

Boral Quarries Seaham

Providing the foundation for the Hunter and Port Stephens community

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Boral's Seaham Quarry, located just off Italia Road at Balickera, is our organisation's major source of 'hard rock' in the Hunter/Port Stephens region. The aggregates we produce at the quarry every day are used for the ongoing growth and development of our region.

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Down...not out...

In April last year, we hosted a number of local residents at the quarry for an 'inspection'. During the visit, we outlined our proposal for continuing the 'life' of the site into its next stage.

The proposal involved potentially extending the existing quarry pit further to the **north-east** (Italia Road side) into a new part of the rock resource. We estimated this might yield up to **5 million tonnes**.



Since then, we have re-examined our plans and the information we have about the **ignimbrite** deposit we quarry. As a result of this review, we've determined there's an opportunity to extract further **downward** before we begin to head **outward**.

Accordingly, this will change the direction of the proposal. Instead of being a planning process through the **NSW Department of Planning and Environment**, an application will now be made to **Port Stephens Council** to **modify** the existing quarry approval.

At present, the quarry is permitted to extract to a **relative level (RL, or height above sea level) of 45 metres** in the **southern** end of the pit.

Through the modification, we'll seek to **extend** this 45 metre level northward through the **whole** of the existing pit. Further, we'll also look for approval to quarry down to **RL 30** at the southern end.

With the current pit size taken into account, we estimate approval for this new direction will yield us a return of about **3.3 million tonnes** of rock.



The gain will allow us to continue operating in the same way as we do today for the next few years. **No other changes** will be proposed through the application, meaning local 'experience' of the site will remain the same – **no** extra traffic, **same** environmental requirements, **same** operating hours.

We're aiming to have the modification ready for submission to Council by the end of **July**. It will then be assessed and **exhibited** for public comment - we'll let neighbours know when once dates are confirmed.

If you have questions or comments about our proposal in the meantime, you can contact the site, or get in touch with our **Planning and Development** team on **9033 5535** or via feedback@boral.com.au.



More information? www.boral.com.au/seaham.

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Working with water...

Since the first extraction, there's always been a need at our Seaham Quarry to carefully manage water flows given the site's location within the wider Grahamstown Dam catchment.

As locals know, the dam provides the main source of water for the Hunter and Port Stephens including Newcastle, the state's second most populated city.

To help guide our management of ground and other water flows beyond the boundaries of the site, we have developed and implemented a series of **Water Management Plans (WMPs)** over the years.

Each WMP has included a range of procedures, monitoring requirements and initiatives which are designed to ensure the quality of water leaving the quarry site remains high.



As a result of previous WMPs, we've installed mitigation measures such as **sediment settling ponds** that have made a direct contribution toward our water quality goals.

The WMP is currently being reviewed and additional controls will be incorporated as a result. The updated document will be submitted to Council alongside the modification for their endorsement.

Seaham Quarry is online!

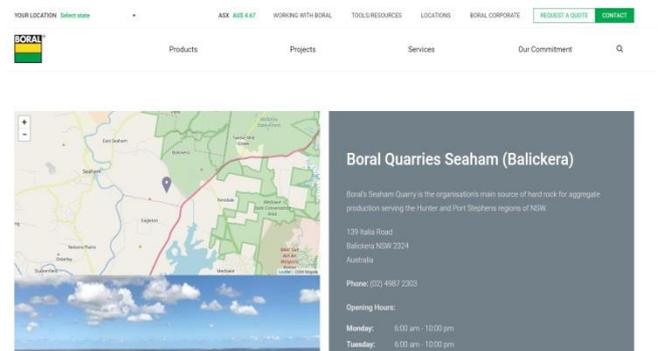
We have a new way to share information about our daily operations at the Seaham Quarry across our broad community 'footprint'.

Although Boral has long had a website for the whole company, we haven't had a part of it dedicated specifically to Seaham Quarry – until now!

We've set up a **webpage** which you can find at www.boral.com.au/seaham as an additional way to communicate with our stakeholders.

Given the size of the quarry's landholding and the spread of our neighbours throughout the rural

surrounds, this webpage will greatly help us to share news in a timely fashion.



Still under construction, the webpage will eventually host a range of information including an **overview** of the **quarry's operations**, details of the quarry's **planning approvals**, **environmental data** and **community communications and updates**.

We encourage you to log on over the next weeks as we fill out the content of the website. Of course, we're happy to take any **feedback** about what we should include – if you have any ideas, simply click on the **Community Feedback** link you'll find on the site.

Help for those helping others

The Seaham Quarry team were privileged to offer their assistance to a local service provider neighbouring the quarry earlier this year.

Eagleton Ridge Respite Centre has been providing short-term supported holiday accommodation for people living with disabilities over the past 20 years.

Located to the south of the quarry on Six Mile Road, clients attending the Centre are able to enjoy a break in the quiet rural surrounds for a few hours or a couple of days, with the facility purpose built to support people of all abilities and ages.

The Centre's latest project was to build a new play area to which Boral contributed materials.

For more information about the ERRC, call **4987 1686** or visit www.eagletonridge.com.au.



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