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Essential Resources Community Newsletter – September 2024

Welcome to the Montrose Quarry Essential Resources Community Newsletter, where the team from Boral provides updates on quarry operations and proposed and implemented site initiatives.

Introducing Boral staff

Lauren Trewin is our site Quarry Manager and has worked for Boral across multiple sites for 21 years. Brendon Miton is our Site Coordinator who has worked in quarrying for 10 years. We also have our Site-Co-ordinator Bailey Woods, who has worked in quarrying for 7 years and has just recently joined the Boral team.

Boral has recently appointed a Community Relations and Engagement Specialist, Melinda Farrell. Melinda has worked in quarries for over 15 years and has been in the stakeholder role for 8 months. Please reach out to her if you have any community related questions on community@boral.com.au.



Quarry Hours

The approved quarry operational hours are 6am-6pm Monday to Saturday. We are open for sales and production from 6am-4pm Monday to Friday and 6am-12pm on Saturday.

Site Operations

Montrose Quarry currently employs 25 full time employees and 50 subcontractors. Planning is underway for a 3-week maintenance shutdown period at the end of December and the site will not be open for sales during this time. Employees will still be working onsite over this period to upgrade and conduct preventative maintenance.

Noise Monitoring

Boral has completed noise compliance monitoring in and around the site to confirm compliance with EPA noise limits. We are continually reviewing our operations to minimise our noise impacts and implementing changes including the relocation of fast-moving stocks to low lying areas on site, replacing alarms, enclosing crushing equipment and regularly maintaining equipment to ensure optimal performance and efficiency.

Dust Management

Boral understands that dust from our operations can cause a nuisance or impact residents. Our real time dust monitoring helps us to ensure air quality meets health and safety standards, identifies potential health risks, ensures regulatory compliance, and most importantly implement measures to reduce the environmental and nuisance impacts. We manage dust by:

- Maintaining vegetation along our property boundary and only clearing areas required for safe operation.
- Monitoring dust at site boundaries (pictured right)
- Rehabilitating areas no longer required for quarrying by planting vegetation such as the upper benches throughout the quarry.
- Implementing controls such as extraction systems on processing plant; watering access roads, stockpiles, crushers and conveyors; automatic and fixed sprinkler systems and use of dust suppressing agents.



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Quarry Drill & Blast Activity

We regularly conduct drilling and blast activities to support operations. The site currently blasts up to 25 times per year and monitors the blasts at nearby sensitive receptors on every occasion. Each blast is designed to achieve and maintain results well below the EPA's prescribed noise and vibration limits.

Montrose Quarry maintains a blast register and notifies interested persons when blasting activities will occur. If you would like to join the register, please let us know on community@boral.com.au.

Community Project Expression of Interest

We're committed to making a positive local contribution and helping build community projects. Our grants program is open and accepting applications for project funding. If your group or organisation would like to apply you can get more information by sending your enquiry to community@boral.com.au.

Below are just some of the community projects we are proud to have recently supported.



The Basin Scout Group
Crushed rock donation



Gladesville Primary School
Yarning Circle materials

Donations of crushed rock have also been made to Wandin CFA and Candlebark Indigenous Nursery and we're also working with local schools to see how we can help them bring their projects to life.

Women in Quarrying site tour

We recently hosted a site tour for 72 people as part of the Victorian Women in Quarrying event. In 2014 a group of 20 Queensland women knew that there was an underrepresentation of women in the extractive industry and formed a "Women in Quarrying" networking event. That small event kickstarted the official Women in Quarrying initiative from Australia's professional quarrying industry body, the Institute of Quarrying Australia (IQA). Together with the support of partners like Boral, the IQA has been working hard to support and encourage women to join and grow their careers in the sector.



Site Development

The government is helping the state's quarries meet increasing demand for rock, sand and gravel driven by the construction of new homes, schools, hospitals and transport infrastructure.

Boral's Montrose Quarry faced potential issues in meeting supply commitments due to sustained periods of high demand. Earlier this year the Resources Victoria Approvals Coordination (RVAC) unit approved an administrative update which included a design change that extended the extraction area via a streamlined process boosting the available resource enough for another 8 to 10 years.

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