

Community Reference Group

NEWSLETTER

Hanson Lysterfield Quarry

We are neighbourhood champions

When, as individuals, we responded to Hanson's advertisement calling for community members to "become a neighbourhood champion" through active participation as a member of the Lysterfield Quarry Community Reference Group (CRG), none of us foresaw the reality of that statement.

The effort and commitment to community leadership shown by the members of the CRG since its inception in April 2016, was recognised recently by the leading resource industry association, Cement Concrete and Aggregates Australia (CCAA).

At the CCAA 2018 Innovation Awards, we were awarded the Excellence in Community Leadership for the creation and delivery of our first CRG Newsletter in November 2017.

With the assistance of Hanson, we wrote the newsletter and distributed electronic and printed copies to nearby residents so that the community could hear from us directly and have a better understanding of the quarry, the site and its future potential. The CRG Newsletter also highlighted the operational changes Hanson had made in response to concerns we raised, and a campaign we undertook to highlight traffic issues on Wellington Road, Rowville.

The Treasurer and Minister for Resources, The Hon Tim Pallas, presented the 2018 CCAA Awards which recognise innovation in environmental management, health and safety performance and exceptional community leadership. The 2018 Community Leadership award was received on behalf of the CRG by Virginia Bright and Trevor Harley.

Following the presentation, Hanson Operations Manager Aggregates, Andrew Ritchie, stated that "Hanson values the input and the dedication to community concerns CRG members have demonstrated. Particularly for their commitment to ensuring the community is represented in Hanson's decision-making."



L to R: Bruce Webster, Lysterfield Quarry Manager, Trevor Harley, The Hon Tim Pallas, Virginia Bright and Daniel Fyfe, Hanson Development Manager

What we have achieved

Participation in a community reference group associated with a commercial organisation can often be viewed with scepticism. However, in the case of the Lysterfield Quarry CRG, the benefit to Hanson and the community is reciprocal. CRG meetings allow Hanson to present their issues to us for a response, and our responses can influence Hanson's decisions going forward.

Our recent award is not our only achievement. Issues and requests raised by the CRG through the regular meetings places a responsibility and accountability on Hanson to respond. As a consequence, CRG members have driven changes to the operation of the quarry.

Hanson has increased expenditure and undertaken specialist trials to further reduce dust emanating from the plant and onto Wellington Road. Changes have included daily sweeping of Wellington Road, the sealing of truck parking areas, the installation of a truck wheel wash and trials of dust suppressant materials.

The increased truck traffic and speed of trucks on Wellington Road has also been a key concern of the CRG.

In response to this concern, Hanson implemented a driver safety campaign which entailed signage reminding truck drivers of their responsibility on the roads placed at the quarry exit, and a Driver's Code of Conduct whereby every driver entering the site was

required to sign a commitment to respect all road rules.

The group's influence, supported by Hanson, has resulted in the attendance of a number of technical specialists providing presentations on topics such as the blasting process, noise and dust mitigation, land use planning and rehabilitation designs. Statutory bodies have also attended meetings at our request to hear our concerns first hand. These have included representatives of Vic Police, Earth Resources Regulation and Knox City Council.

While we have been learning of the meticulous blasting, safety, and licensing procedures required to be undertaken by Hanson, the community has benefited from our lobbying of the appropriate authorities for transport and pedestrian safety, particularly around Wellington Village Shopping Centre, and the additional processes introduced by Hanson to reduce dust and noise emanating from the site.

Primarily, CRG members are proud of representing the community and ensuring Hanson and the Knox City Council have a greater awareness of issues of concern to the community, rather than Hanson or the Council second-guessing what those issues may be.

You can catch up on what we have achieved by reading our Meeting Minutes, which can be found at:

<https://www.hanson.com.au/about-us/regulatory-information/lysterfield-quarry/>



Seeking new neighbourhood champions

In April 2016, 13 community members responded to an advertisement to form the Hanson Lysterfield Quarry Community Reference Group. In the past two and a half years, we have met 14 times and have been taken on a site tour of the quarry.

At every meeting, members are presented with information from the relevant specialist or authority in response to our queries or concerns, an operational report from the quarry manager, information updates on future quarry programs or processes, and there are plenty of opportunities for us to comment on or contribute to the forward planning of the quarry.

All 13 of us want to continue membership of the CRG, but we are keen to encourage the participation of more community members. You do not need technical expertise or past experience on committees. You just need a passion for your community and a willingness to share information with your community network.

To obtain a copy of the CRG Fact Sheet, Terms of Reference and an Expression of Interest form, send an email to community.vic@hanson.com.au, or download the information from our webpage at:

<https://www.hanson.com.au/about-us/regulatory-information/lysterfield-quarry/>

Helping Victoria Grow

Our population is set to almost double by 2050 and, to accommodate this growth, the Victorian Government has stated that it needs to build 2.2 million new homes and upgrade its community infrastructure including its schools, hospitals and transport networks.

A key ingredient for all this new infrastructure currently lies beneath the ground in Victoria – more specifically, in Rowville.

Following the launch of the State Government's Extractive Resources Strategy to support the increased major metropolitan infrastructure program, Hanson briefed us on the strategy to be delivered by Earth Resources Regulation assessment, evaluation and compliance.

The report highlights that we need access to local quarry resources to keep the State Government costs of new infrastructure down. The consequential main takeaway of this information being that both the Hanson and Boral quarries are considered to be one of the State Government's top five strategic resource locations and will continue for many years to come.

Further information can be found at:

Joint Ministerial Statement:

http://earthresources.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/1699659/WOVG-joint-statement-extractive-resources.pdf

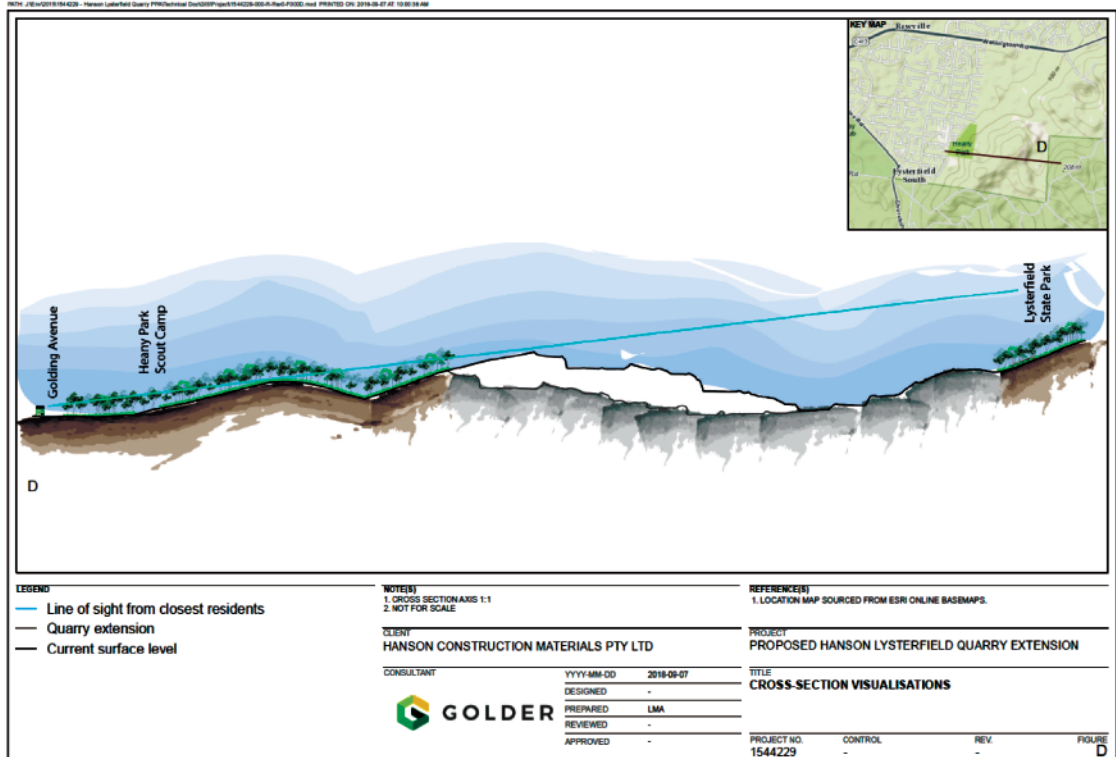
Helping Victoria Grow – Extractive Resources strategy for Victoria:

<http://earthresources.vic.gov.au/earth-resources/industry-and-investment/minerals-development-victoria/extractive-resources-strategy>

Extractive Resources in Victoria; Demand and Supply Study 2015-2050:

<http://earthresources.vic.gov.au/earth-resources/industry-and-investment/minerals-development-victoria/helping-victoria-grow-extractive-resources-in-victoria-demand-and-supply-2015-2050>





Quarry Extension

Hanson is proposing to extend the Lysterfield Quarry's existing extraction limit in the south-west corner of the site. This requires a variation to the Work Plan to be approved by Earth Resources Regulation.

The proposed extension is estimated to net up to an additional 20,000,000 tonnes of rock and extend the projected life of the quarry to approximately 20 to 25 years.

Hanson's proposal is to continue to operate the quarry without significantly changing operation methods. Whilst the life of the quarry would be extended, the current 400 metre minimum buffer distance from houses would be maintained. Cross section visualisations produced by specialist consultants indicate there would be minimal visibility of the extended quarry faces from homes. Refer to the diagram above.

In addition to the operational expansion, Hanson has offered the City of Knox Council the opportunity to fast track the rehabilitation program and commence construction of a level platform to accommodate future sporting facilities in the north-eastern corner of the site. Hanson and Knox City Council are now working together to develop a plan aimed at delivering sporting fields many years earlier.

All information about the quarry extension and the potential development of sporting facilities has been, and will continue to be, presented to us at our regular CRG meetings. However, there are also several opportunities throughout the planning process for the community to source information, review studies and documents and provide their comments to both the City of Knox Council and the State Government of Victoria through the regulator, Earth Resources Regulation. We encourage you to do so.

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