

PETRIE QUARRY
COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP



MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, 12 March 2008
TIME: 5.00pm
LOCATION: Heritage Museum, Old Petrie Town Country Park
Dayboro Road, Kurwongbah Qld 4503

ATTENDEES:

Boral:

- Elke Stapf, Communications Officer (Chair)
- Clayton Hill, Northside Quarry Area Manager
- Andy Stuart, Manager Petrie Quarry
- Lisa Collins, Environmental Officer

Koala Action Pine Rivers:

- Wanda Grabowski

Community Representatives:

- Steven Wighton
- George Down

SEQ Water:

- Wayne Hardy

Apologies:

- The Hon Peter Dutton MP
- Cr David Dwyer, PRSC
- Cr Graeme Ashworth, PRSC
- Tim Ditchburn, PRSC
- Del Down
- Greg & Jenny Dunlop
- Steve Pyne, General Manager SEQ Quarries
- Paul West, Manager - Property, Development & Environment
- Luke Holley, Environmental Manager ACM Qld

Meeting started: 5.00pm

1. Apologies:

See above. Apologies were read out.

2. Action Items

- Update on DA
- Planting within the Powerlink easement is proposed for Spring (Sep 08)
- Trial: ABCT program (site visit)
- Narangba Koala Fodder Plantation

Development Application Update

- Application was approved by PRSC and Decision Notice issued on 2 October 2007
- Negotiated Decision Notice issued by Council at the General Council meeting of 4 December 2007
- Approval was granted for 50 years
- Some pre-conditions are required to be met prior to commencing extraction in the newly approved area. Boral must comply with the recommendations of the reports.

- Summary of Conditions:
 - Extraction is to be in accordance with the Final Pit Design (Plan No. 8a – Final Pit Design) and not exceed a depth of 16m AHD
 - All boundaries of extraction must be clearly marked
 - Compliance with the recommendations of the various technical reports lodged with the DA and approved by Council e.g. Air Quality, Acoustics, Visual Amenity, Rehabilitation, Koala Habitat, Stormwater Management etc (Clayton presented a rehabilitation map).
- Hours of operation are:
 - Quarrying and Crushing – 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 7am to 2pm Saturday
 - Sales and Dispatch – 6am to 5:30pm Monday to Friday and 6am to 12 noon Saturday
 - Maintenance and general site works – 6am to 10pm Monday to Friday and 6am to 6pm Saturday and Sunday
 - Drilling – 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 7am to 2pm Saturday
 - Blasting – 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 7am to 2pm Saturday
- A site based management plan must be developed and implemented
- Must construct the fauna underpass on Dayboro Rd
- Must continue to hold community consultation meetings. Boral is leading the quarry industry in this regard.

Petrie Koala Fodder Plantation Extension / Relocation

- Planting within the Powerlink easement is proposed for Spring (Sep 08)

The intention is:

- to undertake planting to form a plantation in the Powerlink easement
- Boral has been liaising with Powerlink and selected areas available for co-use

Elke showed a plan outlining potential future fodder areas under the Powerlink easement.

- Trial: ABCT (Australian Bio-active Compost Tea) program for existing Petrie Koala Fodder Plantation. A site meeting was held by the Petrie Koala Fodder Committee to discuss trial with ABCT.
 - Compost Tea (insect & disease inhibitor and nutritional supplement in one) was applied as root soil injections and sprayed onto the leaves of the trees for six weeks (January to March 08). Treatment included four treatments of Compost Tea+ microbial foods and mycorrhizal spores.

Conclusion of trial to date (as of the trees have shown visually new fresh growth

- increase of BRIX (sugar and mineral density) – an increase of 3% in six weeks, improving the richness of the food for the koalas
- in a sustainable agricultural point of view, trees treated with the ABCT Plant Health Care Program have :
 - higher nutrient value,
 - more disease and pest suppression
 - better nutrient cycling and
 - access to microscopic water.

We now rely on feedback from koala carers and representatives of the Australia Zoo to establish improvements of the leaf / preferred leaf by koalas.

Narangba Koala Fodder Plantation

- Boral has signed an Agreement with Australia Zoo to construct a Koala Fodder Plantation on Boral Narangba Quarry buffer land
- The Agreement gives Australia Zoo and local Koala Carer Groups access to the fodder.
- Boral will look after the construction and maintenance of the plantation for an initial period until handover to Australia Zoo

- Project Initiation meeting was held on 6 February 2008 to assess site.
- Work done to date:
 - eradicating Rats-tail Grass / weed spraying
 - slashing
 - fencing.

Planting of the fodder trees will commence in the next few weeks, depending on weather conditions.

3. Current Local Issues

- SEQ Water still exists, however is absorbed into the SEQ Water grid.
- Wanda suggested putting up a sign to remind everyone there are koalas around the quarry site. This is also a requirement of the new DA.
- Andy Stuart said there is a plan to create an extra drain through the fodder plantation to avoid water logging.

4. Current Operational Issues

- Business as usual, nothing to report.

5. Any other business

- The Issue 9 Boral 'Changing Perceptions' newsletter was distributed to the members.

Meeting closed 6.00pm

Next meeting: ~~Wednesday, 11 June 2008 (re-scheduled)~~

Wednesday, 10 September; 5.00pm;

Heritage Museum, Old Petrie Town Country Park, Dayboro Road, Kurwongbah

ACTION ITEMS:		
Name:	Task:	Actioned by:
Clayton Hill	Update on DA	4 June 08
Elke Stapf	Collect feedback on ABCT trial from koala carers and Australia Zoo	4 June 08