

# Grantville Quarries Reference Group

August 23 2024  
Meeting Notes

🏠 Location: Grantville Community Hall  
📅 Date: August 23 2024  
🕒 Time: 10.00 am

Chair: John Mitas      Meeting Notes: Zena Benbow

Attendees: John Mitas (Chair), Zena Benbow, Michael Cole (Holcim), Garry Cranny (Dandy PreMix), Gunther Benedek, Mark Morse (Hanson), Sharrie Grocock, Robbie Viglietti, Mark Brown (Sand Supplies), Craig Banthorpe (Barro Group) Halina Gwizdzil, David Blum, Allen George, Kevin Brown, Rob Parsons, Anne Westwood (Community Reps), Teresa Mahoy Bus. Dev., Cr Geoff Ellis (Bass Coast Shire Council), Barry Strong DEECA; Catherine Waterson Save Westernport Woodlands (SWPW) (Guest)

Apologies: Shannon Little (BCSC).

|    | Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 1. | Welcome and Introductions – Chair noting a full compliment of community reps; introductions to Teresa from the group.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 2. | Attendance and Apologies - Noted Above                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 3. | Confirmation previous Meeting Notes as a true account.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 4. | <b>Environmental Management Reporting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● GSG (Holcim)<p>WA 469 Following Landcare's 2024 Weed Management Plan; Weed spraying was completed in August with a couple more days required. 1000m3 topsoil moved into rehab. Site direct seeding and tube stock being monitored for progress</p><p>WA470 Unexplained dust spike in June but still well under allowable limits. Environmental noise monitoring due in September is not a compliance requirement, just an internal 5 yearly requirement. Following Landcare's 2024 Weed Management Plan; Completed Woody Weed control in August Cape Wattle &amp; Pampas Grass. ERR were on site for an audit, we didn't receive any Improvement Notices, we did receive one compliance action request to fix a washout on the southern pit wall. ERR wants a depositional dust monitor moved to the west</p></li></ul> |

of the current location for better coverage. Coir logs to be used for erosion control on the eastern rehab area. Our annual volunteer community Tree Planting day is booked for the 6th September

- Hanson

512 Pre-quarrying investigation underway; redoing flora study previously done 2.5 years ago as DEECA found some significant vegetation on proposed road reserve.

Met with Catherine and Neil from SWPW, quite a good informative meeting.

- Barro

Early stages WA513, flora and fauna assessment being finalized; Received a response from Shannan Little of Bass Coast Council on June 26th regarding our request to install a gate at McGrady's Rd. The following points were made:

1. Trial Closure of the Road: We propose to implement a temporary road closure along McGrady Road for a duration of six months. During this period, appropriate signage indicating "Road Closed" will be installed at strategic points along the road. This measure aims to assess the impact of restricting access to the road on mitigating anti-social behaviour and reducing instances of rubbish dumping.

2. Infeasibility of Gate Installation: While installing a gate was initially considered as a preventive measure, it was deemed unfeasible due to the layout of the area and required access from emergency services. The discontinuation of the road would not effectively deter unauthorised access, as there is minimal fencing, allowing vehicles to circumvent the gate. Therefore, the focus will be on the trial closure with appropriate signage.

3. Collaboration with Law Enforcement: Council will work closely with the Victoria Police to increase patrols in the area, particularly during nighttime hours when anti-social behaviour is reported to be most prevalent. This proactive approach aims to enhance surveillance and deterrence, thereby ensuring the safety and security of residents.

4. Monitoring and Enforcement: Additionally, our Local Laws Officer will conduct regular checks during the day to monitor instances of rubbish dumping and gather evidence of any anti-social behaviour. This proactive monitoring will enable us to take appropriate enforcement actions against offenders and maintain the cleanliness and integrity of the area.

- Sand Supplies

WA210 (Gurdies) Commenced final site rehab. estimated movement of 30,000m<sup>3</sup> earthworks to bring it back to approved work plan, 1 in 3 batter. Aiming to have redundant plant dismantled by end of summer. Vic. Pol. have made arrests following the break-ins at the site after camera footage provided.

WA532 (Grantville) 77,000m<sup>3</sup> overburden moved to rehabilitation areas. Regrowth high standard, impressed at achievements; sediment build up had to be addressed earlier than normal this year due to heavy rains.

WA970 (Glen Forbes) Dust monitoring equipment has been fixed and recommissioned. 2000 Plantings on southern boundary this reporting period, 25,000 plantings overall, less than 100 trees have been removed from the farmland. Barry commented earlier WA permits, are less onerous with the requirements however the mantra of safe, stable and sustainable, and “the need to leave positive marks” should be paramount before bonds are claimed regardless.

- Completed Groundwater Take & Use Bore pump and meterage installations - signed off by Southern Rural Water for use.
- Availability of Groundwater direct to Sand Washing Plant (clean make-up water), or to supplement volume in the Process Water Dam from which Plant sand wash water is predominately sourced, can now commence.
- Supplementary earthworks buttress between the FMSEP and the Process Water Dam almost completed. Final inspection check by Geotechnical Engineers (CMQ) against ERR approved Technical Specification to be conducted. CMQ As-Built Completion Report will then be prepared for submittal to ERR.
- Installation works for traffic signals at 1381 Bass Highway are not expected to start until after Christmas (school) holiday period, i.e. before mid-Feb 2025. Still awaiting Detailed

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|    | <p>Design and Road Safety Audit approvals, then “intelligent traffic systems” branch input for EPROM to follow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plans (3) completed. Siltstone artefacts booked to be repatriated by the BLCAC on 4 Sep ‘24.</li><li>• Neil Rankin’s Ragwort and Pampas Grass sightings on WA1488 land near the Grantville Bushland Reserve have been successfully dealt with (sprayed).</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 5. | <p><b>Website</b></p> <p>Mick awaiting media manager’s approval- otherwise all happy; Hanson have requested the link go to the community page instead of the company website.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 6. | <p><b>Catherine Watson’s Questions on behalf of Save Westernport Woodlands</b></p> <p>To the GQRG group:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> What’s the process for the public to submit questions to GQRG meetings?</p> <p>Questions can be submitted at any time via email for the group <a href="mailto:gqrg@gmail.com">gqrg@gmail.com</a> from any member of the public. Website will shortly be available for further information. Particular questions for specific quarries should be directed to the quarries themselves- all work authorities require signs at their front gates with their WA number, Company and contact details.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Can a SWPW rep attend future meetings?</p> <p>Yes. Questions to be addressed need to be submitted ahead of meeting; preference for one delegate to consistently attend rather than ad-hoc approach.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Will agendas and minutes be available for meetings?</p> <p>Yes all will be available on the soon-to-be-live website.</p> <p>To Gary Cranny, Dandy Premix.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> How is the revegetation going at the Grantville site? Will Dandy Premix be able to ensure a viable replacement biolink is in place before clearing begins on the ridgeline?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It needs to be acknowledged, there has only been a fragmented pattern of connectivity, not a bio-link, through the site ridgeline and below to the east, for decades prior to and since</li></ul> |

our ownership.

- Much of the landscape vegetation planting towards the front of the site has enjoyed good success and further plantings will continue with the benefit of learnings to date.
- Despite best efforts advised and led by the Bass Coast Landcare Network team, direct seeding results in the upper, eastern sections of the site have disappointed to the point of now being characterised by me, as a ‘qualified failure’.
- It will not be possible to create a “viable replacement bio-link” before limited clearing begins on the ridgeline.
- We are renewing our efforts to create connectivity as quickly as possible on and below the eastern ridgeline.
- This will necessitate employing a different revegetation strategy and implementation approach to that which has served us with limited success to date.
- I would be happy to meet and discuss this with you in September once I am more informed.

To Craig Banthorpe (Barro) and Mark Morse (Hanson)

☐ In combination with two existing sand quarries, the Barro and Hanson quarries in McGrady Road could sever the woodland corridor between the education camp and the Grantville NCR. Will Barro and Hanson commit to working together and consulting the Bass Coast Landcare Network, to maintain a viable corridor?

At present Barro does not have a Work Authority approval for a sand quarry. The process of obtaining a Work Authority approval is highly regulated which involves community (including Hanson) and government stakeholders. As such Barro will work with stakeholders on all matters raised including that of the woodland corridor.

Hanson is prepared to work with stakeholders including Barro regarding a woodland corridor within the constraints of the current work authority 512.

To Robbie Viglietti (Sand Supplies)

☐ What are the plans and schedule for rehabilitation of the Gurdies quarry? When do you

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|    | <p>expect to return the site to the Crown for incorporation into the Gurdies NCR?</p> <p>Rehabilitation at the WA 210 site is being undertaken according to the approved work (rehabilitation) plan. The two main aspects of final site rehabilitation are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The establishment of a safe, stable and sustainable landform</li><li>• The removal of redundant infrastructure</li></ul> <p>It is intended to have all major earthworks to create the basis for a safe, stable and sustainable landform will be completed by December/January 26/27.</p> <p>Revegetation will occur over several stages and is intended to be completed by Spring 27.</p> <p>Removal of redundant infrastructure will occur in simultaneously with major earthworks and revegetation.</p> <p>The site will be returned to the State after ERR determines that the landform we have established is safe, stable and sustainable.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The work plan for WA 532 in the Grantville NCR prescribes community consultation around progressive rehabilitation. How does the community get involved in this?</p> <p>By engaging with the Grantville Quarries Reference Group.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> What's the projected life span of WA532??</p> <p>The "life span" of extraction will be 15 to 20 years; variability is subject to market conditions.</p> |
| 7. | <p>Other business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Rob Parson's presented to the group regarding sponsorship for the Bass Coast Landcare Network art show. Flyers distributed to company representatives for consideration.</li><li>2. Anne Westwood "show and tell"</li><li>3. Cr Ellis spoke further on the New BCSC Environment Fund initiative after circulation of the Media Release from Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June before the meeting; last point of business before this current Council head into caretaker mode.</li><li>4. Halina suggested the administrative committee consider a centralized donation fund the</li></ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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|    | <p>community could apply to access donations from the group.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>5. No response from Neroli from Maru regarding the animal shelter proposal. Robbie to continue to chase up.</li><li>6. GSG community tree planting day coming up at Jam Jerrup.</li><li>7. Teresa (BCSC) mentioned sustainability grants and programs available</li><li>8. Barry (DEECA Deputy Chief Inspector (East) said Earth Resources have altered priorities for the new financial year with emphasis on 1. Tailoring storage- slims 2. Rehabilitation 3. Notices of Compliance 4. Communication/ community concerns better addressed 5. Unfair financial gains/ royalties calculated and paid correctly</li></ol> |
| 8. | Next Meeting 10am Friday November 15 2024                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 9. | Meeting closed 12.14                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |