

# Boral Marulan South Operations Newsletter

September 2017

***Boral's Marulan South Operations are pleased to present our regular newsletter for the information of our valued neighbours and wider community.***

## Marulan Public school visit

It was a privilege for the team at Peppertree Quarry to host a visit of students from Marulan Public school.

A number of the students have a passion for quarrying and big machines, even building their own quarry in the playground.

After a short induction and a video on blasting, the students were treated to a tour of the quarry, a meeting with our aboriginal heritage team to talk about culture and some were lucky enough to talk on the radio to a number of the operators.

It was a fun morning for the students and Peppertree Quarry staff alike. Not sure who had more fun.



## September STOP for Safety – Mental Health Awareness

Every 3 months, Boral operations, Australia wide "STOP for Safety". This month we stop for Mental Health Awareness coinciding with R U OK day on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Mental Health can affect everyone one from the experience of grief, depression or stress. Our 2 hour stop for safety aims to educate everyone on the signs, impacts, solutions and help that can be provided for employees and their families.

R U OK Day is dedicated to remind people to ask family, friends and colleagues the question, "R U OK?", in a meaningful way, because connecting regularly and meaningfully is one thing everyone can do to make a difference to anyone who might be struggling.

So on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at least stop and ask one person R U OK? It just might make a difference.

## Fatigue

Being tired hits many of us particularly when we live and work in areas outside of major towns. Our quarry staff work long days and sometimes drive an hour to and from work. This can mean 12 to 14 hour days and therefore the possibility of falling asleep while driving.

To identify whether any of our staff have an issue of being fatigued before they drive home we have introduced an online program which is freely available to anyone to use.

**Testyourtiredself.com.au** is a simple online assessment which aims to give you guidance as to whether you are ok to be driving based on your days activities.

Anyone can use it so give it a go sometime maybe before the Friday night weekend drive away on holiday, over the Christmas holiday period or simply before leaving work one night to come home.

We want everyone to stay safe on our roads and get to where you need to be.

## WIRES

Operating a quarry in a rural area means we often interact with our native wildlife, whether it's the drive to and from work or the inquisitive wildlife taking a close up look of the quarry operations.

At times, we need to depend on the volunteers of the local branch of WIRES to give us a hand. Our Marulan south sites were therefore only too happy to provide prizes for a Fathers day raffle with all proceeds going to WIRES.

## Conservation Volunteers Australia

Boral continues our partnership with Conservation Volunteers Australia and our schools program. .

CVA volunteers spent some time, in early August at both Marulan and Tallong Public schools lending a hand with ground and garden maintenance and installations such as the Tallong Public school games board.

