

Meeting Notes

Holcim – Lynwood Quarry Community Consultative Group

Project	Lynwood Quarry Community Consultative Group	Date	30 May 2025
Time	12:00 pm – 1.15 pm		
Chair	Brendan Blakeley	Recorder	Brendan Blakeley
Attendees	Clr Bob Kirk, GMC Susan Pearson Neville Crocker, (alternate for John Nicastri) Wayne Beattie, Holcim Celin Joshy, Holcim	Apologies	John Nicastri Marion Lynch, Towrang Progress Association

Item	Discussion Point
1.	Welcome and introductions. <ul style="list-style-type: none">» The meeting commenced at 12:00 pm.» Brendan Blakeley welcomed participants. He acknowledged Country and thanked CCG members for taking the time to participate in the meeting.» Brendan noted:<ul style="list-style-type: none">> apologies from John Nicastri and welcomed Neville Crocker in his place.> Alan Goulder has resigned from the CCG for personal reasons and Marion Lynch would be taking his place. Marion was unable to make it to this meeting.> Alan’s contribution to the group and wished him well.
2.	Quarry update <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Wayne spoke to several operational matters that occurred over the past few months. Items covered included:<ul style="list-style-type: none">> There have been four reportable incidents so far this year.> These were incidents that were readily dealt with, and Holcim is now looking at lessons learnt and how we can improve procedures to avoid any recurrence.> The team did great job addressing the incidents quickly and safely as per our emergency response guidelines.> As a quarry there are legislated requirements to inform the resources regulator when these types of incidents occur.> 85 hazards have been reported so far in 2025. Most of these have been resolved with only 9 remaining open.> An application for hazard reduction burning that was lodged with the RFS has been approved. We are now awaiting suitable dates from the Marulan RFS to undertake the burns across winter. The approval will stand for 5 years.> The RFS has been conducting investigation training in the area off Dorsett Rd. Holcim is pleased to be able to support the RFS with their training.> The Resources Regulator has undertaken one unplanned assessment with an unannounced site visit during a night shift. They looked at how night shift was complying with relevant protocols.

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- > All quarry operators and mines have regular unannounced visits, and this is part of the regulators BAU. While they were in the area, the regulator visited other quarries as well.
 - > Holcim's Health by Design program will be rolled out at Lynwood in mid-June. This is a program for site personnel that proactively targets mental wellbeing. It has been successfully implemented by Holcim in other locations and staff have found it very worthwhile.

Site operations and performance

- » Wayne introduced Celin who has moved from Wollongong to take up the role of support services supervisor. Celin's job is to support environmental compliance and community engagement.
- » Loader unit LO14 WA900 has arrived at Lynwood. This unit will replace LO01 which has clocked up 43,000 hrs moving approximately 30 million tonnes of rock. This is a very expensive piece of equipment as a capital purchase and has significant operational expenses.
- » Wayne commented that operational expenses form a major part of quarry expenditure.
- » Staffing is stable and Holcim is currently recruiting for two quarry operators and a maintenance supervisor.
- » Holcim's preference is to employ people directly for everyday quarry operations.
- » *Susan asked about current levels of employment at Lynwood.*
- » Wayne responded that employment sits at:
 - > 48 fulltime staff working across day and night shifts.
 - > 3 local hires as casuals.
 - > 20-30 contractors depending on the type of skilled work that is needed.
- » Holcim is pleased that most of the quarry workforce is local, generally living within a 30-minute drive of the quarry.
- » 2025 production is tracking well and just little below where we expected to be. The market went quiet due to the election but historically we see a boost following an election.
- » The quarry is operating as per the 5-year mine plan. The drop cut at RL 610 metres has been reached and across the remainder of 2025 the team will work to expand the drop cut at RL 595 metres.
- » Holcim is focussing extraction activities toward the north and western edges of the pit and will start removing overburden in these areas later in 2025.
- » *Susan asked about the current size of the pit.*
- » Wayne responded that is the pit was presently around 500 metres by 75 meters

Community

- » Across the year Holcim has supported the following community organisation and events:
 - > Tallong Public School P&C
 - > Cystic Fibrosis Goulburn
 - > Goulburn and District Showjumping Competition
 - » Holcim also hosted site tours for the St Nicks men's group and Norwest Christian College's geography students and teachers. Both group's valued seeing an operational quarry and identifying the different rock types that are quarried on site.
 - » Wollongong University will also be bringing a group of students to the site sometime in October this year.
 - » The team at Lynwood is pleased that our record of no community complaints continues. Nothing has been received since November 2021.
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- » We had one query following the dust storm last week, but that person rang back to note that they later learned the dust storm was across large part of the state.
 - » To suppress dust Holcim activates sprays near machinery and stockpiles when we know it is going to be windy. If it gets too windy, we cease operations.
 - » Holcim will continue to engage in community consultation with blast enquiries and requests to be added to the blast notification register

Environmental monitoring and reporting

- » Wayne noted the following:
 - > The Box Gum Woodland Management Plan has been finalised and submitted to DAWE for approval. The Conservation Agreement is in draft awaiting final approval.
 - > Celine will soon oversee seed collection in the conservation area.
 - > The conservation zone is a fenced-out area of around 1000 acres. No activity can occur in the area beyond those associated with land management, which is typically weed control, animal control and hazard burning.
 - > Testing shows compliance with the following operating conditions:
 - Blasting - Compliant
 - Dust Deposition - Non Compliant - March
 - PM10 - Compliant
 - Noise - Compliant
 - Ground Water - Compliant
 - Surface Water - April and May pH non-compliance (due to offsite impacts)
- » *Neville commented that the conservation area should revert to scrub if it is left alone.*
- » Wayne responded that that is what the intent is, however, some native species such as cassinia can dominate if left alone. Regular maintenance of the area is very important.
- » *Susan asked what PM 10 refers to.*
- » Wayne noted this refers to a large dust particle size. PM 2.5 dust is a much finer particle. Holcim has installed new dust collection monitors powered by solar and with generator back up as the monitors need to operate for 23 hours out of every 24 hours.

Land management

- » The team is monitoring serrated tussock patches in sprayed areas over the next couple of months. Holcim is using aerial spraying to treat some areas where tussock and blackberry has not been eradicated.
- » Recently Holcim has used helicopters to spread granular poison for tussock control and will bring in a drone again to continue the drone application trial. We also have access to fluproponate again, which is the best targeted herbicide for serrated tussock.
- » Our management approach for kangaroos is being guided by NPWS and the reduction program continues. The latest round of culling occurred in 2025.
- » In late April Holcim undertook control of rabbits, foxes, goats, pigs and deer across the site. Pigs and deer are the most difficult to control.
- » *Neville noted that it is a balancing act as foxes help to keep rabbits in check.*
- » Wayne also noted that he has spotted several eagles around the site over the past few months.

Aboriginal Heritage

- » Fencing around identified Aboriginal heritage areas has recently been repaired.
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- » Holcim is looking to undertake some cultural cool burns later in June.
 - » Some staff will also be taking cultural awareness training as this is part of our plan. The company is working with Pejar and Gundungurra Land Council to inform the approach to training.
 - » The Aboriginal Keeping Place is progressing. Adam is currently finalising approvals and hoping construction will commence before the end of 2025. The centre will be for education and cultural use.
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3. **General Discussion**

- » Brendan asked if any members were hearing things about the quarry.
 - » *There was discussion within the group about the number of quarry applications /expansions currently underway across the region.*
 - » Brendan noted that with the recent resignations the CCC needs some new focus on membership.
 - » Wayne commented that he would approach the Chamber and some other local groups to test their interest in being involved in the committee.
 - » Wayne noted how much Holcim appreciated the participation of community members in the group. He acknowledged the contribution of John Nicastrì to the committee over the past ten years and that Holcim wanted to recognise John with lifetime membership of the committee.
 - » He also noted that the quarry would be holding a 10-year celebration sometime in September or October this year and that CCG members would be invited. Holcim would also look at inviting Councillors to this event as well.
 - » Brendan said he would help Holcim liaise with committee members where required.
 - » *Members agreed the next meeting would be sometime in November 2025.*
 - » Draft minutes would be distributed for review within two-three weeks.
 - » If there are any immediate operational related matters, members are encouraged to contact the quarry directly.
 - » Brendan can be reached by email at Brendan@elumni.au and phone **0412 686 026**
 - » Brendan thanked members for their involvement and contribution to the group and wished them well for the holidays and the new year.
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4. **Meeting close – 1.15 pm**
