

# Boral Teven Quarry

## Community update – October 2013

### News from your local Boral operation

Boral's Teven Quarry team is pleased to present this latest edition of *Community Update* to the local community. This year is proving to be an important one in the site's history, not only because of the work it is currently supporting, but also because of the increasing way local residents are helping us to better run our operations.

The ongoing upgrade of the Pacific Highway continues to present the quarry with most of its aggregate demand. Already supplying the Tintenbar to Ewingsdale upgrade, orders were recently secured for the Pimlico Road section of the Highway scheduled to be complete by 2015.

### Following up on your feedback

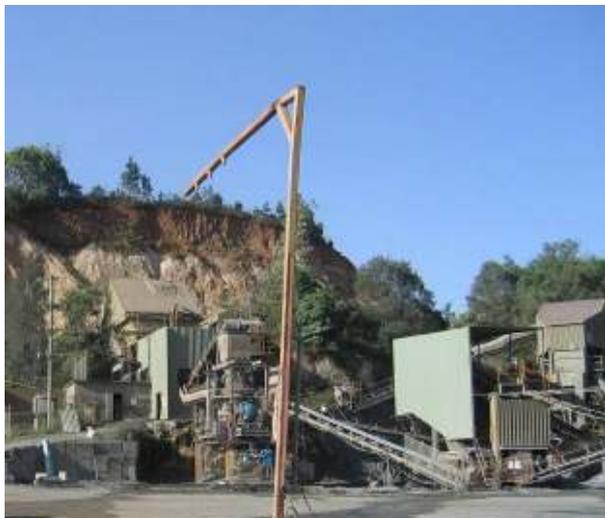
At the quarry's whole-of-community meeting held in March, residents asked for an opportunity to get to know the quarry's operations and to provide comments on different aspects of the site's management. We were happy to agree and arranged a community workshop which was held on 18 May.

The workshop involved an inspection of the site followed by a feedback session during which residents identified a variety of matters for discussion.

The event was highly constructive and Boral would like once again to thank those 18 community members who gave up their Saturday to have their say.

Recently, a summary of 38 different matters and pieces of feedback was mailed to all those who attended the workshop. Alongside each item, we have provided our response or current position on the respective topic. The summary can also be viewed on the quarry's website, [www.boral.com.au/tevenquarry](http://www.boral.com.au/tevenquarry).

We've asked all local stakeholders to consider the document and provide us with their comments, or let us know about anything we might have missed, by **15 November**. You can write to or email us with your views – these will then be taken into account as we set future directions for the quarry in 2014 and beyond.



### Improving performance on your input

Since the community workshop was held, we've already undertaken several improvement initiatives based entirely on the feedback offered at the session.

With production noise a particular concern, Boral commenced scoping works for the enhancement of cladding around the processing plant soon after the workshop. To ensure a quality outcome, the final scope was reviewed by an engineer before being sent to prospective contractors.

We are pleased to let you know that very recently we awarded the initial works to an appropriate supplier and these will commence in the coming months. In addition, we'll continue to use the lessons learned at Teven and our other quarry sites to further attenuate production and other noise during our operating hours.

### ***Improving performance on your input (cont.)***

Heavy vehicle movements were also nominated as a topic for discussion. Boral recognises the nature of our local roads requires alertness and a familiarity with the conditions around the quarry and along routes back toward Ballina and through Tintenbar.

One of the first actions taken after the workshop was an updating and redistribution of a handbook for heavy vehicle drivers accessing the site. The handbook covers Boral's standards and expectations in terms of compliance with the quarry's approval, driving standards, and awareness of local traffic conditions including school buses.

All drivers were given an accompanying briefing to ensure the main points of the handbook were understood and followed. Boral once again urges local residents to report instances of inappropriate driving immediately via **6687 8360** for further action.

Dust tracking onto North Teven Road was a further item identified by residents. This has been a long standing issue which we have gradually tried to improve over time, however recent upgrades to the site's wheel wash are expected to have a significant effect. In the event that they don't, a totally new system is now under consideration.



### **Strong gains in weed management**

The quarry continues to work with East Coast Bush Regeneration (ECBR) to halt the progress of weed growth on the site and encourage the establishment of native vegetation. Since January this year, ECBR has spent more than 680 hours working at the site control spraying, hand weeding and identifying established natives.

All Class 3 noxious weeds across site have been identified and sprayed, while two large Madeira vine infestations were scraped, poisoned and bagged during the period. With weeds removed or sprayed through the vegetation corridor in the quarry's north east, we are looking forward to seeing many of the native plants now flourish.

In the coming months, ECBR will continue follow-up work in the corridor and on noxious weed re-growth while moving onto weeds in other remnant vegetation areas of the site. The vegetation of noise bunds following their construction along Beacon Road and around the quarry's raw feed bin will form an early 2014 priority.



### **Helping out others around town**

We've been privileged to offer our support to a number of community initiatives being organised for the benefit of local residents in recent months.

Firstly, Boral is supporting the inaugural Tintenbar Art Show which opens on **18 October** at the Tintenbar Hall. The event has been arranged by TinCAN, a local not-for-profit which assists elderly and other people in need of general support.

The Show will feature the work of many regional artists. For more information on viewing times and the opening night, you can call **6687 8033**.

Boral is also ready to assist the local Riding for the Disabled Australia branch which is relocating from North Teven Road to a new site on Houghlahans Creek Road. The RDA's move has come at relatively short notice and so we'll be helping them with establishing at the new premises.

Finally, we're looking forward to hosting a visit by Year 7 students of the Southern Cross School, Ballina, during the upcoming final school term. The students will be inspecting the quarry as part of their science learning unit on separation processes, as well as to find out more about the jobs available in a quarry site.

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