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## **Berrima Cement Works Community Liaison Group Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday 27 June 2024**

**Berrima Cement Works meeting room, Taylor Avenue, New Berrima**

### **ATTENDEES**

#### **Neighbours / Community Representatives**

Clive West, Berrima resident and Berrima Resident Association representative

Morwena Zabaks, Environment Manager, Wingecarribee Shire Council

Karen Thorogood, Coordinator Sustainability Services, Wingecarribee Shire Council

#### **Boral**

Waqas Ali, Operations Manager Berrima

Gabriel Paicu, Technical Manager Berrima

Sharon Makin, Environmental Business Partner South Coast and Southern Highlands

Roland Wong, Senior Planning and Approvals Manager NSW/ACT

Kate Woodbridge, Stakeholder Relations Manager Northern Region

#### **Apologies**

Andrew Wood, New Berrima resident

Barry Arthur, Wingecarribee Shire Council

Meeting commenced at 11 am

#### **Matters arising from the last meeting – 14 November 2023**

- An information tab will be added to the Berrima Cement Works webpage to explain “What is an electrostatic precipitator (ESP) trip?”
- Meeting to be arranged with Clive regarding habitat corridor work.
- Details of the CLG vacancy will be shared with Andrew to be posted on the community Facebook Group.
- Presentation for next meeting What are Trigger Action Response Plans (TARPS)? – Sharon

#### **Operational Update**

##### **Safety**

- There were no serious incidents at the site. Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate (TRIFR) 0.
- The major planned shutdown was executed in Jan/Feb 2024 with zero harm, there was a daily presence of 300 contractors on site.
- There will be a minor kiln stop in August 2024.

##### **Customer and people**

- No supply or product quality issues.
- Lloyd Veal the Ex works manager from 1969 – 1975 visited Berrima, he now lives in Bundanoon.
- Employee Linda Chalker achieved 30 years of service.



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#### Production/Performance

- Clinker and cement volumes as per market demand.
- Energy costs continue to be a significant head wind (coal & electricity). Stopping of raw mills and cement mills to save electricity consumption during peak hours.
- Plant reliability has improved across all main assets.
- FY24 alternate fuels using 70kt vs 67 kt of budget.
- Blast furnace slag usage reduced due to availability.

#### Environmental Updates

- 2023-24 Annual Environment Management review to be issued to DPHI before the end of June.
- Annual Noise monitoring conducted in November 2023. All results are compliant.
- Three-year independent audit has commenced and will be issued to the DPHI in July.
- Operational Environment management plan to be updated as part of Modification 14 approval.
- Noise verification report prepared and submitted to DPHI for the operation of the Chloride Bypass system - no impact from operation.
- Issues with vandalism to dust deposition gauge.
- SWDF supplier independent audits undertaken in April – all compliant.
- New tyre chip supplier approved by DPHI.
- Stack test undertaken with the use of Tyre chips and report issued to DPHI. No concerns with results.
- Dust depositions and high volume air samples where within limits at all locations.

#### EPA

- EPA CEO and Boral CEO Vik Bansal visited Berrima Cement.
- Berrima Cement received penalty infringement notice for emission release associated with dust collector problem (18th November 2023).
- Berrima Cement received a warning notice for failure to notify the EPA of the emission.
- EPL annual return issued for the 23-24 period.
- Report issued to the EPA on the installation and operation of a real time dust monitoring network with commissioning of the new system aiming to be completed by December 2025.

#### Planning Update

Modification 14 – solid waste derived fuels (SWDF)

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) approved Modification 14 on 28 November 2023, permitting:

- An increase in the maximum quantities of solid waste derived fuels (SWDF) permitted to be received at the site and used as a fuel in Kiln 6
- Construction of a new site access road from Old Hume Highway for increased kiln fuel truck deliveries
- Expansion of current SWDF storage and handling facilities
- An increase in SWDF delivery hours to 24/7 operations.

Project link:

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/modification-14-swdf-increase-delivery-variation-site-access>

#### Prospective future projects

Modify SSD consent DA85-4-2005 (Cement Mill 7) to align noise management conditions of the ball mill consent with approved site wide noise management plan – currently on hold.



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Modify SSD consent DA401-11-2002-1 (Kiln 6) to increase maximum permitted granulated blast furnace slag (GBFS) raw material from 150,000tpa to 350,000tpa. Currently on hold pending review of current allowances.

### **Current Local Matters / Community Issues**

Boral has been working with Clive, Austral Bricks, Inghams, Council and the local Landcare Group on a project to re-wild the banks of Stony Creek to make a habitat corridor, that will ultimately connect to the Wingecarribee River. On Tuesday 4 June 2024 Landcare and Council reps visited Ingham's Feedmill to inspect the culvert that runs under Berrima Road, between the Boral and Ingham land. Sharon will take the group on site next week to look at what fencing might be required on the Boral land.

The Berrima Remembrance Grove Management Committee has also met twice since the last CLG meeting to discuss how to proceed with rehabilitation of the grove. The committee agreed that the first priority was to remove fallen trees, remove dead branches and generally tidy up the 9 sites and intervening areas. Replanting would have to be considered in a future work program.

Gabriel gave Morwena and Karen a tour of the kiln, SWDF and chlorine bypass following the meeting.

### **General Business**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14 November 2024.

### **Action Items**

- Details of the CLG vacancy will be shared with Andrew to be posted on the community Facebook Group.

Meeting closed 11:45 am.

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