



Boral Berrima Cement Works & (Medway) Colliery

Community update – March 2013

The latest news from Boral's Southern Highlands operations

The management and staff of Boral's Berrima Cement Works and (Medway) Colliery are pleased to present you with this first edition of *Community Update* for 2013. This newsletter forms part of Boral's aim to inform our community of what is happening at the two local sites.

The year is proving eventful for the operations due to the continued general downturn in the building and construction markets across Australia. The effects of this upon the Boral business as a whole have been well publicised – Boral's Berrima operations, however, remain core to the company's production portfolio.

We're opening our doors!

Have you ever wondered how cement is made at New Berrima? On **Monday, 15 April**, you can find out when the site hosts its first Family Open Day since 2007.

A school holiday activity, the Open Day will run from **10am until 3pm** and be held on the Boral Sports Oval off Berrima Road. Visitors will be able to tour the Cement Works with a current employee as their guide – walking tours are available for those aged 14 and over, while there will also be bus tours available.

Plenty of food and entertainment has also been organised with an animal nursery, jumping castle, face painting, horse and carriage rides, dog agility trials, a soccer goal kicking competition, and machinery and vehicle displays all in the program. Anyone wanting to take part in a tour is asked to wear **fully enclosed shoes** and **full length clothing** to the event.



All local residents and visitors to the region are welcome at the Open Day. To assist with numbers for the tour buses and catering, please consider pre-registering your attendance by phoning the Cement Works on **4860 2222** and dialling '1'.



Continuation of the Colliery

Residents may be aware that Boral has lodged an appeal against the NSW Land and Environment Court ruling which overturned the Colliery's approval to continue operations. This ruling was made in response to an application by the Environment Defender's Office on behalf of the Southern Highlands Coal Action Group (SHCAG).

We believe an appeal will allow a transparent examination of the Court's ruling, which was made despite a rigorous two-year assessment process and an approval from a Government-appointed expert panel. Until the appeal is heard, Boral will operate the Colliery using a number of other current consents and continuing use rights.

Although the Court's revoking of the 2012 approval has removed related obligations placed upon Boral, the company intends to carry on with a number of the important parts of the consent. These include continuing the Colliery's environmental monitoring program, as well as the newly formed Community Consultative Committee.

Community meetings

Boral organises regular community meetings for both the Cement Works and Colliery in order to share information and hear about any matters of concern to residents. The Cement Works meetings are open to all interested parties, while the Colliery has a Community Consultative Committee.

You can find out more by visiting www.boral.com.au/berrimacement. The next Cement Works meeting will be held in **June**, while the Colliery CCC will meet on **23 April**.

Promoting safe use of local roads

Heavy vehicles play an important role in the running of both of Boral's Berrima operations. As well as transporting finished cement products to customers all over NSW and Australia, they are needed to convey the coal mined at Medway to the Cement Works site for energy.

Boral's company-wide commitment to safety requires our heavy vehicle drivers to use local roads in a professional and appropriate manner. Accordingly, Boral has a number of long-standing procedures in place which aim to allow our drivers to do their jobs while being aware of other road users' needs.

Some of these are tailored to particular operations. For example, drivers using Medway Road radio each other to inform about the location of the local school bus at appropriate times. This is often extended to other vehicles as well to promote general awareness among the drivers, generating safer road conditions.

Boral requires its trucks to adhere to a 30 kilometre per hour speed limit through Medway despite this being a part of the now-revoked 2012 approval.

A further initiative Boral is now considering is the installation of forward-mounted cameras in trucks using Medway Road. The cameras will provide vital information in the instance of a community complaint, allowing more effective follow-up by both Boral and local Police.



Information in an emergency

During 2011, the NSW Government made amendments to the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* which require operations such as the Berrima Cement Works to develop a way of notifying the community when a 'pollution event' occurs.

The definition of a 'pollution event' is broad, but at Berrima could include a significant oil spill, release of a large volume of high pH water, fires, and large smoke plumes. If such an incident occurs and in any way could affect the neighbourhood, Boral is required to notify neighbours about what has happened and the containment measures being undertaken.

To assist with this, Boral is forming a secure register of neighbours' details which can be used for incident notification. If you would like to be included on the register, contact the Cement Works on **4860 2222**, or send your name, address and preferred contact details via the Cement Works website, www.boral.com.au/berrimacement.

Concrete support for our community

Boral's Berrima operations have a long and proud tradition of providing assistance to a variety of community initiatives. This has continued over recent months through the Berrima Public School and the Mittagong State Emergency Services (SES).

Through the Cement Works, Boral has provided significant donations of concrete to the new Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Project at the school, as well as the construction of the new Mittagong SES headquarters. For the SES project, a low-carbon concrete product being developed by Boral was used.



The school has also benefitted from a visit by Boral's corporate social partner, Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA). CVA volunteers attended the school early in March to help maintain and enhance the outdoor wetlands space which is used for educational purposes by the students.

Find out more.

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