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BORAL DUNNSTOWN COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

Date: Thursday 6 November 2025

Meeting Time: 4.30pm-6:00pm

Venue: Navigators Community Centre, Gerald Mullane Reserve, 344 Navigators Rd, Navigators

Invitees	Jane Lovell, Chair	
	Penny Wedesweiler, Secretariat	Amplified Engagement
	Melinda Farrell, Community Relations and Engagement Specialist	Boral
	John Matthew, Operations Manager	Boral
	Craig Tanner, Quarry Manager	Boral
	Blair Mather, Project Manager – Quarries Development	Boral
	Russell Walter, Drill and Blast Manager	Boral
	Wayne Austin	Community member
	Shane Murphy	Community member
	Rick Stephens	Community member
	Jim O'May	Community member
Observers	Tim Lubcke	Earth Resource Regulation
Apologies	Richard Glenane	Community member
	Gail Rochelmeyer	Community member
	Karl Britt	Community member
	Catherine McLay	Moorabool Shire Council

Agenda

<p>1. Welcome and apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jane welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced Russell Walter, Boral's Blasting Manager. - Catherine McLay was noted as an apology.
<p>2. Conflicts of interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jane noted a register has been created to document members' interests within the community that may relate to conversations held at CRG meetings. New interests must be declared each meeting - Jane and Penny declared they are paid by Boral to attend meetings. - It was agreed Penny would maintain the register of interests.
<p>3. Previous minutes and action items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minutes from May's meeting were accepted. - Jane noted a due date for action items should be discussed and confirmed at meetings to ensure prompt follow up. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Action: Due dates to be confirmed at each meeting for action items.</i> - Jane noted previous action items with status and outcomes had been circulated by Penny. Action items discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dust monitoring: Blair confirmed real time dust monitors will be installed in early 2026 and discussed the difference between deposition and real time dust monitors. - <i>Action: Blair to confirm to CRG once dust monitors have been installed</i> - Mel confirmed wildlife corridor information has been provided to Boral senior management who are assessing the proposal. - <i>Action: Mel to provide update on wildlife corridor by end of year</i>



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- Jim expressed disappointment in Boral's land being restored to grazing land. Blair noted it was consistent with zoning and the character of the area.

4. Standing agenda items

a) Quarry update

- Craig noted quarry operations have been limited due to the weather. The quarry will shut down from on 23 Dec and reopen 12 Jan.

5. Blasting presentation – response to community concerns

- Russell presented Boral's video on blasting processes. Blasting preparation was shown and discussed including how blast holes are designed and set up onsite. Safety measures were explained as well as the monitoring process for how much explosive material can be inserted into each hole. He noted vibration and blast noise are managed and monitored.
- Rick noted there is considerable community interest in blasting and uncertainty around how the process is regulated. Russell confirmed Earth Resources Regulation does not attend each blast. Blasts are performed by three qualified shot firers who document the entire process.
- Russell noted the decibel level of previous blasts have been under 110 DB and noted a whipper sniper is 90 DB.
- Jim enquired about the standards that Boral must comply with. Russell noted the explosives material in every hole is measured and recorded and the results of monitoring are sent to ERR.
- CRG members expressed interest in a future presentation being given to the community.

6. Work plan variation (WPV)

a) Boral update

- Blair noted public notice has finished. The Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) mailed WPV information out to just over 100 residents living near the expansion. There was no requirement to include a public notice in newspapers.
- The WPV public consultation received three submissions, including one from the CRG. Blair thanked the CRG for its submission and the opportunity to provide clarity.
- Boral will now review submissions and provide responses to DTP within a fortnight.
- Rick noted the CRG's submission was not an objection to the expansion but highlighted their wish to ensure the project has as little impact on community as possible. Rick confirmed the submission was prepared by all members of the CRG.

b) Noise

- Rick observed there was room for improvement on noise impact assessments, particularly around the times and seasons the assessments were conducted. He expressed concern around data from Ballarat airport being used.
- Rick noted even if the expansion is approved, a problem in the community still exists around noise and better engagement needed to take place around noise levels and monitoring. The community needs to be assured that the process is being done well.
- Blair noted the EPA has reviewed the noise assessments and they may require Boral to implement ongoing monitoring.

c) Dust

- There is concern in the community around dust spreading to land where cattle graze as well as concern around dust entering the water table.
- Craig noted Boral is currently trialling citrus sprays on rock before it enters the crusher to suppress dust.
- Rick outlined his observations that dust is leaving the site. Blair noted dust may be visible from the site and that it is contained on Boral-owned land.
- Discussion around the installation of real time monitors being installed in early 2026.



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e) Blasting

- Russel confirmed the level of explosives is carefully monitored and Boral always errs on side of caution. He noted blasts are sometimes delayed due to conditions.
- Rick noted CRG members would await the minister's decision before confirming the next steps the group would like to take. Rick noted the community has expressed interest in wanting to know what's happening and that a community information session should be held. Jane observed the appetite by the community for a stronger, trusting relationship to be built with Boral. It was acknowledged that whilst information exists, the community is expressing a strong preference for Boral to explain processes in person.

f) Community benefit fund

- Shane noted the local community should receive more funding from Boral and that applications for funding are refused. Mel confirmed applications for up to \$20k are welcome and that it's important community groups continue to put projects forward.
- Shane noted he would be withdrawing from advocating for community projects.
- Rick queried how the grants program was publicised. Mel confirmed it was in the last newsletter which was distributed 5km of site. Rick noted a sign should be placed outside Boral re. funding opportunities.
- Boral acknowledged Lal Lal wind farm's community benefit scheme but noted Boral's community benefit structure has been established which will guide all processes and submissions.
- Mel noted she would recirculate funding criteria and that Boral has provided the following funding:
 - 2K sponsorship, annually
 - 10K premium sponsorship for 1 year (2026) and it will return to 2K following year/s
 - 17K for the football heaters
 - 3K for the outdoor netball heaters
 - Donated loads of crushed rock
 - 25K Navigators Community Hub
 - *Action: Mel to recirculate funding criteria.*

g) Visual amenity

- It was noted visual amenity will become an issue as the quarry expands and that a visual impact assessment had not been undertaken. Blair confirmed a detailed visual impact assessment had been undertaken and that most of the work undertaken will be below view lines. The 3m bunds were discussed as insufficient when the expansion is occurring on a hill. Craig noted no plant would be placed there. Craig confirmed screen planting is taking place now.
 - *Action: Craig to share plantation plans with CRG including species used.*

h) Biodiversity

- Jim noted he would like to see the land restored to bush.

i) Traffic

- Boral confirmed it is addressing all points raised.

j) CRG

- Quarterly meetings have been requested by the CRG. Mel noted the terms of reference state two meetings will be held each year but further meetings can be added as needed. Mel noted four meetings were held in 2025.
 - *Discuss CRG's interest in holding a community meeting following ministerial approval of the WPV and confirm appropriate format.*

k) Set next meeting date

- 5 March 2026



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Action items

Agenda item	Action	Person responsible	Due date
3	Due dates to be confirmed at each meeting for action items to ensure prompt follow up..	Jane/Penny	Ongoing
3	Confirm to CRG once dust monitors have been installed	Blair	March 2026
3	Provide update on wildlife corridor	Mel	December 2025
6e	Recirculate funding criteria.	Mel	With meeting minutes
6f	Share plantation plans with CRG including species used.	Craig	December 2025
6i	Discuss CRG's interest in holding a community meeting following ministerial approval of the WPV and confirm appropriate format.	Boral	December 2025
Carried over	CRG members to send concerns regarding the intersection with the Western Highway to Catherine. Catherine will take up advocacy with VicRoads with support from Boral.	CRG members Catherine	
Carried over	Share video of dust emissions with Boral. Boral to cross-check dust results (see actions for 4c regarding dust).	Rick and Boral	