

## Sunshine 50M Outdoor Pool Commemoration Service

1.30pm 30 July 2006 alongside the old outdoor pool

Background: On the 26 July 2006 CFMEU convinced a reluctant Brimbank Council to allow the Sunshine community to have a commemoration service prior to Kane Constructions demolishing the community built pool next week.

Purpose: To honor and acclaim the efforts of all the Sunshine people in the 1950's and early 60's who fund raised and built the outdoor 50M pool for future generations to enjoy and to do that before their work is demolished.

To ensure the Bracks government and Brimbank Council make a firm commitment to properly replace the outdoor 50M pool before demolitions begin in the coming week.

### Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Apology to the Sunshine Community for Inadequate Notification / Communications about the Service due to late BCC approvals
3. Messages of Support
4. Memorial Service – Fr. Spiro from the Greek Orthodox Church
5. Official Welcomes – Cr. Miles Dymott, Cr. Costas Socratous Brimbank Council and Cr. Janis Rossiter, Cr. Catherine Cumming Maribyrnong Council
6. Speakers:
  - a. John Hedditch Sunshine Community Pool Action Group
  - b. Gwen Goedecke Sunshine International Women's Committee
  - c. Natalie Borg Caroline Chisholm Catholic College
  - d. Lauren from Sunshine Primary School
  - e. Bronwyn Merrigan for Doug Suitor and family
  - f. Shirley Winton for Western Suburbs Community & Unions Coalition
  - g. Paul Murphy to suggest a book be written and suggest creative uses of tiles and historical items be built into the new pools
  - h. Janis Rossiter Save Footscray Pool Group
  - i. Catherine Cumming Save Footscray Pool Group
7. Message from Minister for Sport & Recreation Justin Madden
  - a. The Better Pools funding program is receiving submissions until 28 August 2006
  - b. The Minister is anticipating an application from Brimbank Council
  - c. The Better Pools funding model is being reviewed and will be changed to factor in funding issues faced by disadvantaged communities like Brimbank.
8. Key Issues of Concern
  - a. Demolition next week with no firm commitments to proper replacement of the 50M pool
  - b. Two recent sources of advice that strongly indicate **the Bracks government is not going to make a firm written commitment to a Stage 2 replacement of the 50M pool** but that it would make all the right noises up to the State election in November and then drop any verbal "commitments" after it. This is in stark contrast to the Minister's message today and advice from Bruce Mildenhall last week.
9. Motions

## **Sunshine Outdoor 50M Pool Commemoration Service Motions:**

The following motions were unanimously passed by all attending the service on 30 July 2006:

1. That we remember and acclaim in an ongoing memorial at the new pool complex the magnificent efforts of the Sunshine community in the 50's and 60's to fund raise and then help build the outdoor 50M pool for the enjoyment of all groups in the community and the future generations of them.
2. That we thank the CFMEU for intervening to ensure this commemoration service in honor of past community efforts was able to happen before the 50M pool is demolished.
3. That the Bracks government and Brimbank Council formally advise the Sunshine community in writing about their respective plans to properly replace the outdoor 50M pool and that this advice be provided before demolition begins.
4. That the Greens, Liberals and Family First parties be asked for their replacement plans in writing before demolition work begins.
5. That Kane Constructions and Brimbank Council be thanked for the way they have prepared the site for today's commemoration service.
6. That a Sunshine Swim & Leisure Centre Advisory Committee be formed comprising representation from:
  - a. Community groups and clubs,
  - b. Centre staff,
  - c. Unions and,
  - d. MP'sto advise and support Brimbank Council and the Bracks government with the task of planning and implementing the memorial and new Stag 2 facilities and programs.

Community pool groups were also asked to seek CFMEU support for a process to unify Brimbank Council's separate list of historical 50M pool items to be saved for a memorial with the community pool groups list so that there is a common understanding and list of what will and will not be saved.