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MINUTES

BORAL DUNNSTOWN COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP – MAY 2024

Date: 30 May 2024

Time: 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Venue: Yendon Recreation Reserve, 8 Keams Lane, Yendon 3352

Invitees:	Simone Bellears, Chairperson	Premier Strategy
	Janine Buesnel, Secretariat	Premier Strategy
	Blair Mather, Project Manager – Quarries Development	Boral
	Craig Tanner – Quarry Manager	Boral
	Melinda Farrell - Community Relations and Engagement Specialist, Quarries Victoria	Boral
	Jake McClellan	Boral
	Mike Stephens	Community Member
	Rick Stephens	Community Member
	James O'May	Community Member
	Dominic Hanrahan	Community Member
Shane Murphy	Community Member	
Observers:	Tim Lubcke	Earth Resource Regulation
	Catherine McLay	Moorabool Shire Council
Apologies:	Dina Jones	Premier Strategy
	Liam Riordan – <i>NB no longer required to attend</i>	Boral
	Glenn Kilburn	Earth Resource Regulation
	Andrew Radojkovic	Earth Resource Regulation
	Rohan Bryan	Community Member

Agenda item:	Discussion:	Actions:
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Introduction and welcome	<p>Simone welcomed everyone and advised she was stepping in as chair in Dina’s absence and colleague Janine would be taking minutes.</p> <p>Thanks were also passed on to Mike for opening rooms earlier and turning heaters on.</p> <p>Welcomed Tim Lubcke on behalf of Earth Resource Regulation and Catherine McLay from Moorabool Shire Council.</p>	
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Apologies & Minutes of Previous Meeting	<p>Apologies noted.</p> <p>The minutes from the previous meeting on 20 February 2024 were taken as read, having been circulated and confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.</p>	
Action items from Previous Meetings	Item re Community Benefit Fund being addressed later in the meeting	Refer attached list detailing items closed since previous meeting and updates on others.
Conflict of Interest	No conflicts of interest	
Project recap	<p>Blair provided an update on approval pathway.</p> <p>Presentation attached to these minutes shows timeline of where project is up to and what is still to come.</p> <p>Work plan assessment has been lodged and it's been through a first round of assessment. ERR have come back with some requested changes to the work plan, they are generally supportive of the proposed work plan changes but they do have some queries re ground water and managing surplus water. Approval pathway with EPA happening at the same time around managing the excess water. Boral looking to mitigate controls re discharging to Spring Creek and looking to use the excess water to irrigate.</p> <p>Rehabilitation – small body of water in the pit. Ground water monitoring and water quality analysis being conducted to ensure water quality is to standard. Meeting with assessing officers from ERR will be on site in next month.</p> <p>12 month plan to resolve issues and get workplan endorsed was shared.</p> <p>Blair invited Catherine to update the group in relation to Moorabool Council's process. Catherine stated Council is seeking clarity from DEECA because the amendment that this permit has been lodged through is the first of its kind that Council would be considering in particular re what community consultation would involve. Council will re-engage with DEECA around the time Boral are about to lodge their permit. At a minimum there will be a public notice period.</p> <p>Dominic asked if this group/community wants to levy as part of the permit, is that something the Council approve as part of that process.</p>	<p>Catherine to provide update to the CRG and request CRG be informed on public notice period.</p>



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	<p>Council would welcome CRG submissions to help inform their feedback through to DEECA. Although a Community Benefit Fund (CBF) is optional, Council is recommending that each project implements a CBF. It's not a current requirement in the planning permit applications. Awaiting feedback from DEECA. Reference was made to Wind Farm projects and their approach that a CBF was fundamental to community acceptance.</p> <p>Blair stated levy would be imposed in response to a direct impact. CBF demonstrating impact and assigning monetary value to those impacts. More to be discussed later in Mel's presentation.</p> <p>Catherine – how will the CRG be involved in the consultation around permit conditions?</p> <p>Conditions will come with the endorsement.</p> <p>Blair committed that as soon as the work plan is endorsed information will be shared with the CRG.</p>	<p>Blair will arrange for Boral to share conditions with the CRG.</p>
Noise Impact Assessment	<p>Noise mitigation works being conducted. Results looking promising. Screening has assisted in reducing impacts/ Project still in infancy.</p> <p>Work to commence soon on alternative Howards Road. Big capital outlay from Boral.</p> <p>Blair to follow-up on final engineering designs for the road and communicate back with Council.</p> <p>Identified hard surface that propagate noise. Modelling parameters (adopting a 0.6) according to EPA are conservative.</p> <p>Rick – what you haven't taken into consideration is the sound travelling across the water surface of the lake basin west of the quarry that has a lot of ground water cover for a long period during the year.</p>	<p>Blair committed to investigating lake basin area</p>
Landscape and visual Impact assessment	<p>12 (twelve) viewpoints considered. Wide frame analysis completed.</p> <p>Refer presentation for visual information.</p> <p>Bunding to be 6m high. Planting and trees planted in front of it rather than on top of it. Grass on top with hydro mulch so it'll green up within a couple of months. Some trees will be removed as part of work along Howards Road.</p> <p>Eastern bunding has been approved.</p> <p>Craig indicated bunding would be constructed early next year.</p>	<p>Boral to investigate what planting can happen ahead of time acknowledging that it's important to accelerate the planting to mitigate/reduce visual impact. Blair to come back to the CRG re timing.</p>



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	<p>Blair advised the landscape master plan for the site will be released in next few weeks and will be shared with the CRG.</p> <p>600+ trees planted annually by Boral.</p> <p>Boral has a supplier and don't believe they'll have an issue with access to the amount of indigenous trees required.</p>	
<p>Community Benefit Fund</p>	<p>Background provided on Quarry. Established 1978, Boral purchased in 1980. 32 local employees – refer presentation.</p> <p>CBF – Jim raised with Mel post last CRG. All projects put forward thus far have been approved. Projects considered that will best benefit the Community and Boral. CRG were advised submissions can currently be received anytime.</p> <p>Lengthy discussion re why Boral haven't adopted the Wind Farm CBF mode. Boral need to be more vocal re availability of CBF. Comment from CRG was that Boral currently don't really have a defined CBF, no criteria or guidelines "...Boral just have money in their back pocket!"</p> <p>CRG recommended a more structured annual funding model rather than ad hoc to avoid the concern around the community not knowing the amount of funds available or allocated. The CRG are looking for more transparency in relation to the make-up of CBF. They are seeking further consultation and for a public opportunity for broader community input.</p> <p>Boral to state - this is who we are, and this is what we're doing.</p> <p>Spring Creek Project – Healthy Waterways Project. Rick provided CRG with additional information. His property has Spring Creek running through it. Runs into Lal Lal Falls. Full of willows. Goal is to get natives in and willows out. Get stock out of waterway. Local CMA, Central Highlands Water and Landcare will be involved. Committed from Boral may be time, planting and potentially some funding. To be determined.</p>	<p>Mel to more actively share information to Community Group Facebook pages – namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navigators Community Group • Yendon Community Group • Dunnstown Community Group • Warrenheip Community Group <p>Mel to come back to CRG with framework for CBF</p>
<p>Community Engagement</p>	<p>Mel sought feedback from CRG re information dissemination preferences around project overviews and FAQs.</p> <p>Reminder to CRG, minutes from previous meetings are available through link on website.</p> <p>Landcare – 600 trees planted so far this year. 300 more to do shortly.</p> <p>CRG reiterated the purpose of this group should have communication both ways. Boral should be seeking input from the</p>	



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	community not just informing the CRG members re company/project updates.	
Site Tour for CRG	Site tour for CRG and wider community being organised. CRG are interesting to having a tour.	Mel to advise of potential date options for CRG to consider.
STEM Group Tour	STEM tour to Deer Park Quarry. Students from Ballarat. Successful day.	Mel to approach Damascus College who might be interested in doing something similar
General Business	<p>Catherine updated CRG in relation to Tierney Road to Forbes Road reduction of speed limit to 80km/h. Council to assess the road and traffic engineer to write report and submit to VIC Roads. Welcome CRG submission. Shane raised concerns about danger of road remaining at 100km/h. Catherine to follow it up as Shane was disappointed with the response from Council representative. Dom seconded the concerns raised and noted recent accident he witnessed.</p> <p>Boral confirmed data loggers are in the trucks? CRG encouraged to report registration of truck, time, location if witnessing poor driving behaviour.</p> <p>Mel requested permission to take pic of group to go on the Boral intranet.</p> <p>Mike – requested to add items to next agenda. Request for information to be decimated more regularly and if required in between meetings</p> <p>Simone thanked Mel for sharing her contact details and reminded the group they can contact Mel between meetings with any issues</p> <p>Meeting closed at 5:21pm</p>	Catherine will reiterate to Council manager the review remains a priority.
Next meeting	Meet at Navigators Hall – July 11, 18 or 25. TBC	



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ACTION ITEMS

Item	Action	Who	Status
15/07/2022_07	That Traffic impacts be an agenda item at a future CRG meeting.	Secretariat	Closed
15/07/2022_08	Community Benefit Fund That a Community Benefit Fund be an agenda item at a future CRG meeting. <i>CBF - circulated a framework. Committed to minimum of \$20k per annum but flexible around projects.</i>	Secretariat	Closed
15/07/2022_09	Rehab and Closure That a Rehab and Closure Strategy will be an agenda item at a future CRG meeting.	Secretariat	Pending
06/12/23_01	Boral to check whether the reporting of speed exceedances covers speeds under 100km/h.	Boral	Pending
06/12/23_02	Liam to circulate fact sheets on process from presentation.	Boral	Closed
06/12/23_03	Boral to source photos of other rehabilitated sites.	Boral	Closed
06/12/23_04	Boral to share rock sample analysis report.	Boral	Closed
20/02/2024_01	PS to follow up on no shows.	Secretariat	Closed
20/02/2024_03	Boral to re-send rock analysis to CRG.	Boral	Closed
20/02/2024_06	Melinda to arrange letter of support for speed reduction.	Melinda	Open
20/02/2024_07	Council to see if it is council or Vic Roads' road, between Tierney and Forbes road. Council to get back to the CRG in writing.	Council	Open
20/02/2024_08	Shane as a representative from CRG to write a letter about reducing the speed limit.	Shane	Closed
30/05/2024_01	Catherine to provide update to the CRG and request CRG be informed on public notice period.	Council	Open
30/05/2024_02	Blair will arrange for Boral to share conditions post work plan endorsement.	Boral	Open
30/05/2024_03	Boral committed to investigating noise impact from lake basin area	Boral	Open
30/05/2024_04	Boral to investigate what planting can happen ahead of time acknowledging that it's important to accelerate the planting to mitigate/reduce visual impact. Blair to come back to the CRG re timing and a copy of the landscape master plan.	Boral	Open
30/05/2024_05	Mel to more actively share information to Community Group Facebook pages	Boral	Open
30/05/2024_06	Mel to come back to CRG with framework for Community Benefit Fund, previously listed/mentioned at February 2024 meeting.	Boral	Open
30/05/2024_07	Mel to advise of potential date options for site tour	Boral	Open
30/05/2024_08	Mel to approach Damascus College re possible educational tour	Boral	Open