

Grantville Quarries Reference Group

August 22 2025
Meeting Notes

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Chair: John Mitas Meeting Notes: Zena Benbow

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

Apologies: Mayor Rochelle Halstead, Halina Gwizdzil, Rob Parsons, Kevin Brown (Community Reps), Garry Cranny (Dandy PreMix),

	Item
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions – Chair welcomed Andy Dunn new quarry manager Boral.</p> <p>Kevin Brown’s resignation from the committee after 10 years recognized. Chair to write a letter of thanks for his services.</p> <div><div>kevbrown@wideband.net.au</div><div>to me, John ▾</div><div>Hi Zena,</div><div>I have served as a Public Member of the Grantville ERC and more recently the GQRG, for nearly 10 years.</div><div>In that time my main mission has been to support and encourage the improvement in the reporting of the local sand extraction industry to the public and I am pleased with the improvements willingly provided over that time.</div><div>It is now time for me, as a more distant resident of Bass Coast, to resign from my membership to hopefully make way for a public member replacement who is a closer neighbour to the industry.</div><div>I have enjoyed my time in this role and wish all the industry and public members of GQRG the very best for the future.</div><div>I will no doubt see some of you from time to time around Bass Coast as I remain resident in Coronet Bay and will keep a watch on the industry progress.</div><div>Regards to all,</div><div>Kev Brown</div></div> <p>Halina quickly (husband injured & needed to be taken to hospital) withdrawing her interests in</p>

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	seeking the group's funding for animal shelter related matters.
2.	Attendance and Apologies - Noted Above
3.	Confirmation previous Meeting Notes
4.	<p>Environmental Management Reporting</p> <p>Barro</p> <p>Nothing further on dumped vehicles.</p> <p>No further news on the road closure/gate.</p> <p>Plenty of firewood being stolen from the site as a result- Anne stated has been terrifying & not locals doing it.</p> <p>GSG</p> <p>Dust no issue.</p> <p>Coming into weed season; BCLC to conduct weed control over next few months</p> <p>Tree plantings for both sites</p> <p>Direct seeding northern side of Grantville quarry once the batters formed, trees to follow after grass establishes.</p> <p>Fill trees required at Almurta</p> <p>Community complaint to Council re truck noise at 5.30am investigated- not their truck, Council satisfied with their investigation.</p> <p>Heidelberg</p> <p>Both parties agreed to vacate 2nd mention, go straight to trial. Council wanted to delay for a year, Heidelberg disagreed- WA in place, need to move forward.</p> <p>Boral</p> <p>WA 532 (Grantville)</p>

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	<p>Weekly engagement of the sweeper truck (dust)</p> <p>Weeds external contractor Spring & Autumn</p> <p>Firetruck access maintained around site</p> <p>Rehabilitation NW of the Nil site. 30 Grass Trees Relocated.</p> <p>WA970 (Glen Forbes)</p> <p>Bore well installed; pump not installed yet pending use license.</p> <p>Weekly engagement of the sweeper truck; dust monitoring ongoing, no issues.</p> <p>Weeds external contractor Spring & Autumn</p> <p>Rehabilitation SE of the site</p> <p>ERR Rapid Compliance Audit completed</p> <p>Worksafe Audit completed</p> <p>Bass Sands</p> <p>Criminal activity at both WA520 and WA210 sites; the later causing \$200-250K damage- sheds broke into, machinery damaged, earthmoving equipment severely vandalized, will delay rehabilitation works scheduled to commence in spring while all repaired.</p> <p>Firewood also purportedly becoming an organized crime gang issue for the area.</p>
5.	<p>Other business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. David Blum announced his next meeting to be his final meeting.2. Remote meeting access purchased given the go ahead at the Sub Committee meeting earlier3. Site meeting; GSG to host the next one in February- up to Michael whether Grantville or Almurta site.4. Vacancies to be advertised on local Facebook pages as well as the Sentinel Times ahead of the next meeting.5. Anne handed out orchid soaps and some circa 1990s community feedback on the quarries
7.	<p>Next Meeting 10am Friday November 28 2025</p>