

## Dear Resident,

Welcome to the fourth edition of our CCA West community newsletter. These newsletters are intended to keep you regularly updated on Coca-Cola Amatil's (CCA's) Briens Road Northmead Warehouse project.

As you may have read in previous newsletters, CCA has committed to a 10 year \$2 million Community Benefits program. The program involves a range of initiatives aimed at improving Arthur Phillip reserve, the Redbank Track, Toongabbie Creek and access to arts and culture programs in the community. As these are community assets, it is our intention that the local community play a central role in shaping how the Community Benefits program is developed.

Towards the end of 2007, CCA started an initial conversation with the local community to gain a better understanding of the kinds of things local residents and community groups like about Arthur Phillip reserve and what they think could be improved. We also spoke to the local community to gather ideas for arts and cultural programs. We heard some great ideas and CCA are currently working with Parramatta City Council (PCC) to develop a draft concept plan for the reserve.

Thank you for your continued interest in this project. A dedicated information line and email is still in use to answer your questions and address your issues. CCA looks forward to working closely with the local community as this project continues.

Jeff Maguire, General Manager Operations

John Newell, Operations Manager NSW



• The Community Benefits program will involve improving Arthur Phillip reserve (pictured above)

## Project Update

### Construction

Erection of the racking for the new warehouse is now well advanced and is scheduled to be completed by the end of March. The tower crane which has been used to erect the racking will be dismantled in early March. The remainder of the racking will be installed using mobile cranes.

Foundations for the sound wall are also progressing well. The sound wall is a steel and masonry structure designed to prevent noise from truck vehicle movements breaking out from the High Bay Warehouse site, affecting the amenity of the residents to the north of the site across the Cumberland Highway. Installation of the sound panels will commence during April and will be completed in early May.

### Landscaping

Landscaping has commenced on the western end of the site and will continue east down Briens Road from March - June 2008. Landscaping is being undertaken to improve screening of the buildings on the site.

Along with the landscaping, the irrigation system for the Northmead site will be installed and commissioned when the landscaping is completed in June.

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# Water harvesting project

Excavation of the on-site detention tank is now complete and construction of the tank has commenced. The tank will hold water harvested from the site and will be used to irrigate Arthur Phillip reserve.

This unique water saving initiative is the largest of its kind in the Parramatta LGA and CCA is currently working with PCC to explore the possibility of other water saving opportunities for the project.



• *The massive on site water retention basin. The basin will be filled with water harvested from the roof of the new warehouse and will be used to water Arthur Phillip reserve*

## Community Benefits Program

### Community Consultation

In late 2007, CCA began working with Parramatta City Council (PCC) and the local community to develop options for the key elements of our Community Benefits program. We wanted to understand what the local community values about Arthur Phillip reserve, how they think it could be improved and to gather ideas for local arts and cultural programs.

We asked community engagement specialists Elton Consulting to independently manage this process for us. Elton Consulting talked to groups which regularly use the reserve like local schools and sporting groups. They also worked with local school students and conducted door-to-door surveys of residents who live adjacent to the reserve to get their feedback.

Following these activities, CCA hosted a Community Open Day at Arthur Phillip Reserve. The Open Day, held on 2 December was attended by local residents, community groups and a representative of PCC. Details of what we had heard from the community and information on the Community Benefits program was on display and members of the Wentworthville Bulls Cricket Club cooked a great BBQ. Although the weather wasn't kind to us approximately forty people attended.

### What We Heard

Following consultations with the local community, a report was prepared by Elton Consulting and submitted to CCA and PCC. The Consultation Outcomes report provides an outline of what the community told us during consultations. In particular, it provides information regarding what people value about Arthur Phillip reserve, what they think it needs and ideas for community arts and culture programs.

The local community told us that Arthur Phillip reserve is a really valued green open space that families and local sporting clubs like to use.

We heard that the reserve could be improved by enhancing family and recreation uses such as picnic facilities, BBQs, additional seating, shaded areas and additional active use equipment.

We received a range of really terrific ideas for arts and culture programs such as art and craft classes for children and older people, a mobile library and a multicultural food fair. CCA is still consulting with PCC and key local stakeholders to finalise a list of potential programs.

A downloadable copy of the Consultation Outcomes report is available on our project website [www.ccawest.com.au](http://www.ccawest.com.au)

### Next Steps

Community feedback gathered during this initial period of consultation on the Community Benefits program is currently being used to inform the development of draft plans for the improvement of Arthur Phillip reserve and options for arts and culture programs.

In consultation with PCC, we have appointed respected landscape architects Cloustone to prepare draft plans for the reserve. When complete, the draft plans will be presented to the local community for comment.

We will continue to keep you informed on the progress of the Community Benefits program and details of upcoming consultation events will be included in the next community newsletter.

## How to keep in touch with us:

A dedicated project number and email is still in operation to answer your questions and address your issues.

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