

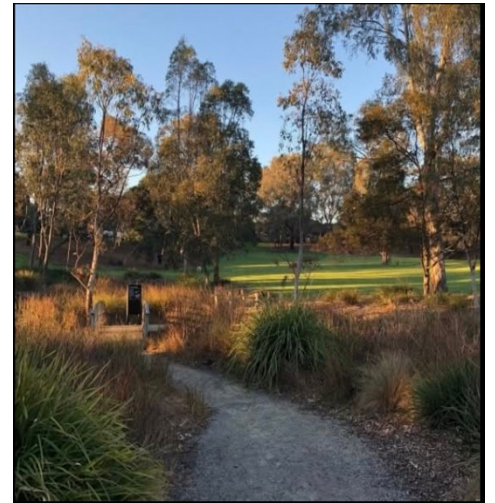
What's the "Box Hill Brickworks", and what's the problem all about?

It's an open patch of land; of 7+ hectares, next to Surrey Dive, behind Aqualink Box Hill. The land was dug up to 40 metres deep for clay to make bricks, in fact the Surrey Dive pond nearby was the first pit dug, then filled with water for sports events in the 1900's.

This site however, was filled with poorly-compacted rubbish. The EPA's 2019 Report described its toxicity and the high risks of developing the site. That EPA ruling has yet to be modified, and yet the State Government is still approving building on it..!

What has traditionally happened with filled-in rubbish tips is **they are turned into parks.**

This has held true with The Reg Harris reserve in Oakleigh (see pic), the ex-Hawthorn tip off Riversdale Rd, Darebin Parklands, there are **12 examples of this**, all contributing to the pleasant suburbs where people can enjoy themselves.



This is a tradition that should be maintained!

For Box Hill, the "Brickworks" site is the last open space that's left in the suburb: if it goes it's never coming back.

The current State government has set plans to **double** the Box Hill population in **only 15 years from now**, by allowing the building of multiple high-rise buildings around their multi-billion SRL rail project sites. Box Hill Brickworks site is beyond that reach, and not included. If we feel this open space is highly desirable right *now*, **with double the people in 15 years, it will be *indispensible*.**

What makes Box Hill liveable and pleasant is relaxed spaces, and changing **that** changes the character of the suburb: what drew people to it would be snatched away forever.

Looking from a new high-rise balcony over what was once green space, but now taken up with more high-rises, would be a complete imbalance of development versus liveability...

Since the current State government set all this development in motion, via their SRL and their other Big Build projects, they are also in charge of whether to proceed or not. At the moment the 'SRL approach' is to find ways to assist the developer build, even to the extent that since multiple 10-storey buildings are not profitable, to agree to allow an increase to 20-storey-and-more buildings on the site. This is the approach that we seek to change, to respect current and future residents' amenity and enjoyment: and by **rallying to show huge support for them changing their attitude, we expect good results.** The State election approaches: if we voters demonstrate our strong feelings, a reassessment may be made!

SO,

**JOIN OUR RALLY TO TURN THE BRICKWORKS SITE INTO PARKLAND:
on Sunday the 23rd August 2026 at Surrey Park lake, at 1:30pm**



Numbers will make all the difference!



Here are two pictures of the **Darebin** ex-tip now turned into park-land, for the joy of the residents, for their mental health and physical well-being.



Ex-Hawthorn tip, now a place of open spaces!