy. The report is packed with fresh data, local case studies, and emerging trends—highlighting the impact of communities like Brooklyn in driving environmental change. Explore the full report [www.vic.gov.au/circular-economy-market-report](http://www.vic.gov.au/circular-economy-market-report)



## Do you know how to report a pollution incident?

All Victorians share a responsibility to report pollution incidents as part of their general environmental duty. By reporting waste and pollution, we contribute to the protection of our environment and the health of our community.

👉 To lodge a report, visit the EPA website, where you can submit details and images of the incident. You may also choose to receive updates on any follow-up investigations. Visit - [\*\*www.epa.vic.gov.au/reportapollution\*\*](http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/reportapollution)





## Community Concerns & Open Days to answer questions

### Join the Growing Call to Filter the Stacks!

The Filter the Stacks campaign is building momentum, with a dedicated website keeping the community informed about opposition to the current design of the West Gate Tunnel ventilation stacks.

✍️ Add your name to the growing list calling for a special meeting with Environment Minister Steve Dimopoulos. We're supportive of the EPA holding a 'Conference of Interested Persons' — so residents and experts can present new evidence on the merits of stacks filtration.

🚗 “Australia has no efficiency or carbon standards for cars or trucks — and some of the oldest truck fleets in the world. That's why we need filters on these stacks.”

Eff, Yarraville

🔗 Visit [www.filterthestacks.com.au](http://www.filterthestacks.com.au)

### Missed the West Gate Tunnel Project Open House?

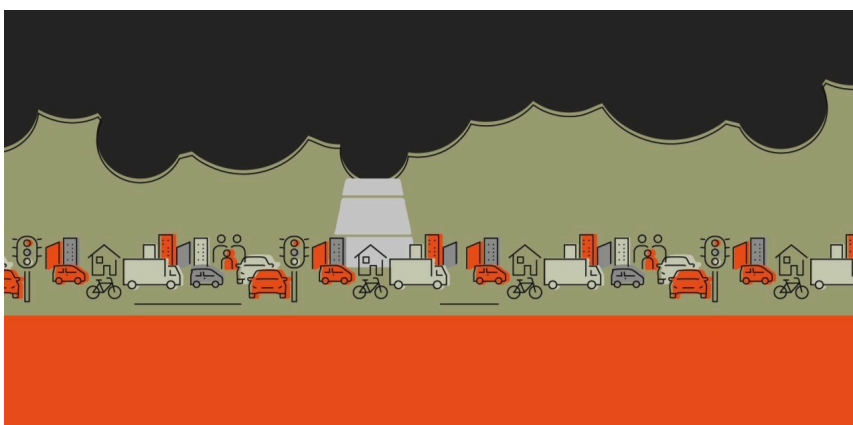
Here's What You Need to Know!  
Held: 2 April 2025

EPA staff and air scientists were on hand to listen and answer your questions, and explain the science behind approving the tunnel's ventilation stacks.

At the session, the EPA covered:

- ✅ The controls in place to protect air quality
- ✅ How air quality at ground level will be monitored over the next 5 years
- ✅ What could trigger filters in the future — and who makes that call
- ✅ The latest air quality data for Melbourne's inner west

To learn more visit [www.epa.vic.gov.au](http://www.epa.vic.gov.au)





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## Planting Day with Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek Friday 6 June | 9am – 12noon

Join us for a big community planting event!

📍 Meet at the entrance of Cleanaway Brooklyn Resource Recovery Centre, **174 Old Geelong Rd, Brooklyn**. Parking available — just follow the signs!

Let's add the final touch: thousands of grasses and shrubs to boost habitat and beautify the creek.

🎉 Celebrate the official opening of the newly sealed Old Geelong Road with a BBQ and fresh coffee at 12 noon. Everyone's welcome!

👉 Bring gloves, a trowel, and a hammer if you can. Wear outdoor-friendly clothes.

Visit [www.folkc.com.au](http://www.folkc.com.au)

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## Celebrating Heritage

This year's Australian Heritage Festival embraces the theme Unearthed, with hundreds of events nationwide celebrating our rich history.

Right here in Brooklyn, beyond its industrial roots, you'll find several heritage-listed gems, including:

- The Pig and Calf Market and the former Monsanto/Huntsman Chemicals head office (both located near the corner of Somerville Rd & Market St)
- The Guiding Star Hotel and Ralphs' Meatworks (both located near Geelong Rd & Old Geelong Rd)
- The historic Main Outfall Sewer and bridge.

Discover more at the National Trust website!

*Pic: Heritage Brooklyn Bluestone Bridge, circa 1880's, across Kororoit Creek near Geelong Rd*

