

# ORMEAU QUARRY COMMUNITY UPDATE

## Darlington Conservation House Boral and Landcare Partnership

Supported by:

- Northeast Albert Landcare & Catchment Management Group
- City of Gold Coast
- Boral Construction Materials



From right to left: Silvia Constantin & Sue Durance of Landcare; Steve Pyne Exec GM Boral; Deputy Mayor Donna Gates, Bob Durance of Landcare, Mark Boothman MP, Elke Stapf Boral.

## Darlington Conservation House – Official Opening

On Friday, 20 June, we celebrated the 20 year partnership between Boral and Northeast Albert Landcare & Catchment Group (Landcare) with the official opening of the “Darlington Conservation House” on Boral land at Ormeau, with the assistance of Deputy Mayor Donna Gates and Mark Boothman MP.

It was in 1994 when Landcare organised their first community planting day on quarry buffer land just up the road from the house as part of the Pimpama River Revegetation Project. Boral partnered with Landcare to create a continuous riparian zone along the upper reaches of the River to improve its health and provide a wildlife corridor.

Darlington Conservation House was established in response to a need for a local facility, a place where Landcare can coordinate and carry out its conservation works, including environmental rehabilitation and habitat protection programs. Landcare also intend utilising the dwelling as a base for workshops, developing educational and environmental activities and training volunteers in activities such as revegetation and rehabilitation. Boral is proud to have been able to make this possible and being involved in this project.

The house also provides a venue for the Boral Ormeau Quarry Liaison Group to hold their regular meetings.

The official opening included special guests such as a local artist - Janet Hauser (now retired), and Glenn Leiper - a native plant enthusiast and author of the book ‘Mangroves to Mountains’, displaying samples of their life’s work.

Other VIP’s included representatives of Council, Landcare, and Department of Environment and Heritage Protection, education officials, our valued neighbours, and Boral staff.

Steve Pyne, Executive General Manager Boral, said, *this partnership is a testimony of how industry and community can work together in harmony, creating significant outcomes for the environment, and leaving behind a legacy for future generations.*

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make this day a success. Special thanks go to Victor Schwenke and Adrian Brumm (members of the Landcare Executive), Bob & Sue Durance, Silvia Constantin, Afra Durance & Brian Marsh. Thank you Donna & Mark for your valued time to assist the official opening.

## Update on site operational works

### Quarry Entrance (Upper Ormeau Road)

Works are progressing well with the realignment of the quarry site entrance and associated tie-in to Upper Ormeau Rd.

Services relocations were undertaken in June 2014, and civil works commenced in July 2014.

The new bridge over Pimpama Creek is under construction, and is scheduled for a partial opening to quarry traffic in October 2014.

There will be a part closure (1 lane) of Upper Ormeau Rd in the immediate vicinity of the quarry access for a period of about six weeks commencing 2 October. Traffic lights will be used to manage traffic flows and support work-site safety.

### Environmental Controls

Gold Coast City Council has approved the Operational Works for the next stage of the on-site civil works – which incorporate enhanced environmental management measures to capture and control stormwater runoff to Pimpama Creek.

The works are expected to commence shortly, and will include:

- Filling and slope stabilisation / batter works.
- Stormwater detention basins & associated works.
- Remediation and revegetation of the buffer zone to the creek.
- Improved site infrastructure.

### Ongoing Pit Development

The current quarry pit development area (just to the south of the existing workings) has progressed since May 2014. Clearing works are complete, and surface materials have been pre-stripped.

Environmental control measures employed have included:

- Applying a polymer-based surface crusting agent to reduce the generation of wind-borne dust.
- Treatment of steeper ground subject to water (runoff) erosion with Flexterra™ hydromulch.



Bridge deck units being installed



Temporary lights managing traffic flow



Typical stormwater detention basin arrangement



Remediation & revegetation of the buffer zone to the creek



Application of Flexterra™ hydromulch



Ongoing pit development