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Minutes – 12 September 2012

Boral – Petrie Quarry Local Liaison Group Meeting

Heritage Museum, Dayboro Rd, Kurwongbah

Attendees:

Community Representatives

- Steven Wighton
- Del & George Down

Moreton Bay Regional Council

- Cr Bob Millar, Division 11

Boral

- Clare Anderson, Administration Officer, BPG Qld/NT (Chair)
- Elke Stapf, Stakeholder Advisor, BPG Qld/NT
- Jessica Van Soest, Environmental Graduate, BPG Qld/NT
- Michael Long, Manager Petrie Quarry
- Terry Scott, Compliance Manager – Boral Logistics

Apologies:

- Greg Dunlop, Resident
- Trevor Ruthenberg MP, State Member for Kallangur
- Cr David Dwyer, Division 7
- Matthew Hegarty, SEQ Water
- Lauren Buchanan, Acting Manager – Environmental Services, DEHP (former DERM)
- Paul West, Regional Manager - Boral Property Group Qld & NT (BPG)
- Bruce Barry, Metro Operations Manager, BCM Qld Quarries
- Matthew Leon, Environmental Advisor, BPG

Meeting started 5.15pm

- **Apologies were read out.**
- **Action Items of last meeting (2 May 2012)**

1. Update on progress of rehabilitation work on site

Jessica van Soest reminded the Community Members where the koala fodder plantations are located. Jessica advised that the new fodder plantation was planted in November 2011 and has been maintained by NatureCall who are undertaking the work on Boral's behalf. The old fodder plantation will be in-filled with native plants to create a natural habitat. 2500 seedlings were planted in a design created in consultation with Australia Zoo and the two koala carer groups who use the site (Moreton Bay Koala Rescue and Koala Action Pine Rivers). Different carer groups have different needs for fodder; the seedlings were selected based on koala preference in the area.

A co-use agreement was obtained with Powerlink to use the power line easement for the new fodder plantation.

Jessica advised the current status of the new koala fodder plantation; she said it's doing well and explained that the seedlings have considerably grown for just over eight months. Jessica advised that NatureCall have also in-filled planted 200 seedlings as one area near the access track didn't establish well. NatureCall will continue to maintain the seedlings until December 2013.

Michael Long asked when the plants will likely be able to provide fodder; Jessica advised it could be up to two years but this will be reviewed at December 2013 when NatureCall 's contract to maintain the fodder plantation ends.

Jessica provided the group with data collected from the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) Koala Conservation Unit. EHP tracked one Koala's movements on and around the site from end of 2010 to 2011. Jessica indicated that one Koala in particular spent a large amount of time on the quarry buffer land during the study, which is great to see as Boral is retaining this area for Koala habitat.

Jessica gave an updated on the Rehabilitation, she advised Boral have had another 1000 seedlings planted in July plus the 200 in the fodder plantation. Plant species included:

Common Name	Scientific Name	Number of seedlings
Spiny-head	<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	240
Mat-rush		
Slender Mat-rush	<i>Lomandra hystrix</i>	240
Weeping	<i>Melaleuca viminalis</i>	160
bottlebrush		
Willow bottlebrush	<i>Melaleuca salignus</i>	160
Black She-oak	<i>Allocasuarina littoralis</i>	160
Rose She-oak	<i>Allocasuarina torulosa</i>	40
TOTAL		1000

Jessica presented an aerial map showing the results of a review undertaken in August for work completed between Jan 2012 to 31 July 2012.

The map showed the following:

- Locations of initial weeding (North and South of the pit).
- Location of areas which have been maintained, including areas which require further weeding and also maintenance of any seedlings in the area (this usually involves weeding one metre around each seedling or if there are in patches the entire patch).
- Location of where planting has occurred (north of the site, south of the site and around both dams). Jessica advised extra seedlings were also planted in the new fodder plantation.

Jessica provided before and after photos of the rehabilitation. She advised that the progress has been substantial with most areas covered at least once. Progress is on track for completion by December 2013. She advised that the plan is to focus on initial weeding in the remaining areas and then to start planting. Boral would like to plant a further 4800 seedlings (on top of the 6200 already planted) between September and July next year (2013). Jessica advised this will largely depend on natural regeneration and weather (a wet summer could limit access to some of the rehabilitation areas).

• Recognition for Rehabilitation Work

Jessica was pleased to announce that Boral recently entered the rehabilitation work into the industry environmental awards through the Cement Concrete and Aggregates Australia (CCAA). Boral received a "Highly Commended Award" in the category of 2012 CCAA Environmental Innovation Awards (Extractive) for increasing fauna habitat and management at Petrie and Narangba quarries (for the rehabilitation work).

Jessica, on behalf of Boral, thanked the Petrie Quarry Community Members for their support and being part of the project. Jessica added that she and the team are really proud of what they have achieved on site so far and are looking forward to the outcomes in a few years time when the seedlings grow and natural regeneration picks up. Jessica advised even the judges were excited to see the outcomes in a couple of years time!

2. Update on proposed public meeting planned by Council to discuss traffic issues and haul roads

In Cr Dwyer's absence Cr Millar commented that he was not aware of a planned public meeting but would inform Boral if such a meeting would occur.

3. Information on Boral's efforts towards Koala habitat and safety initiatives for publication in Council's newsletter

During the previous Petrie Community Liaison Group Meeting, Cr Dwyer asked Elke to provide information in regards to Boral's efforts towards Koala habitat and safety initiatives so it could be publicised in the next Council's Newsletter. Elke provided information and indicated key points she detailed including:

- Koala Fodder Plantations
- Koala Fencing
- Koala Underpass
- Rehabilitation on site / buffer land

Although Cr Dwyer was unsure if the information was to be published in Council's newsletter, he said it gives Council an indication of initiatives Boral is providing to benefit the wider community in the area.

4. Community Complaint

During the last Petrie Community Liaison Group Meeting, Cr Dwyer advised that a community complaint was received by Council (via email) in regards to odour and smoke coming from the stack at the gravel works at the intersection of the Bruce Highway and the Gateway Arterial.

Elke investigated and it was identified that the complaint was related to a Fulton Hogan Asphalt facility in the area – not Boral. Suggestions were made to pass this complaint on to the Councillor of the Bracken Ridge Ward.

• Current Local Issues

No Local Issues were raised during the meeting.

• Current Council Issues

No Council Issues were raised during the meeting.

• Current Operational Issues

Michael Long advised that he would send out a formal notification on any hazard reduction burns should they occur in the near future.

Meeting closed 6.00pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 1 May 2013

ACTION ITEMS:		
Name:	Task:	Actioned by:
Jessica van Soest	Update on progress of rehabilitation work on site	Next Meeting
Council	To notify Boral of any public meetings regarding traffic issues and haul roads	Ongoing