

# MEETING NOTES

**Subject:** Boral Teven Quarry Whole of Community Meeting 2017

**Location:** Ballina RSL Club, 240 River Street, Ballina

**Date & Time:** 8 June 2017, 6pm

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## Attendees:

1. **Peter** and **Paulene Blackwood** – Residents
2. **Sue** and **Ron Farrow** – Residents

## *Boral staff*

- **Richard Tomkins** – Operations Manager (NSW Country – North), Boral Quarries (NSW/ACT)
- **Scott Gillieatt** – Quarry Manager, Boral Teven Quarry
- **Rod Johnson** – Environment Manager (NSW/ACT), Boral HSE
- **Rod Wallace** – Planning & Development Manager (NSW), Boral Property
- **Ronnie Lawton** – HSE Advisor (Northern NSW), Boral HSE
- **Shane Robson** – Team Member, Boral Teven Quarry
- **Todd Schoupp** – Team Member, Boral Teven Quarry
- **Paul Jackson** – Stakeholder Relations Manager (NSW/ACT & Ntnl Land Devpt), Boral Property

## *Apologies*

- Nil

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*The following notes are taken from presentations and conversations conducted as part of this community meeting. The content, while representing an accurate summation of proceedings, should not be taken to represent exact dialogue unless specifically noted as such.*

*For the full presentation, visit [www.boral.com.au/tevenquarry](http://www.boral.com.au/tevenquarry). Meeting notes are considered as **draft** until reviewed at the start of the next community meeting (Community Consultative Committee or whole-of-community meeting, whichever is first) and any items in need of correction amended.*

## Meeting opened – approximately 6.15pm

### 1. Welcome and introductions

**Paul Jackson** welcomed residents and colleagues to the biannual 'whole of community' meeting, the fourth since the introduction of the concept in 2011. Paul explained the session was being held to maintain the voluntary commitment made by Boral at the first session with regard to communication.

Boral's team members were then introduced, most of whom were known to the quarry's neighbours. The exception on this occasion was **Ronnie Lawton**, who earlier this year took over the role of HSE Advisor for Northern NSW from **Nathan Jeffery**.

Ronnie informed the meeting that he had moved to the local area from the NSW South Coast, being previously based at the Boral Dunmore Quarry near Shellharbour. He had held a similar but more site-focussed role than his new position at Dunmore.

Paul then invited **Richard Tomkins** to offer a 'safety moment' to the group. Paul explained that 'safety moments' are a normal part of Boral's meeting procedures through which participants could share their observations of a safety-related matter. In doing so, it's hoped others can take away personal learnings.

Richard obliged by speaking about the hazards of long-distance travel which are present in his role, specifically the need to maintain physical awareness and recognise the signs of fatigue.

### 2. Review of previous meeting notes and matters arising

Paul referenced the meeting notes of the previous Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting, held 2 November 2016, available on the quarry's website, [www.boral.com.au/tevenquarry](http://www.boral.com.au/tevenquarry). Those attending were asked if there were any matters arising – none were nominated.

**Scott Gillieatt** then updated the meeting about the use of road sweepers on North Teven Road by Ballina Shire Council during the early morning hours. This matter had been discussed by the CCC at the November session.

Scott reported the quarry has had a long-term hire arrangement in place for some time over its own road sweeper and now conducts this task on Council's behalf. Being conscious of neighbourhood amenity, sweeping is carried out during the day rather than the early morning.

No apologies were received for this session.

### 3. Confirmation of CCC representatives and Terms of Reference

Paul then informed attendees that part of the usual business of the 'whole of community' meeting was to both elect resident representatives to the CCC, as well as to propose and make changes to the CCC Terms of Reference (ToRs).

With regard to the ToRs, adopted at the 2013 'whole of community' meeting and unchanged ever since, Paul indicated that Boral once again had no amendments to suggest. Those attending were then asked

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if there were any changes required from their perspective – none were raised, so the ToRs were again re-endorsed for use until 2019.

The meeting then moved on to community representation for the CCC during the 2017-19 period. Paul noted that due to the lower than usual resident presence, it would be prudent to ask those in the room for nominations ahead of verifying the interest of other existing representatives post-meeting.

This was agreed to by the attendees. As a result, **Peter Blackwood** confirmed his interest in continuing as a CCC representative, with Paul to contact **Denis Perkins**, **Sam Henderson** and **Kevin Nelson** to confirm their continued involvement.

**NOTE:** Subsequent to the meeting, an email was sent to the three above-named representatives. As a result, it was confirmed that **Denis Perkins** and **Sam Henderson** would continue to act as resident representatives for the 2017-19 period.

## 4. Quarry operations update

Scott then gave the meeting an overview of activity at the quarry since the previous CCC meeting. Firstly, Scott noted that Pacific Highway upgrade works remained a significant part of the quarry's output, with products being sent to the Pimlico-Teven, Woolgoolga-Ballina and Harwood Bridge project sections.

The quarry was also contributing to the construction of the new Ferngrove estate at Ballina, while supply was being maintained to Boral's local Concrete and Asphalt sites and to local civil construction firms.

Scott also highlighted that a new 'PM10' monitor has been installed near the quarry's Manager's Cottage. This monitor operates for a continuous 24 hour period every six days to capture prevailing air quality.

It was asked what PM10 was. It was explained that PM10 refers to microscopic particulates in the air which are small enough to be breathed in. Only a handful of quarries have such a monitor on their site.

Scott reported that additionally with regard to dust control, the site's truck 'wheel wash' had received further enhancements during the year to date. As mentioned earlier, the quarry also has a 'permanent' hire over a road sweeper, while extra dust sprays have been fitted to the crushing plant.

Photos of other site improvements around the workshop and administration area were also shown to attendees, with Scott giving accompanying explanations. An attendee asked what a 'v belt' was when Scott was explaining storage improvements – these belts drive motors.

## 5. Environmental management and performance

Scott then continued into the environmental section of the meeting by highlighting physical works at the quarry to enhance water management. Pictures were shown of two additional sediment basins built by the team and the 'clean water diversion' built around the quarry pit on the north-western edge of the site.

Updated figures on how many hours the quarry has put toward weed management were then displayed, as well as an aerial map indicating where the work had predominantly been carried out.

A resident noted that works had been conducted along North Teven Road. Scott confirmed that attention had been given to the area near the gate to the Perkins property. He added that he would be prepared to direct the contractors to work further along the road if residents wished.

Images of the new noise bund placed on the uphill side of the plant and workshop yard were then shown. The bund is 4.6 metres high and has been planted with around 560 native trees and shrubs.

Also newly installed is a weather station for the quarry. Scott explained it provides the site with instantaneous information about conditions via the internet, and will be vital in interpreting dust monitoring results so that continuous improvement can be made with dust management.

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Photos of the bund walls within the quarry which were established in 2014 were then shown to the meeting. This has been a regular occurrence at CCC meetings in the time since so that representatives can see the progress of the plantings made when the bunds were built.

Ronnie then took the meeting through the usual environmental monitoring results recorded throughout 2016-17. The first set related to dust deposition, with Site 3 (Quarry office) noted as showing a spike during November 2016. This concurred with the construction of the new sediment basin.

The meeting then reviewed the results of PM10 monitoring, water quality and blast vibration for the period.

## **6. Planning and consent re-examination**

Paul then invited **Rod Wallace** to review the process which led to the quarry gaining the planning modification sought for its consent during 2016.

Rod confirmed that Council had approved the modification on 24 November, extending the planning consent through until June 2026. Operating hours for the site's crusher had consequently now changed to Mondays to Fridays 7am to 6pm, with no Saturday operations.

Mobile crushing is now also formally permitted under strict conditions, however Rod and Scott confirmed that this activity has not yet taken place.

The quarry has also committed to improved surface water management, with the dams and drains mentioned earlier already built. Compliance noise monitoring will be conducted later in the month - Rod explained this would be to establish an 'ambient' benchmark and occur over a Sunday and Monday.

Rod then concluded by noting that the process to achieve the modification had been a long but valuable one and represented a truly collaborative effort with the community. He thanked residents on behalf of Boral for their input during the course of the past six years.

A resident then noted that the quarry had undergone significant improvement during the course of the process and was almost like a completely different site now. He in turn thanked Boral for its efforts to place the site in better alignment with community expectation and amenity.

## **7. Community activities and general business**

Paul and Scott then took attendees through the community activities and initiatives in which the quarry had participated since the last 'whole of community' meeting in 2015.

Paul began by highlighting that the site's major community partnership with the Tintenbar Community Aid Network (TinCAN) had continued through the period. Highlights included the 2016 Art Show which raised \$4200 for TinCAN's work, and continued support of the group's 'bus trip' program for clients.

Scott then ran through other contributions made through the quarry, including ongoing involvement of local schools with Conservation Volunteers Australia, support for the Ballina Lions Club *World Festival of Magic* Children's Christmas Party, and materials for the Ballina Marine Rescue Tower project.

Paul then asked for any items of general business or comment. There being nothing raised, Paul thanked everyone for their attendance and indicated the next CCC meeting would be held before the year is out. The next whole-of-community meeting will be planned for 2019.

**Meeting closed at approximately 7pm.**