

## ORMEAU QUARRY COMMUNITY UPDATE

### Merry Christmas to our Ormeau Community

Boral Management and Staff would like to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy and safe festive season.

We also would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience over the last months with the quarry access upgrade works and in particular the part road closure of Upper Ormeau Road. The part closure (1 lane) of Upper Ormeau Rd is complete and normal traffic conditions are reinstated.

The Ormeau quarry will close over Christmas from Monday 22 December 2014, and re-open on Monday 5 January 2015.



### Landcare and Boral Partnership

20 July marked 25 years of Landcare in Australia. To celebrate this great milestone, GCCC Natural Areas Management and Catchment Management Unit combined with Landcare, and OPA members organised a morning tea and a community planting day on 20 September at the Pimpama River Parklands across from the Toogoolawa School. The event included environmental education displays organised by Landcare and Council. Boral supplied rocks for the kids' rock painting. It might become an annual event in continuation of the revegetation of the banks of the Pimpama River.

Bob and Sue Durance reflected on the work completed along the Pimpama River over the last 20 years reaching as far as the Ormeau sporting grounds all the way past the Boral Environmental Reserve, achieving native regeneration including restored canopy cover and a noticeably healthier looking river. Bob highlighted Boral's contribution to achieve these outcomes. With Boral's offer to Landcare utilising the Darlington Conservation House for their conservation works, including environmental rehabilitation and habitat protection programs, the Boral Landcare Partnership is growing and developing.

Bob said, *results to date prove to be an important and integral part in engaging groups such as Landcare, CVA, community, Council, and Boral to achieve a common goal.*



Pimpama Creek, Boral Environmental Reserve

### Local School Projects

Boral, in conjunction with their long-standing partnerships with Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) and Landcare, are supporting a 'Biodiversity Classrooms' program that assists local schools and their communities to create or reinvigorate biodiversity outdoor spaces in or near their school grounds. This hands-on program is a great way to educate and inspire young Australians to take action for the future of their environment.

CVA has been working with schools for many years to help them provide practical learning experiences in the environment for their students. It does this by supporting schools with a supervised team of community volunteers.

This program will interlink with the ongoing Pimpama River Revegetation Project.



Developing Biodiversity Classrooms in Partnership with Local Schools, Landcare, CVA, and Boral

## Update on site operational works

### Quarry Entrance (Upper Ormeau Road)

The realignment of the quarry site entrance and associated roadworks to Upper Ormeau Rd has now been completed.

The upgrade of the site access provides the following benefits:

- the new entrance alignment is providing a safer traffic flow to and from the quarry
- the new bridge over Pimpama Creek is designed to prevent future flooding of the site access
- the widening and realignment of the road supports safer truck merging, with an improved tie-in to Upper Ormeau Rd
- the upgrade provides much improved sight lines for all traffic using Upper Ormeau Road.
- improved roadside drainage and stormwater run-off



Former Site Access



New Bridge – Site Access December 2014



Improved site access as at December 2014



Artists' impression of improved site access once vegetation is more established

### Environmental Controls

Operational works continuing on site include the following steps:

- the commencement of the flood immunity filling to the lower stockpile area
- new environmental controls (stormwater management)
- remediation and revegetation to the western bank of the Pimpama Creek

### Ongoing Pit Development

Any vegetation removed as part of the onsite clearing works will be used as mulch to support redevelopment and remediation works.