

Bacchus Marsh Quarry Community update

August 2021

It has been some time since we last reached you and we hope you've remained safe and well during the current COVID restrictions. While it remains challenging to meet face to face in the short term, here is some information from our team about what has been happening on site.

Refurbished sand washing plant increases efficiency and reduces waste

In February 2020, the team refurbished its purpose-built sand washing plant by replacing several old components with some new sand processing technology. The project cost \$5M and has greatly improved the sand recovery from the deposit, while reducing 'overburden' or waste that would have otherwise be generated.

The refurbished plant means that from our high clay and silt content deposit, the team is now able to successfully process more concrete sand without the waste. Prior to the plant refurbishment, any loads that contained 20% or more clay were treated as overburden – in real figures, up to 200,000 tonnes per year was previously classed as too dirty to process.

Maximum recovery from the pit now means a longer site life, and less waste. This purpose-built plant is also more energy and water efficient, while still meeting the needs of our customers.



Regenerating Goodman Creek on our western boundary

The Bacchus Marsh team, in collaboration with Melbourne Water's Stream Frontage Program, is giving Goodman Creek a spruce-up on the site's western boundary.

The team is meeting with Melbourne Water to plan a range of activities including fencing, weed control, vermin control, and a general clean up.

Weather permitting, work is due to begin in two months' time. This program will take about two years to complete. Boral thanks Melbourne Water's Stream Frontage Program team for their advice and support.



Keeping Kangas safe onsite

The Bacchus Marsh team has worked closely with Five Freedoms Animal Rescue to inspect fencing around our dams and keep kangaroos safe in these areas. We have already filled in two retired dams to improve safety for the local roos, and in the process, we've also rescued and released two happy skippies.

Five Freedoms Animal Rescue has been operated by Manfred Zabinkas OAM since 2007. The organisation seeks to provide humane management of animals who find themselves in conflict with human activity.

Due to covid-19 restrictions, the team has been unable to conduct regular site inspections. However, as soon as conditions allow, the team will be back to check in and monitor our progress.

Boral values the opportunity to work with Five Freedoms to improve the outcomes for wildlife navigating our site.

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