

Grantville Quarries Reference Group

May 22 2026
Meeting Notes

🏠 Location: Grantville Community Hall
📅 Date: May 22 2026
🕒 Time: 10.00 am

Chair: John Mitas Meeting Notes: Zena Benbow

Attendees: John Mitas (Chair), Zena Benbow, Garry Cranny (Dandy PreMix), Michael Cole, Nathan Thomas (GSG/Holcim), Gunther Benedek (Heidelberg), Andy Dunn (Boral), Craig Banthorpe (Barro Group), Robbie Viglietti (Bass Sands), Anne Westwood, Rob Parsons, Halina Gwizdzil (Community Reps); Catherine Waterson Save Westernport Woodlands (SWPW) (Guest), Shannan Little (BCSC)

Remote: None

Apologies: Mark Morse (Heidelberg).

	Item
1.	Welcome and Introductions -Invited Nathan & Anne to report back to the group on BCSC presentation -Janette Allan an interested applicant for a vacant community reps position; Chair requested CV -Halina indicated two other community members expressed interest; Chair requested they also send their CVs for consideration -Anne indicated two community members have expressed interest to her also; Chair requested their CVs too for consideration, noting that would be 5 for the 2 vacant community positions -For any of the above to attend a meeting ahead of time as a guest, requests should be made in advance to the Chair in writing via email.
2.	Attendance and Apologies - Noted Above
3.	Confirmation previous Meeting Notes reflected in their presence on the website.

4. **Environmental Management Reporting**

Report for WA 210 Bass Sands The Gurdies and for WA 520 Pittsburgh Sand and Gravel Almurta.

WA 210 undertaken further rehabilitation earth works at the Gurdies having placed an additional 10,000 m3 of reclaimed material to continue completing terminal batters to a gradient of less than 1:3. Works suspended weather/contractors.

Final contour drains have not yet been constructed; will need to be completed ahead of commencement of revegetation works in Spring.

Decommissioning and removal of the wash plant and infrastructure has commenced with over 30 tonnes of steel already removed and other items plant recovered for removal.

See attached pictures:



WA 520

Works to complete terminal batters is currently being undertaken on the Northern and South Eastern boundaries. It is hoped completed by June, weather permitting.

Works to clear along the other fence lines has been completed at the site ahead of reinstating fencing along the boundary with the Barro Group and other adjacent properties.

Reinstating WA marker posts is pending the completion of a re-establishment survey; Updated compliance related signage has now been installed at both sites.

Heidelberg

Application is still being reviewed by the state government under the Development Facilitation Program (DFP).

Boral

Key Report Highlights

WA970 - live dust monitoring ongoing with no reported exceedances. Weed control ongoing. Rehab of 'Cell 1' ongoing with clay overburden

WA532 - Continuation of rehabilitation of the southern face. Weed control ongoing.

GSG

WA470

Dust control within limits & weed control program in place.

An estimated 28245m³ of OB material was moved and used in rehabilitation and pit maintenance.

Hydroseeding completed on the 15th May over Nth boundary rehab batter of approx.: 7000m².

2026 Plans – Tube stock planting planned over the Nth boundary rehab area.

WA 469

Weed control program in place.

Hydroseeding completed on the 31st Mar & 2nd Apr over remaining topsoiled areas of approx.

12000m².

2026 Plans – Infill planting of tube stock planned over the Nth rehab areas.

Several break-ins; recreation purpose driven and fuel (diesel) theft.

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Barro

WA still paused; exploring cattle on property option.

Dandy PreMix

Civil works adversely effected from dust monitors at front of property, other dust monitor well within limits.

Bass Coast Landcare on-site visit; tube stock resourcing issues, considerations if successful to temporarily fence of that area until trees established.

Traffic Lights; advanced warning signs now all wired up; Minimum 10 working days for controller & rest of “sign offs” Hopefully all done mid-June.

5. Other business

1. Presentation to Council, 1st April 2026; “Questions on Notice” supplied to relevant members of the Group by the representatives present. Cr Tim had questions directly for Dany Pre-Mix operations & Barro. Cr Matt Morgan’s questions regarding how much industry had contributed to community; and greenhouse gas emissions. Formal responses will be issued.

Anne spoke of Council’s (frustrating) collective lack of comprehension of the commercial competence, indeed ignorance of the quarries and community over the last 40 years, which was further infuriated by “rubbish from the Shire regarding enablement of the industry”

Robbie commented there are 6 separate Acts of Parliament overseeing this Industry & ergo the solution has been looking for a problem for 30 years!



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	2. Site visit to Holcim Almurta followed- Thank you Michael and Nathan for your time!
6.	Next Meeting 10am Friday August 28 2026.

