

Meeting Notes

Holcim – Lynwood Quarry Community Consultative Group

Project	Lynwood Quarry Continuation Community Consultative Group	Date	1 December 2023
Time	12:00pm – 1.15 pm		
Chair	Brendan Blakeley	Recorder	Brendan Blakeley
Attendees	Rosemary Turner Susan Pearson Alan Goulder John Nicastri Wayne Beattie, Holcim Kurt Bridges, Holcim Fred Adams, Holcim Mohsen Vafaei Fard, Holcim	Apologies	Clr Bob Kirk GMC

Item	Discussion Point
1.	Welcome and introductions. <ul style="list-style-type: none">» The meeting commenced at 12:00pm.» Brendan Blakeley welcomed participants and introduced himself as the group's independent Chair.» He acknowledged Country and thanked all CCG members for taking the time to participate.» Brendan welcomed Alan to the committee and noted apologies from Clr Bob Kirk.
2.	Quarry update <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Wayne talked through several operational matters over the past few months. Items covered included:<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Key changes in personnel> The Lynwood Quarry EA 2023 has been finalised and the quarry is now operating to the in accordance with this more contemporary approach.> Completion of EPA scheduled licence review which occurs every 2 years. Holcim will work with the EPA to place a new dust monitor at the subdivision so that dust at what is now residential receiver can be measured.> Holcim has been liaising closely with the NSW Resources Regulator that oversees activities at mines and quarries across the state. The Resources Regulator looks at trends in safety reports and data from across NSW to drive improvement in safety across the industry.> The regulator conducts 7 to 8 audits of operations per year, along with 2 annual announced visits. In addition to reviewing documentation, they also meet directly with staff who are working in the field.> Holcim's strong focus on safety has seen no reportable instances since April 2023 and the proactive reporting of over 300 hazards of which only 9 remain open. Keeping an eye out for hazards is part of preventing incidents from occurring.> Holcim is still focussing on managing exposure to silica with a flag set at half the permissible exposure level. In addition to wearing monitors, PPE in areas such as the crushing plant our staff have regular mandatory medical checks.

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- > In 2023 Lynwood's production level has been matched to the level of sales. Overall, it has been a flat year and next year is expected to be the same. It will be important to ensure Lynwood's capacity to respond to the upswing in construction and infrastructure when it occurs.

Environmental update

- » Holcim is establishing a light vehicle access road to the pit. This separates smaller vehicles from roads used by large equipment and tip trucks.
- » The amenity bund is growing well. We have a contract with the landscape company to achieve 95% success rate with planting. The acacia species are starting to come through very strongly.
- » The pit overburden project will stop for the next 5 years as we have access to ample material within the established pit area.

Community Update

- » Community grants program is continuing. Recent projects that have received support include:
 - > Tallong Apple Day Festival
 - > Tallong Public School P&C
 - > Cystic Fibrosis Goulburn
 - > TREK4KIDS (Starlight)
 - > Goulburn Rotary Golf Day.
- » Wayne encouraged CCC members to get word out about the grants program. With Holcim's new approval processes in place applications now need some time to be assessed, so the earlier they are received the better. It was also important that applications demonstrate how the projects will contribute to the community and align with Holcim's criteria for support.
- » In addition to community grants Holcim also has a program for community volunteering where staff can do two paid days each year doing work on community projects.
- » *Rosemary noted that Mohsen recently did some work in the Main Street garden. He put in a great effort, and this is a good program run by Holcim. Mohsens work was greatly appreciated.*

ACTION: Wayne agreed to send Rosemary some copy to promote both the grants and volunteering program

- » No complaints have been received since November 2021.
 - » Holcim is being very proactive with dust management at Lynwood and on windy days will operate 2 water carts. If it is very windy then operations will be shut down.
 - » Blasting complaints are also at nil, now activities are below the drop cut.
 - » As new residents move into the subdivision area Holcim will continue to be proactive with communicating about blasting. The more people who register to receive notification the better.
 - » The quarry was fully compliant in the following areas of operation:
 - > Blasting
 - > Dust Deposition
 - > PM10
 - > Noise
 - > Ground Water
 - > Surface Water.
 - » The team is currently updating management plans for:
 - > Aboriginal Heritage
 - > Box Gum Woodland.
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- » They will also be doing an audit on the Hoary Sunray which is an endangered plant species found on site.
 - » Rehabilitation works are underway for haul roads and the site entry. Over 100 trees have been planted with a survival rate of 95%. Eventually these will block western views of the quarry.
 - » Soil erosion control measures have been implemented on Marulan Creek. These include:
 - > Fencing
 - > Revegetation
 - > Fill rocks
 - > Coir logs
 - » Holcim is working with NPWS to manage kangaroos on site. We have a strong focus on pest management having found foxes, feral cats, pigs, and deer.
 - » Next year Holcim proposes to undertake cultural burns sometime in winter when the fire risk is at its lowest. We have identified a risk of fires entering the site from across the northern boundary.
 - » Fred noted Holcim was very proud of their Lynwood conservation program.
 - » Holcim is also looking to increase the number of nesting boxes on site to around 200 over the next 2 years.
 - » Day and night surveys of wildlife would be starting next week, and these would target sugar gliders, possums, and parrots.
 - » Several eagles have also been observed around the site.
 - » Drone weed control is likely to continue. Holcim is looking at purchasing their own drone for the site. The next weed program will target serrated tussock.
 - » *Rosemary noted it would be good to put this type of information into the Messenger.*
 - » Planning for the Cultural Heritage Centre is continuing. Adam Cowe has been appointed as the manager of this project and he is seeking EOIs from contractors to construct the centre.
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3. **General Discussion**

- » Other discussion items included:
 - > *Concerns about the increase in deer within the Marulan area*
 - > *A query about liaison with the new solar farm.*
 - > Holcim noted they have had one meeting with the operator of the proposed farm. The understanding is that construction will start in late Q1 2024. Holcim is keen to discuss the potential for green energy options with them.
 - > *Clarification was sought about permissible uses on the quarry site.*
 - > Wayne noted that the consent allowed for quarrying activities and conservation purposes.
 - > *John Nicastrì commented that works in the park were looking good and he thanked Holcim for their contribution to these works. He noted the flagpole is bent and asked if it would be possible for Holcim to look at a replacement flagpole.*
 - > Wayne suggested that John put in an application on Progress Association letterhead.
 - > *John noted that Holcim had a very good reputation amongst people in town.*
 - > Wayne and Fred thanked John and Rosemary for their feedback.
 - » Draft minutes would be distributed for review within two-three weeks.
 - » It was agreed the next CCC meeting would occur sometime around Easter in 2024.
 - » If there are any immediate operations related matters, members are encouraged to contact Mohsen.
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- » Brendan can be reached by email at Brendan@elumni.au and phone **0412 686 026**
 - » Brendan thanked members for their involvement
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4. Correspondence from EMM Consulting.

- » EMM Consulting has been engaged by Holcim to undertake the 2023 Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) of the Lynwood Quarry.
- » In accordance with Schedule 5 Condition 11 of development consent DA 128-5-2005 and the Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (Department of Planning and Environment, 2020), consultation with the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) members is required to assist in informing the audit scope.
- » EMM have prepared the attached correspondence for issue to CCC members seeking advice regarding areas of compliance or environmental management at Lynwood Quarry, that should be of particular focus and included within the IEA scope.

ACTION: Chair to distribute letter - attached

5. Meeting close – 1.20 pm

Attachment 1 – Correspondence EMM Consulting

Attachment 2 – Meeting Presentation

6 December 2023

Lynwood Quarry - Community Consultative Committee
Via email

Re: Lynwood Quarry (DA128-5-2005) - Independent Environment Audit

Dear Community Consultative Committee Member

EMM Consulting (EMM) has been engaged by Lynwood Quarry to undertake the 2023 Independent Environmental Audit (IEA). The IEA is required in accordance with Schedule 5 Condition 11 of development consent DA 128-5-2005 as modified, and is required to occur every 3 years. With the purpose of the IEA being to obtain an independent and objective assessment of the environmental performance and compliance status of Lynwood Quarry.

To assist in informing the IEA scope, EMM request that Community Consultative Committee (CCC) members please advise of any areas of compliance or environmental management at Lynwood Quarry, that should be of particular focus and included within the IEA scope.

Broadly the current IEA scope includes:

- to assess the environmental performance of MPO and its compliance with DA 128-5-2005, Environment Protection Licence (EPL 12939), Mining Leases and Water Licences;
- review the adequacy of strategies and all management plans or programs required under DA 128-5-2005 including whether MPO has met the progressive performance and completion criteria; and
- if necessary, recommend appropriate measures or actions to improve the environmental performance.

The IEA is to be conducted and reported to the satisfaction of the Secretary, Department of Planning and Environment (DPE), and will be conducted in accordance with the Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (DPE, 2020).

Comments received from the CCC will be recorded and reported in the IEA, to be submitted to DPE and made publicly available. It would be appreciated if CCC members could advise of any considerations by 19 December 2023.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely



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Community Consultation Committee Meeting: 1st December 2023



Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Site Operations Update**
- 3. Community Update**
- 4. Environmental Update**
- 5. Other items and discussions**



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Site Operations Update



Operations Update

Internal Staff Changes

- Dozie Egeonu joined Holcim as the Environment Manager - NSW & ACT
- Ryan Burke appointed as the Lynwood Quarry Pit Manager
- Marta MARCHWICKA Joined Lynwood Quarry as Technical Supervisor
- Lynwood Quarry EA 2023 finalised in May 2023.
- EPA scheduled licence review conducted on 19th Sept .
- Resources Regulator - held annual Mechanical engineering seminar in Oct
- Group Global HARP audit also conducted in October
- Site performance - 318 hazards reported YTD 2023 (9 x currently Open)

Operations Update cont.

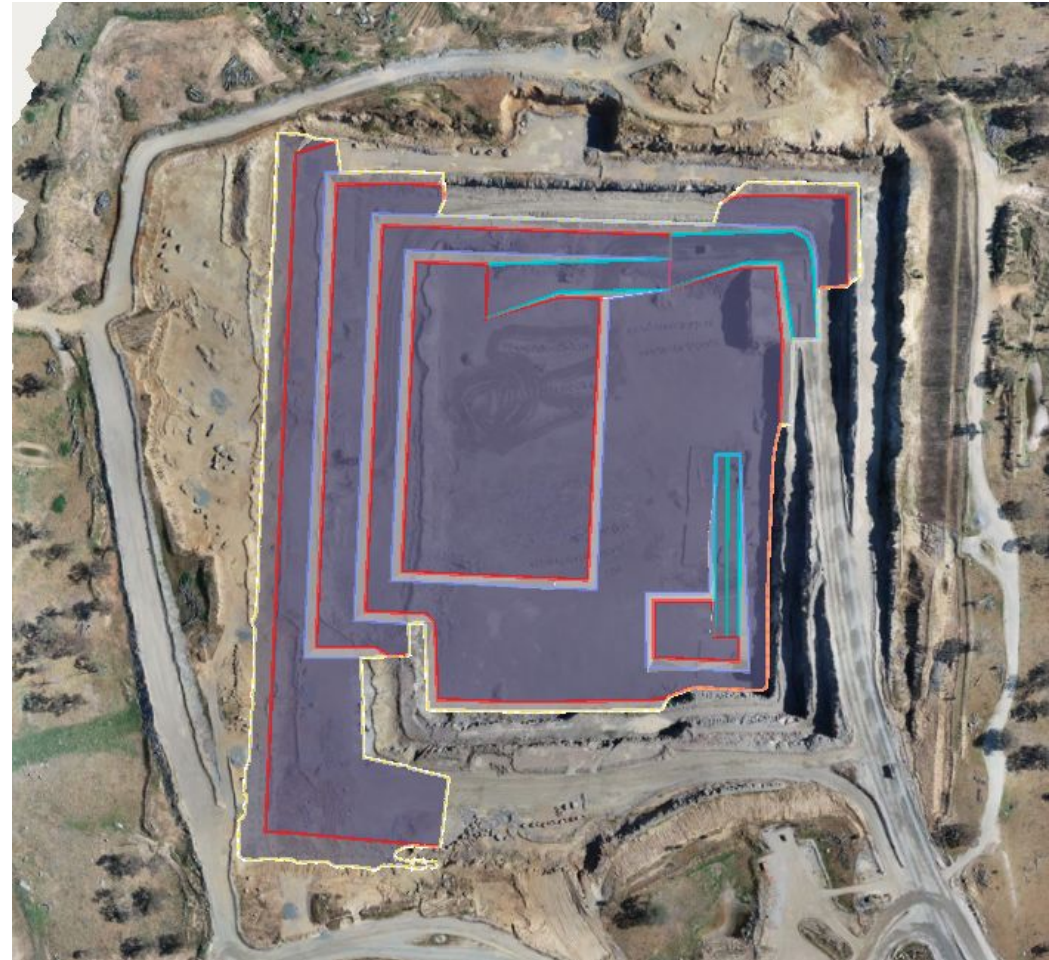
- YTD Production figures
 - Yield
 - Sales figures
- Contractor engagement
 - Review of resources to suit quarry output
 - Strengthened key local suppliers
 - Job preservation for full time Holcim employees
- No reportable incidents since last CCC meeting in April 2023.
- 318 Hazards raised YTD (9 open)
- Outlook for the next 6 months
- Light vehicle pit access road installed



Granite Pit Update

Current Pit Development

- Progressing as per the development consent and 5 Year Mine plan.
- Overburden removal project will ceased in June 2023.
- 2024 pit plan is to open up the floor and preparing to commence another drop cut.



Granite Update cont.



Granite Update cont.

Amenity Bund

The amenity bund is mostly covered by natural vegetation. Acacia trees begin to grow on the northern side of the bund. The planted trees all along from northern side to the south are thriving, and Holcim conducts quarterly maintenance to ensure a minimum survival rate of 95% for these trees.





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Community Update



Community Update

Community Investment Fund

- All applications for sponsorship/donations that are received are being assessed as they are submitted, this will be the process moving forward as all submissions now require CEO approval.
- Lynwood Quarry will continue to support the local community and local business as much as possible by utilising the services of local people and businesses.



Community Update cont.

Community Engagement Program 2023

Holcim will continue to supported community initiatives. YTD we have provided support for the following groups, we look forward to providing additional support to the community in 2023.

- Tallong Apple Day Festival
- Tallong Public School P&C
- Cystic Fibrosis Goulburn
- TREK4KIDS (Starlight)
- Goulburn Rotary Golf Day



Community Update cont.

In June 2023, Holcim had a great opportunity to contribute by supplying natural rocks and volunteering in the planting of these natural bush rocks and trees on George Street in Marulan.

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LOCAL QUARRIES' COMMUNITY SPIRIT

The Marulan Historical Society and the Marulan Volunteers are extremely grateful for the input from two of our local quarries, with the beautification and planting of the garden between George Street and Post Office Lane. After much discussion and various plans, action was taken – Gunlake donated money towards buying all the native plants from the Welby Garden Centre and with the help of Holcim's Volunteer Programme, we finally saw our plans put into action.

Weeds were removed, grasses relocated, the new plants went in and were watered and the area was enhanced by local lichen covered rocks sourced and placed by Holcim. We look forward now to the plants surviving and growing to provide year round colour and refuges for wildlife and birds as well as making our town more attractive and welcoming.



Mohsen and Nev 'planting' the rocks



Mohsen, Jay, Malcolm, Elijah and Sarah, planting and watering



Left, above and below – the finished garden





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Environmental Update



Complaints & Community Consultation

Since November 2021, Lynwood has not received any complaints from the community.

Holcim will continue to engage in community consultation with blast enquiries and requests to continue to be added to the blast notification register



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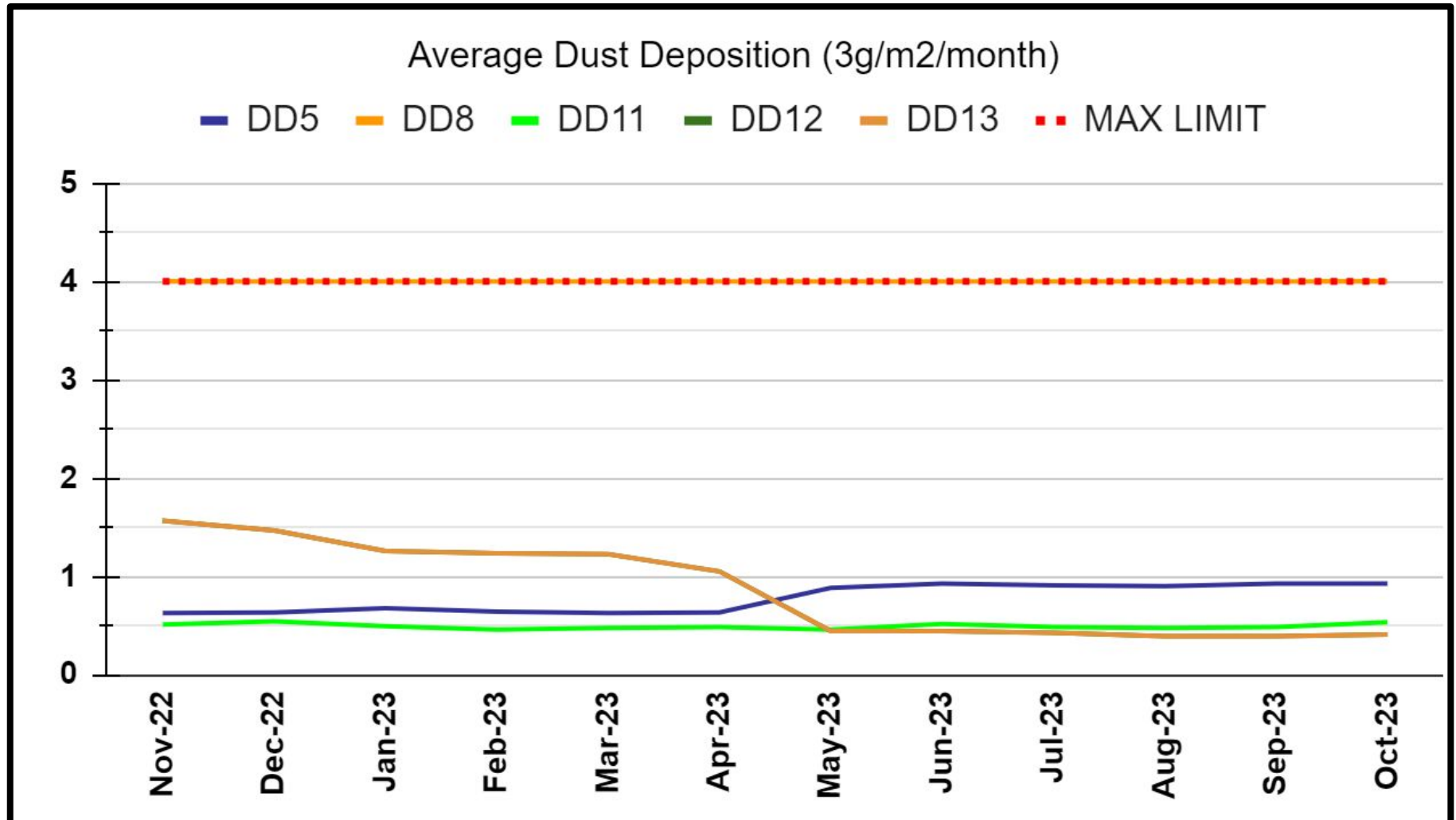
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Compliance

- ✓ Blasting - Compliant
- ✓ Dust Deposition - Compliant
- ✓ PM10 - Compliant
- ✓ Noise - Compliant
- ✓ Ground Water - Compliant
- ✓ Surface Water - Compliant



Depositional Dust Monitoring Results



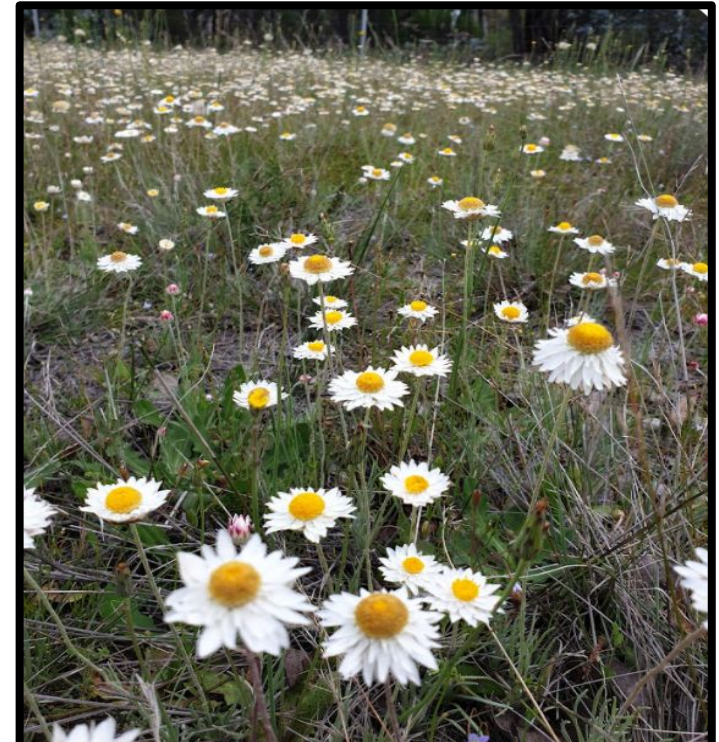
Management

- The Box Gum Woodland Management Plan continues to be reviewed and updated with assistance and input from the DAWE to ensure Lynwood is leading the way forward in biodiversity and conservation.

Holcim has engaged an environmental specialist to conduct baseline studies and various test samples to ensure the greatest success rate of targeted rehabilitation.

- The Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan has been updated and the final draft will be submitted

Plans



Hoary Sunray (*Leucochrysum albicans* var. *tricolor*) Endangered

Granite Update cont.

Haul Road

Plantation of approximately 1000 trees was completed on the western side of haul road in July 2023.

Holcim continues with quarterly maintenance to achieve a minimum 95% survival rate for the newly planted trees.



Environmental Update cont.

Rehabilitation



Environmental Update cont.

Soil Erosion Control at Marulan Creek



Gully head erosion associated with Marulan Creek

Environmental Update cont.



The area was filed with midd granite rocks along the MRN82 fencing area

Environmental Update cont.



Heavy grass seeding was done and coir logs were placed around the area to help revegetation and protect the area from erosion.

Environmental Update cont.

Pest Management update

Lynwood obtained necessary approvals/licenses from NPWS to address issues related to Eastern Gray Kangaroos

- The first Kangaroo Reduction Operation (KRO) occurred on August 12, 2023.
50 Eastern Kangaroos removed site
- Another (2nd) operation took place on November 4, 2023.
50 Eastern Kangaroos removed site
- The upcoming operation will be scheduled for February 2024



NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS)



Cultural Burns

Holcim is setting dates and method for cultural burns (with local contractor / aboriginal community) in aboriginal heritage areas in June/July 2024.



Environmental Update cont.

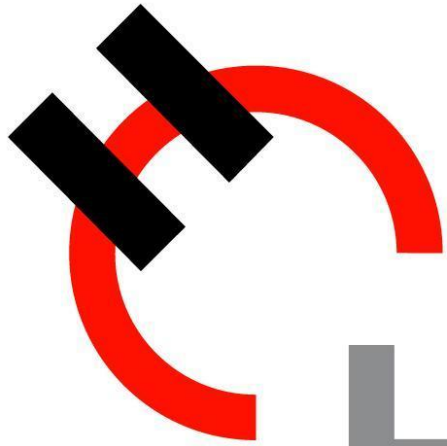
- **The Lynwood Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Project**
- Adam Cowe has been appointed as the project manager
- Expectation that a Construction Certificate will be obtained in Dec 2023
Budget costings are being updated and requests for contractor details are about to go out.



Next 6 months

- Continue working with the DAWE to improve EPBC compliance
- Granite pit works - continue to develop drop cut into RL310 level
- Commence construction of Cultural Heritage Centre.





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