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## MINUTES

BORAL DUNNSTOWN COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP – FEBRUARY 2024

**Date:** 20 February 2024

**Time:** 4.00pm – 5.30pm

**Venue:** Dunnstow Recreation Reserve (netball rooms)

Invitees:	Dina Jones, Chairperson	Premier Strategy
	Meg Broadbent, Secretariat	Premier Strategy
	Blair Mather, Project Manager – Quarries Development	Boral
	Craig Tanner – Quarry Manager	Boral
	Melinda Farrell	Boral
	Liam Riordan	Boral
	Jake McClellan	Boral
	Mike Stephens	Community Member
	Rick Stephens	Community Member
	James O'May	Community Member
Observers:	Dominic Hanrahan	Community Member
	Shane Murphy	Community Member
	Glenn Kilburn	Earth Resource Regulation
Apologies:	Catherine McLay	Moorabool Shire Council
	Derek Madden	Moorabool Shire Council
	Rohan Bryan	Community Member
	Andrew Radojkovic	Earth Resource Regulation

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### Agenda item:

### Discussion:

### Actions:

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Introducing  
Melinda

Dina welcomed the group to the first CRG meeting for 2024.

Attendees circulated around the room, introducing themselves.

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Apologies &  
Minutes of  
Previous Meeting

No apologies.

No issues with previous meeting minutes.

PS to follow up on no shows.

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Action items from Previous Meetings	<b>Rehab and Closure</b> Boral plans to convert the land back to agriculture land (e.g cropping) once quarry is closed.  Boral currently doing some hydrology investigations at the quarry. The quarry is not expected to hold water, due to lack of inflow and high levels of evaporation, therefore a lake is not an option.  Rick questioned whether Boral had sufficient top soil to revert to agricultural land. Boral will re-use top soil from the new expanded areas to the east and south.	Boral to re-send rock analysis to CRG.
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Conflict of Interest	No conflict of interest.
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Community benefit fund	Boral has agreed to provide the community with a minimum of 25k per year.  Dominic requested Boral provide materials for a section of the Bungaree – Wallace Rail Trail.  Boral agreed to provide materials for the project.  Discussion about how Boral can raise awareness about community benefit fund access, ie Facebook.	Mel to share the approvals process regarding CBF.
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Timing for lodgment	Blair spoke to the Approval Pathway and Timeline.  Boral currently closing out the noise attenuation and hydrology investigations, in preparation of lodgment of work plan variation.  Discussion about use of surplus water, ie irrigation. Community members signaled interest in receiving surplus water.  Up to 12-month lead time for the lodging assessment for the work plan variation.  Liam repeated the key changes to the Planning Approval Pathway (see presentation from December 2023 meeting).  Main difference is the assessment and approval lie with the Minister for Planning and not the council and there is no right to appeal the Minister's assessment.  Dominic questions whether a levy can be embedded in the permit, so the CBF can't be abolished. This will
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be considered under the Social Impact Assessment, and the CRG can submit this idea.

Any submissions regarding the work plan variation can be lodged during the public notice period, however Boral will provide the CRG access to the technical reports prior to submitting them to the Minister.

Mick prefers that Boral cooperate with the community to capture community feedback before finalising the reports.

Approval of the work plan variation anticipated for October 2025. Boral will first quarry eastwards and close Howards Road sometime in the future once it intends to quarry south. Hewittson Road will be spray sealed as per the agreement in place with council.

Discussion how best to engage with the local community to raise awareness of the lodgment of the work plan. Suggestions include site tours, drone footage, information session, either combined with a site tour or separate.

Rick suggested Boral share information on technical studies first, so the community can review before the information sessions.

The community asked for clear, large visuals (maps etc) if a drop-in session was held by Boral.

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Water  
Management  
strategy

Boral are undertaking work to better understand the amount of water on site, the required water usage, and how much is being lost through evaporation.

The creek water will not be affected, and its quality will be monitored ongoing. The creek water is classified as Class A water.

Schematic slide presented.

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General Business

Rick questioned whether the vacant houses will be leased out, as they can attract unwanted people in the neighborhood.

The premise near Rick's will have a noise exceedance, once Boral moves south, which makes it non-compliant for residency.

Boral has not made a decision re vacant houses to the north and may review noise levels once the expansion is complete.

Melinda to arrange letter supporting a speed reduction from Boral.

Council to see if it is council or VicRoads' road, between Tierney and Forbes road.  
Council to get back to the CRG in writing.

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Duncan to support community with a letter regarding the speed limit.

Shane as a representative from CRG to write a letter with support from Boral, CRG and Walsh Quarry about reducing the speed limit.

Next meeting

Next meeting will be held around May. With Boral now having a stakeholder relations contact, they can contact Mel if they have any questions in between meetings.

Meeting closed at 5pm.

PS to share Mel's contact details.

## ACTION ITEMS

Item	Action	Who	Status
15/07/2022_07	That Traffic impacts be an agenda item at a future CRG meeting.	Secretariat	Pending
15/07/2022_08	<b>Community Benefit Fund</b> 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	Close
15/07/2022_09	<b>Rehab and Closure</b> That a Rehab and Closure Strategy will be an agenda item at a future CRG meeting.	Secretariat	Ongoing
06/12/23_01	Boral to check whether the reporting of speed exceedances covers speeds under 100km/h.	Boral	Ongoing
06/12/23_02	Liam to circulate fact sheets on process from presentation.	Boral	Pending
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
06/12/23_05	Boral to confirm new date in 2024	Boral	Closed
20/02/2024_01	PS to follow up on no shows.	Secretariat	Open
20/02/2024_02	Boral to distribute CBF framework	Boral	Open



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20/02/2024_03	Boral to re-send rock analysis to CRG.	Boral	Open
20/02/2024_04	Melinda to share the approvals process regarding CBF.	Melinda	Open
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	Open
20/02/2024_09	PS to share Mel's contact details.	PS	Open