

Meeting Notes

Holcim – Lynwood Quarry Community Consultative Group

Project	Lynwood Quarry Community Consultative Group	Date	29 May 2026
	12:00 pm – 1.00 pm		
Chair	Brendan Blakeley	Recorder	Brendan Blakeley
Attendees	Councillor Bob Kirk, Goulburn Mulwaree Council (GMC) Susan Pearson, Cockbundoon Heritage Association Annette and Phillip Ohlback, Towrang Progress Association John Nicastri, Life Member Mark Fenton Jones, Marulan Progress Association Jim Divall, Marulan Chamber of Commerce Celin Joshy, Holcim Fred Adams, Holcim Kurt Bridges, Holcim Wayne Beattie, Holcim	Apologies	Scott Gallacher, General Manager, GMC

Item	Discussion
1.	Welcome and introductions. - 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 welcomed members and new member Jim Divall.
2.	Quarry update Wayne Beattie, Holcim, provided an update on operational matters relevant to the first half of 2026. Discussion items included: - There have been three reportable incidents in the year to date. These are matters that Holcim must report to the regulator. - One of these was a serious incident that resulted in damage to an excavator, fortunately without injury to the operator. The incident was thoroughly investigated, and the operator was found to have ignored the relevant safety guidance for removal of large rocks. Having identified what led to the incident Holcim is now looking at what can be done to avoid similar occurrences in the future. Holcim strives to learn from all incidents and improve safety. - Site performance - 91 hazards have been reported so far in 2026. 15 remain currently open. Holcim encourages a culture of reporting hazards as it helps us to act on them before they become a bigger problem. - There have been two planned assessments where the resources regulator visits the quarry to look at a particular aspect of our operations. - Holcim continues to play a role in industry forums recently participating in: - Resources Regulator Small Mines Show in March.

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- Resources Regulator Mine Mechanical Engineering Safety Seminar in April.
 - These events are good opportunities to share information and learn about innovations particularly regarding safety
 - The company wide Healthy by Design program continues to be delivered on site and is well received by staff. The recent focus of the program has been sleep, diet and fatigue management.
 - Some key changes in staff include:
 - Gordon Rippon has been promoted to a management role at the Holcim Cooma Rd Quarry
 - Ryan Burke has moved from Lynwood Pit Manager to Production Manager
 - Jamie Whittaker is now the new Lynwood Pit Manager.
 - Wayne and Fred congratulated these staff members.
 - The new C160 Jaw Crusher was installed late December 2025. The old crusher ran for 39,000 hrs, with an overall throughput of 23 million tonnes. It took around 3 months to prepare for and conclude the install. Three large cranes were needed for the actual installation of the new crusher.
 - Production and sales have been steady with product being shipped from the quarry via a mix of truck and train.
 - Humelink is a significant new contract for Lynwood with the quarry supplying material for access roads and building pads.
 - The pit is being opened as per the 5 Year Mine plan. For the remainder of 2026 the drop cut into RL595 is progressing. From this level, the plan is to expand the pit floor and start a drop cut into RL580.
 - More overburden is being removed to enable the pit to expand to the west. Once we reach RL580 we will not go any deeper for the foreseeable future as the lower you go the more costly it is to bring material from depth via truck.

Community

- Holcim continues to support various community initiatives.
- Community groups can apply for assistance at any time.
- Recent support included:
 - Tallong Public School P&C
 - Cystic Fibrosis Goulburn
 - Goulburn and District Showjumping Competition
 - Wingello Public School P&C
- *Members acknowledged Holcim's support of recent community events.*
- Wayne asked members to help spread the word about the community grants support program within the community. He noted that applications are best made well in advance, as the Holcim approval process can take some time.

Environmental monitoring and reporting

- There have been four reportable incidents so far this year.
- Having not had any community complaints since late 2021, in late 2025 there was a complaint about dust. The incident occurred on a day where there were wind gusts of 65 kms per hour.
- Unfortunately, just prior to the wind starting up there was quite heavy rain that washed the crusting agent off the sand emplacement pile in the south of the site. The crusting agent binds the surface of the stockpile. Given the direction of the wind and the crust was weakened by the recent rain, sand was blown east toward Marulan.

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- Since November no other complaints have been received.
 - As you enter the quarry you can see that we are now planting grass on the long-term sand emplacement stockpile to further reduce the potential for wind-blown dust.
 - We welcome complaints as the sooner we understand what the problem is, the quicker we can get around to addressing it.
 - When high winds are forecast we swing quarry operations to control and suppress dust generation. This includes additional water trucks and activating sprays along conveyors. If the risk of dust is too great, we can reduce or stop operations.
 - Holcim is also looking at a sprinkler trial along the haul road that will help to suppress dust but not make the haul road slippery or unsafe.
 - *Susan asked where the water for dust control comes from.*
 - Wayne noted that the water comes from onsite detention dams and the inactive ignimbrite pit. Across our onsite water storages, Lynwood has around 900 million litres of water capacity to draw upon when needed.
 - Other community engagement includes blasting notifications and a blasting enquiry line.
 - Blasting at Lynwood is quite regular and people now know when to expect it. As the town is growing, we encourage new residents to register to receive notifications.
 - All our blasting activities remain compliant.
 - Dust monitoring continues as per conditions of consent.
 - As noted previously there are several monitors across the quarry site and in other sensitive locations. A dust monitor captures particulate matter at that specific location. Dust includes organic and inorganic matter. We need to analyse the makeup of the dust from monitors in different locations, weather conditions and other activities being undertaken nearby to determine the source of the dust.
 - Dust non-compliances were:
 - April: dust deposition gauge DD5 on Brayton Rd - analysis showed that this was primarily organic matter from mowing on neighbouring property.
 - February: non-compliance attributed to nearby Telstra works
 - April: non-compliance attributed to burning off at Lockyersleigh
 - Noise levels have been compliant.
 - There is a network of boreholes around the site to test water levels. Recently we had to report a groundwater non-compliance. This was due to significant rainfall rather than any quarry related activity, but as it is a material change, we are obliged to report it.
 - The required pH level for surface water is around 7.8. Recently this was elevated to 8.2. Further investigation showed the increase was due to fertilising on neighbouring property and roadworks within the immediate vicinity.
 - The chair asked members if they had heard anything from the community about environmental issues related to the quarry.
 - *Members noted they haven't heard anything.*
 - *Jim commented that the higher-than-average rainfall across the past few years has been good for building up water reserves.*
 - Wayne agreed that having 900 million litres of water on hand put the quarry in a good position, particularly as the forecasts are indicating a high possibility of a dry period. The ignimbrite pit is well suited to water storage as it isn't subject to as much evaporation as the surface dams. The inactive ignimbrite pit is filled using water pumped from the working pit. In addition to dust control this stored water is used to rinse aggregate coming out of the plant.
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Land management

- The weed control program continues:
 - Spraying is achieving good results particularly with blackberry control
 - Using drones to target inaccessible areas.
 - Holcim has introduced a beetle to eat St John's Wort. Pleased to have detected larvae which shows the beetles are reproducing on site. We will continue to augment beetle control by slashing areas of St John's Wort along roadsides.
 - There is not lot of fireweed on site, but when we see it, fireweed is removed by hand and bagged.
- *Jim asked how serrated tussock was being controlled.*
- Wayne replied that around 200 hectares were treated with flupropinate pellets across 2025. Granular application means that the herbicide gets under the trees. The results of the spray program have been encouraging.
- Wayne noted the following points relevant to land management:
 - The Box Gum Woodland Management Plan is now in place, and rehabilitation activities will be carried out until 2036. No grazing is allowed in in this area and around 13 hectares remains to be revegetated. Ecological Australia is helping Holcim to implement and monitor the plan.
 - Holcim now has around 150 nesting boxes across the Lynwood site. Recent monitoring of 100 boxes showed that 74 were being used. Species detected included microbats, sugar and squirrel gliders and possums.
 - Spring and summer ecological monitoring indicate the hoary sunray is spreading.
 - The Council reservoir project is continuing.
 - Holcim had to remove some vegetation to make way for expanding the sand emplacement area. 2 ecologists were involved in planning for and monitoring the clearing works, and we were able to save hollows from the felled trees. These have been taken up to the rehabilitation area to provide habitat for species there.
 - The Wombat Sarcoptic Mange program will start in June. CSU, WSU and UOW are all involved in various research activities on site.
 - Holcim continues to work with NPWS on the control program to address the unsustainable kangaroo population levels across the Lynwood site. This cull is undertaken by qualified professionals.
 - We are also monitoring and where necessary getting rid of foxes, rabbits, deer and goats.
 - Five deer have been removed so far this year.
- *There was discussion amongst members about increased levels of feral species across the district, with marked increase in pig numbers.*
- Wayne replied that while there is some evidence of pig activity, no pigs have been sighted yet. Holcim have procured pig traps in anticipation of this problem.

Aboriginal heritage management

- Holcim is being advised by both the Pejar and Gundungurra Land Councils on the management of 77 Aboriginal heritage areas. Required Triennial Monitoring occurred in late 2025.
- Aboriginal Sites Management Works were undertaken in February and May 2026 and included:
 - oiling of both scar trees
 - weed management.

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- The construction of the cultural heritage centre / keeping place is well underway with only internal fit out and landscaping works remaining. A yarning circle will also be created in the grounds of the keeping place.
 - In addition to artefact storage, the keeping place will be a place for Aboriginal people to meet and share cultural knowledge. It will store all artefacts found on the site.
 - The cultural centre will not be open to the public but will be opened for arranged visits.
 - The chair asked if Wayne could organise for the committee to visit the centre as part of the November 2026 meeting.
 - Wayne responded that he would see if this could be arranged.
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3. **General Discussion**

- *Susan asked if larger projects in the region were able to seek funding from Holcim as St Saviours in Goulburn needs significant restoration work.*
 - Fred replied that the best thing to do is put a proposal through to Wayne. Depending on the size of the project it may need to go to the national executive or even to Europe. Fred also noted there is a limited pool of funding available.
 - *John Nacastri asked about the replacement flagpole for Marulan.*
 - Wayne told John that they had quotes and would soon be purchasing a 7-metre pole for the team to install in the park.
 - *Jim Divall noted that the Marulan Chamber of Commerce was encouraging businesses and residents to buy local.*
 - Wayne responded that where services and goods were available locally, and they were cost competitive, Holcim is committed to buying locally. He added that some aspects of the operation were highly specialised and there is no option but to procure services and goods from elsewhere. Local businesses interested in supplying the quarry were welcome to call via the 1300 number or arrange to drop into the office.
 - Wayne also noted that an increasing number of the quarry workforce was living locally with around 30% of employees living in Marulan or very close by.
 - *Philip commented that several fire trails were being upgraded in proximity to the quarry site.*
 - Wayne added that some burning off would be undertaken near Dorset Rd. The permit is in place, and we are just waiting for the right conditions.
 - *Members agreed the next meeting would be in late October or early November 2026.*
 - Draft minutes will be distributed for review in around three to four 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.
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4. **Meeting close – 1.00 pm**
