

Grantville Quarries Reference Group

May 30 2025

Meeting Notes

🏠 Location: Grantville Community Hall
📅 Date: May 30 2025
🕒 Time: 10.00 am

Chair: John Mitas Meeting Notes: Zena Benbow

Attendees: John Mitas (Chair), Zena Benbow, Michael Cole (GSG), Garry Cranny (Dandy PreMix), Gunther Benedek, Mark Morse (Heidelberg), Robbie Viglietti (Bass Sands), Sharie Grocock, Liam Riordan (Boral), Craig Banthorpe (Barro Group) Halina Gwizdzil, David Blum, Allen George, Rob Parsons, Anne Westwood (Community Reps); Catherine Waterson Save Westernport Woodlands (SWPW) (Guest), Shannan Little (BCSC)

Apologies: Mayor Rochelle Halstead, Kevin Brown, Cr Meg Edwards

	Item
1.	Welcome and Introductions – Chair welcomes Liam Riordan, Planning & Development Manager, Boral as Sand Supplies has sold its Grantville (WA532) and Glen Forbes (WA970) to Boral.
2.	Attendance and Apologies - Noted Above
3.	Confirmation previous Meeting Notes Changes at 6(1) and 6(2) noted and amended. RE: David's correspondence; (1)Whether this topic or others, factual information (including, but not limited to, organisation's information, what the project actually is, scope of community benefit/initiative etc) regarding the request for funds must be presented in the form of a formal written proposal to the Administration Sub-Committee for initial consideration before being tabled with the GQRG. (2)Future requests to be discussed by Administrative Sub-Committee before being presented in this meeting.
4.	Environmental Management Reporting Dandy PreMix

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Traffic lights roadworks at entrance to commence after King Birthday Long Weekend and expected to take 4 months to complete; DTP reviewed and accepted Communications plan, including text and diagrams to be published as public notices (3 & 10th June) in SGST and PISRA, plus A4 letterbox Drop Pamphlet (notification to local residents, shops, businesses, Emergency Services, school and public transport operators; BCSC Asset Protection Officer has been notified via “Road Application Permit application; bottom line, taking trucks out of Grantville reduces risk to local population. Halina asked about signage approaching roadworks- Garry said ample warning addressing works ahead of actual works and good visibility on approach.

Barro

Work authority application suspended.

No further correspondence from BCSC regarding temporary road closure.

GSG

No actions required from recent inspections.

All requirements regarding dust, noise and weed control have been met; no community complaints.

Heidelberg

AAT (VCAT) set for 6/9/25 as Heidelberg pursue its legal right to operate under the planning permit; unfortunate that the possible loss of a handful of trees n Stanley Road could jeopardise the creation of a significant bio link which was to be created on Heidelberg land and link 82 hectares of remnant bushland in private ownership with the Grantville Fauna Reserve.

Anne Westwood stated the “Fire Management” conducted last week to protect residents was more destructive than Heidelberg’s proposed plan.

Catherine Watson asked about the lifespan and truck movement projected; 5-6 years, 10 at most and 10-20 truck movements per day.

Sand Supplies/ Bass Sands/ Boral

As mentioned at (1) WA 532 (Grantville) and WA970 (Glen Forbes) assets sold to Boral; awaiting WA transfer (as of meeting date); impossible for small operators to survive the 14 years required to get quarries running to provide additional resources projected for 20 years time; Industry likely to contract to a few majors; 80 million tonne per year to replenish what is being used, 65 million

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when the group started.

Excited with progress of rehabilitation earthworks at Bass Sans WA 210 Site at the Gurdies



Boral presentation from Liam Riordan



Good to Great

Boral High Level Overview

Confidential

Scale and scope

Australia's largest integrated construction materials company with a rich legacy and significant social contribution

- ~360 operating sites¹
- ~7,500 employees and contractors²
- ~14,000 customers
- ~8,500 suppliers
- ~50 million tonnes moved per year
- ~4,000 kilometres of road paving per year
- ~3,500 heavy road vehicles

- A rich legacy founded in 1946
- Large integrated network provides a competitive advantage
- Strategy focused on **strengthening and growing the core**
- Diverse revenue base across regions, products and customer segments
- Assets base** comprises prized upstream assets combined with extensive downstream footprint in close proximity to customer, and ~3,800 hectares of surplus property



Operating sites¹

- Concrete
- Quarries
- Asphalt
- Cement
- Recycling
- Concrete Paving

¹ Counting sites under transport, by ash, deposits and 2/3 sites as at 30 June 2023.
² Figures rounded from combining operators

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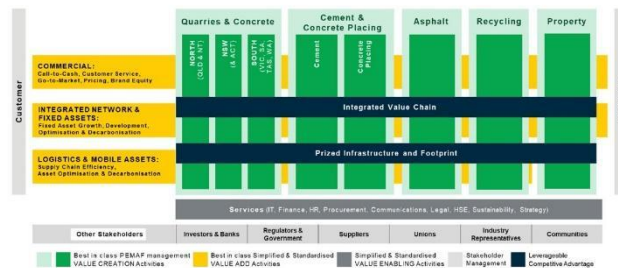
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People – Operating Model

How we create, add and enable value... Decentralised but Standardised... Aligned and Accountable



Halina asked about ownership & Community engagement; Boral an Australian company owned by the Seven Group with a dedicated Community Engagement Officer

5. Other business

1. Council Presentation; useful; all councillors present- every opportunity to engage; were asked to review list of priorities for BC and remove extractive industries as an environmental risk.

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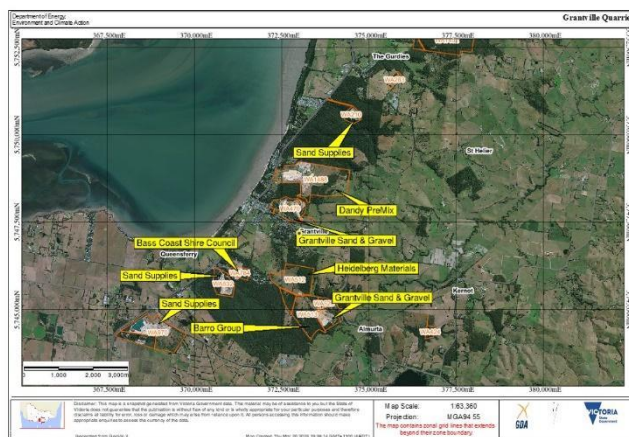
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Meeting with Bass Coast Shire Council

- John Mitas, Chair of GQRG
- Garry Cranny, Dandy Premix (Regional Group)
- Robbie Viglietti, Sand Supplies

Grantville Quarries Reference Group (GQRG)

- Founded in 2006 by the Earth Resources Regulator (ERR) in collaboration with the Bass Coast Shire Council.
- Underpinned by funding from quarry operators (Work Authority Holders) since 2019, with Independent Chair and Secretariat
- Comprises six (6) representatives from the community and each Work Authority.
- Standing Invitation to ERR, EPA and Bass Coast Shire Council (Ward Councilors and Officers)
- Provides a two - way communication link between community and operators
- Valued Community Engagement – information sharing & amenity feedback, facilitates local actions.
- Each Sand Quarry tables a site operations report for discussion and inclusion in GQRG meeting notes
- Additional details, including Terms of Reference and meeting notes, are available on the GQRG website: <https://www.grantvillequarries.org>



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Sand Quarries in Bass Coast -Active, Pending, Ceased and Future

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- Bass Coast Shire resource typically comprises a blend of fine, medium and coarse sands – not single sized, shaped – broad range of uses - contains one of the most important sources of construction sand in Victoria
- Thirteen (13) Work Authorities / quarry sites are currently located in Bass Coast Shire and underpin the +\$49 Billion Victorian construction industry
 - Three have long ceased operation and a fourth is a non-operating site with rehabilitation work only.
 - Another site operates as Grantville landfill site
 - A further three have a very limited time-life
 - Three of the remaining five sand quarries will remain active in the medium to long term.
 - The two other sites are yet to have Work Authorities issued by ERR to commence operations
- The GQRG is not aware of any future/proposed quarry applications in the Westernport Woodlands or Bass Coast Shire

Strategic Sand Resource

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- Bass Coast Shire contains one of the most important sources of constructive sand in Victoria
- Grantville Sand Quarries provide local jobs and construction material for local Bass Coast projects.
- Sand quarries are fundamental to enabling the State and Local Government infrastructure projects.
- Victoria's population is set to double by 2050.
- Victoria needs to build 2.3 million homes and upgrade its community infrastructure
- 2018 Joint Ministerial Statement on Extractive Resources
 - Need access to sand, rock and gravel to make affordable housing , roads and infrastructure

Bass Coast Growth and Economic Benefits

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- Sand quarries employ 80 EFT employees – a mix of full-time, part time and casual staff, plus sub-contractors and numerous other industry specific professional contractors
- ABS figures for 2025 show continued growth for Bass Coast and South Gippsland LGAs e.g.
- Wonthaggi North East PSP (Aug '23)
 - 5,000 new homes
 - New road network
 - Expanded industry precinct
- San Remo Structure Plan (March '25)
 - 2000 new homes
 - Community facilities
- De-salination plant, hospitals, schools, cultural centers, shire buildings
- Sand quarries are vital to the continued growth of Bass Coast Shire

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Questions & Discussion



2. Halina to facilitate introductions between community groups and industry.
3. Possibility of remote access to meetings to be investigated including Camera and audio equipment ... Zena to follow up
4. Anne Westwood to provide Zena with a list of successfully rehabilitated former quarries for Website.

7. Next Meeting 10am Friday August 22 2025