

**Sunshine Mother's Group are calling all
Residents to attend the**

Sunshine Pool Public Meeting

Our Kids, Our Community, Our Pool

**Thursday 24 August 2006
Mariana Hall**

(Cnr Monash St & Station Place Sunshine Melway Ref: 40 J1)

6.30pm – 8.00pm

WHY?

Brimbank Council backflips on a commitment to seek State Government funding for an adequate replacement of the outdoor 50 metre pool in Sunshine.

Sunshine's three outdoor pools built by this community will be bulldozed and replaced with a 3 foot deep learn to swim pool. Council are refusing to provide an adequate replacement or build an outdoor leisure pool for our kids and our community.

Residents, Schools, State Government MP's, Union Representatives, Councilors & the Media are invited to attend the meeting. Speakers include **Les Twentyman, Union Reps, School Principals and members of the community.**

Come along, show your support and HAVE YOUR SAY!

Tea, coffee & purified drinking water provided.

Proudly supported by: Melbourne Pool Alliance, savesunshinepool.com, Sunshine Community Pool Action Group, Sunshine International Women's Committee, Western Suburbs Community and Union Coalition, Sunshine Residents and Ratepayers Assoc Inc, CFMEU, Electrical Trades Union, MWU, MUA, UFU, Union Solidarity, Trades Hall, AWU, ELU, Victorian Police Association, AMWU, LHA, among others.

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Did You Know?

- Brimbank has the least aquatic facilities in Victoria and one the highest youth populations.
- Brimbank has only one outdoor pool (St Albans) for a population of over 170,000 people.
- Most other councils have 5 -12 outdoor pools.
- Malvern's 50m outdoor pool built around the same time as the Sunshine Pool, is now heated and about to receive another \$7 million upgrade and is now Heritage Listed.
- After spending over \$50 million on another 50m pool at Albert Park the State Government is now building a 50m pool for just two weeks of competition at the Rod Laver Arena at a cost of over \$40 million. This temporary pool could be relocated to Sunshine if the government wanted to but Council has recently indicated that they will not be applying for it!
- A new 50m pool was built in Geelong recently.
- Ascot Vale pool receives a \$12.5 million upgrade and it was not even broken.
- Highpoint is already jam packed and the 50m pool there is permanently divided in two.
- Glen Waverley pool received a \$20 million upgrade a couple of years ago.
- Fitzroy's 50 metre pool cracked and has been completely replaced and upgraded.
- A new aquatic centre has been proposed for Bellarine.
- The City of Wyndham is building an outdoor 50 metre replacement pool and adding an additional outdoor leisure pool in 2006/2007.
- The Sunshine Pool catchment area covers some of Melbourne's most disadvantaged post codes – Sunshine, West Sunshine, North Sunshine, Albion, Ardeer, Deer Park and parts of Braybrook, Tottenham and St Albans.
- Brimbank Council's Youth Action Plan (2002-2005) states its goals as encouraging a healthy lifestyle among young people and improving youth access to community space and recreational facilities however they are choosing to demolish 3 outdoor pools.

A pool that our children and teenagers could swim in and compete in would do wonderful things for this community.

You can help by:

- Coming to the meeting (bring/wear a blue ribbon to show your support or tie one on your fence/car)
- Inviting your school, kinder, group, friends and neighbours to attend and support the fight for a pool.
- Ask your child's class and or sport team to create posters/banners to bring along to the meeting.
- Logging on to www.savesunshinepool.com and signing up to receive regular email or SMS updates.
- Emailing mothersgroup@savesunshinepool.com to register your interest in helping or joining the group.
- Writing letters to your local MPs and telling them how important a decent pool is to this community.

We hope to see you on Thursday!

