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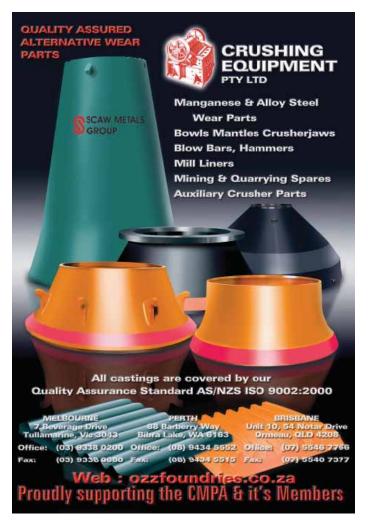


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### FROM THE CMPA SECRETARIAT

### Fifty Issues of CMPA News!

CMPA Newsletter's original editor, MIKE McCANN, reflects on the growth in the magazine from its first edition to the current 50th edition of *Sand & Stone*.

THERE has been a great deal of progress from the first CMPA News back in June 2000 to the current 50th edition of Sand & Stone. This reflects the growth in the CMPA as a professional industry association that assists its Members to further grow their businesses.

The first *CMPA News* was a four page black and white photocopied production that focused on establishing the association and communicating its aims and objectives. Associate Members were first to advertise in Edition 2 and many are Members who still advertise in today's *Sand & Stone* including CK Prowse & Associates, Focus Creative Development (then KLM Gerner Consulting Group), Indeco, Jaques and William Adams. What loyalty over the last ten years!

The support of the CMPA Members over the last ten years has seen the association and the newsletter expand and evolve. As the newsletter grew and became more involved, the Secretariat with the assistance of a media professional in Tom McKenny, took over the production of the blue covered, twenty two page CMPA News and Trading Guide from November 2002 with edition 8. The title was shortened to CMPA News in July 2004 and turned into a black and white, glossy, twenty four page production with edition 25 in February 2006. The magazine further grew into the current Sand & Stone, glossy, colour, up to thirty six page production in edition 39 of July 2008. Since then, the front cover has regularly featured CMPA Members and their business.

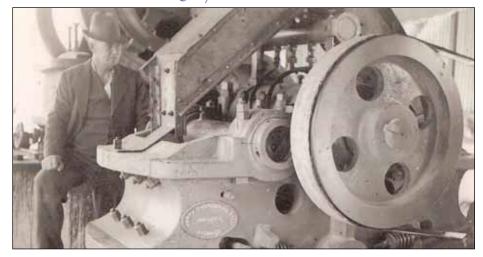
During this time, the magazine has produced stories that cover all areas of CMPA interest and industry news. There are many stories covering Annual Dinners, workshops, health and safety issues, government policy and legislation along with education and training updates, all with the aim to educate and foster communication between CMPA Members. Of course, many Members do not look as young as they did in photos from earlier editions!

Well done to all the people involved in the production of the magazine over the last ten years. It certainly takes time and effort to produce such a quality magazine every two months. *Sand & Stone* is now recognised as a leading industry publication with articles relevant to all in the construction material processing business.

I am confident that the magazine will continue to grow and expand into the future. I notice that the CMPA is introducing the CMPA Innovation Awards this year to recognise and reward new ideas and business improvement. This is just another example of how CMPA is working to grow the operational abilities of its Members. Sand & Stone is a key vehicle to communicate this to all industry participants.

Congratulations on the 50th edition. I look forward with interest to the bright future for *Sand & Stone* and the CMPA.

### Site Photo – McKenzie Creek Quarry





### GOVERNMENT TAX REVIEW

The Commonwealth Government's implementation of the Henry Tax Review has made the following changes relevant to the quarrying and small business sectors:

- The Resource Super Profits Tax (40% tax on profits above a set amount) MAY apply to the extraction of low value construction materials such as sand and stone. This issue will need to be resolved with Government.
- Reduce the company tax rate for small business companies from 30% to 28% effective from 2012-13.
- Allow an instant write off for small businesses who buy assets with a value of up to \$5,000.
- Enable small businesses to calculate all other depreciation deductions by allocating all depreciating assets to a single 'pool' which will be subject to a 30% write off.
- Increasing the Superannuation Guarantee rate from 9% to 12% by 2020.
- Introduce a Resource Exploration Rebate which allows an immediate rebate of 30% of expenditure spent on exploring for "quarry minerals" after 1 July 2011.

Contact the CMPA Secretariat on how these changes will impact on your business.



### **RECENT EVENTS**

Announcement of CMPA Innovation Awards (see page 17 for more detail).

CMPA Day at Bendigo with tour of Allstone Quarries, Guarding Workshop followed by Members General Meeting (see page 8 for more detail).

CMPA met with Tony DeDomenico of the Urban Development Institute of Australia to discuss how the costs of construction material affects house affordability.

Secretariat held discussions with Tom McKenny on how to update the look and feel of the CMPA magazine and manuals. Look out for the new, improved look in an upcoming edition of *Sand & Stone*!

CMPA representatives met with Percy Pillai, Health & Safety Representative Support Officer to discuss the upcoming CMPA Health & Safety Representative Workshop.

Submission to the EPA on their draft Noise from Industry in Country Victoria guideline.

Shot Firers Refresher Training & Assessment conducted at Box Hill.

Work Safely and Conduct Crushing & Screening training courses were held at Bendigo.

Comments were made on the DPI's Draft Extractive Industry Work Plan Guideline.

CMPA attended the DPI Earth Resources Regulation Stakeholders Forum.

## **CMPA NEWS**

### By CMPA SECRETARIAT

Welcome to the 50th edition of CMPA News! Below is a summary of the latest news and happenings from the CMPA Secretariat.

### NEW WORK PLAN GUIDELINE

The CMPA has provided comments to DPI on the draft of the updated Extractive Industry Work Plan Guideline. This guideline outlines the requirements of the scope of a work plan and replaces previous guidance material (G3 and G4). Thank you to the members who provided input into the CMPA comments. The final version of the guideline will be available shortly from DPI.

Copies of the draft guideline are available from http://new.dpi.vic.gov.au/earthresources/whats-new.

#### **FREE OHS REVIEW**

The CMPA with the assistance of WorkSafe has a number of free reviews of your sites OHS system and issues until the end of June 2010. These consist of a 3 hour session with an OHS consultant who will develop an action plan for your business to move forward at no cost to you.

Any business with less than 50 employees is encouraged to apply – CMPA Member or not. As this is being funded by the State Government, this is an opportunity not to be missed.

To book a session, contact the Secretariat - get in now before the end of financial year.

### **CHANGE IN STAFF**

Roger Buckley has resigned from his position as CMPA Executive Director as he's accepted an offer to work with the Victorian office of the CCAA in their policy and government relations area. "I have really enjoyed my time over the last 11 months with the CMPA and I thank all the Members and Management Committee for their support and assistance" Roger said. "I look forward to working with the CMPA in the future on common policy issues. An industry wide approach to government where possible, often yields the best results" he added.

### WORKSAFE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Get the latest information direct from WorkSafe on:

- Changes to the law what do the reforms of the Accident Compensation Act mean for your business? These reforms are designed to reduce red tape for employers as well as significant changes in the area of return to work.
- Safer workplaces find out how to meet and exceed you health and safety obligations and get access to the latest information on topical issues.
- Your WorkSafe premium for 2010/11 – Learn about the important link between better safety, effective return to work practices and the amount you pay in premiums.

Don't wait until you have a WorkSafe inspector knocking on your door to find out what your obligations are. Act now! Visit www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/register to book your place now. Sessions are scheduled for various regional centres and metropolitan Melbourne until 11th June 2010.

### NOISE IN COUNTRY VICTORIA

The CMPA recently provided a submission to the EPA on their draft Noise from Industry in Country Victoria guideline. Key points made include:

- Supports earth resource noise limits not being planning based
- Supports the new noise limits being slightly higher than previous guideline
- Notes that the new noise limits may drive quarries to be located in areas with higher background noise, impacting on potential buffer distances
- Notes that some operations may find it difficult to operate before 7am and Saturday afternoons
- There are concerns regarding the cost of ongoing site monitoring and welcomes EPA advice on cost effective methodology and equipment.

#### **EES PROCESS INQUIRY**

The CMPA recently provided a submission to the Parliamentary Environment & Natural Resources Committee Inquiry into the EES Process in Victoria. This submission was developed in consultation with the CCAA but with separate submissions with many similar points made by the two organisations. The CMPA submission made the following key points:

- Regulatory bodies should make decisions based on evidence according to the triple bottom line of socialenvironmental-economic values without undue political pressure.
- Mandatory time frames for certain milestone decisions should be introduced and enforced.
- An appeal mechanism for proponents should be introduced.
- Streamline and synchronise the EPA Works Approval and MRSDA requirements with the EES process.
- Industry experts are available to advice government during the EES process.
- Senior government officials (at least Director level) are required to attend Technical Reference Group meetings.

#### **SAFETY MATTERS**

A key role of the CMPA is to assist industry in working towards a safer work place. Quarry operators should be proactive in safety by developing a body of documented evidence that can prove they have been actively developing a safe work environment.

Attendance at CMPA Workshops, attending the Work Safely course (see page 33 for details), obtaining a free OHS review through the CMPA and a full complement of CMPA operator checklists contributes to such evidence should the need arise.

WorkSafe's compliance branch has recently finalised 94 prosecutions under the Occupational Health and Safety Act with fines totaling \$5 million. There has also been an increasing trend to prosecute directors or company owners, with three directors recently prosecuted for failing in the duty to ensure their company was complying with the Occupational Health and Safety Act. One has yet to be sentenced. Another was found guilty and fined \$25,000. A third director was fined \$3,000 without conviction for failing to ensure their company complied with an improvement notice.

### STATUTORY WORK PLAN PROPOSAL

DPI sought industry comment on their proposal for the endorsed work plan to become a statutory process. Due to the strong support for the proposal from the CCAA and the MCA, DPI has included this proposal in their Review of the MRSDA Stage 1 bundle of legislation that was presented to Minister Batchelor, despite the objection of the CMPA. It will then be put forward into a Bill for passing into legislation by Parliament, probably in August/September 2010, just sneaking in before the next election.

### FREE EMPLOYEE HEALTH CHECKS

WorkSafe is offering free 15 minute health checks for employees of small businesses. The aim of these checks is to identify and reduce preventable chronic disease by checking blood pressure, cholesterol and other lifestyle risk factors that impact health. Early detection of the risk factors not only means healthier employees, but importantly can lead to reduced absenteeism and increased productivity in your workplace. The checks are conducted in private by a qualified health professional.

For more information or to apply for WorkHealth checks call 1800 136 089 or visit www.workhealth.vic.gov.au

### **FUNDING FOR TRAINING**

An additional \$25 million from the Commonwealth Government has been made available to fund training of people wishing to obtain a Certificate II, III or Diploma qualification, including qualifications from the nationally accredited extractive industry training package. Small businesses with less than 100 employees may be eligible for financial assistance up to 90% of course costs.

Contact Ray Townsend of SkillsDMC National Industry Skills Council on 0429 00438 or vicregion@skillsdmc.com.au for more information.

#### **JOB OPPORTUNITY**

*Foreman / Supervisor:* Full time position at an outer metro quarry – located at Castella on the Melba Highway. Knowledge of quarry operations, OH&S and Mobile Plant preferred. Resume to: Castella Quarries, PO Box 420, Yarra Glen, 3775 or email: castellaq@bigpond.com

### HEALTH & SAFETY REPS. WORKSHOP

Are you aware of your obligations with respect to HSR's on your site?

- Do your Health & Safety Rep's want to better understand their role in an industry context?
- Do you want to identify common issues, risks and workable solutions in this industry?
- Do you want your Health & Safety Rep's to get to know other Health & Safety Reps so that you can work together in the future?
- Are you aware of the proposed harmonisation of OH&S laws across Australia?
- Do your Health & Safety Rep's have linkages with WorkSafe and the industry's Health & Safety Representative Support Officer?

If so, you need to attend the CMPA HSR Workshop.

- DATE: Thursday 17th June 2010
- TIME: Noon 4pm
- WHERE: William Adams,

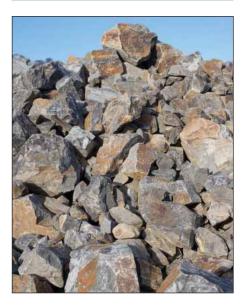
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### MEMBERS DAY OUT IN BENDIGO

### CMPA SECRETARIAT reports on the successful day recently held at Bendigo for CMPA Members.

THE fine morning of 18th March 2010 saw over 40 representatives of the quarry industry from all over Victoria meet at the All Season Quality Inn at Bendigo to get on the bus for the tour out to the Allstone basalt quarry near Newbridge.

Tim and Wes Bird, Quarry Manager Kelvin Nicholson and all the Allstone team had put in a great effort to have the operation in tip top shape for the site tour. The sales team from Astec and JCI was also on hand to give a run down on the new JCI Kodiak K400+ cone crusher which operated beautifully.

Then it was back on the bus back into Bendigo for a quick bite of lunch before Sarah Andrews facilitated the Guarding Workshop. WorkSafe provided an overview of operator's legal obligations with participants then working in groups through key guarding issues, discussing pros and cons of various attachment methods and developing Job Safety Analysis procedures for the various guarding situations encountered on fixed plant.

After a short break, the CMPA Members General Meeting was held. This was an opportunity to be updated on some key issues by the experts such as:

- Adrian Town of CMPA who provided a summary of the CMPA Reference Manuals,
- Colin Thornton of DPI who gave a summary of rehabilitation bonds,
- John Pititto of Mead Partners who outlined some handy hints on managing credit during these economic conditions,
- Graeme Newman of VicRoads who presented an overview of recent changes to specification and an idea of future directions, and
- Roger Buckley of CMPA who provided a quick summary of recent interactions with Government and asked for input into future CMPA activities.

This was followed by a BBQ dinner and networking with other Members. A total of 60 CMPA Members, government staff and other industry personnel participated in the various aspects of the day. Thanks to all those who helped make the day such a success, especially the presenters.

All presentations made on the day can be viewed on the CMPA website www.cmpavic.asn.au. Have a look at them today!

### CMPA Member, Brian Calovic, provides his summary of the CMPA day at Bendigo.

### **ALLSTONE QUARRIES VISIT**

I was very impressed with the presentation of the quarry site. It appeared to be very well managed and extremely clean and tidy. It definitely left me feeling embarrassed on the condition of my own site. Full credit to the team at Allstone.

We inspected their new JCI Kodiak K400+ cone crusher, a 400 tph capacity floating top shell cone crusher. Overall height was approx 2m so a very compact machine compared to a J50. CSS was set on 28mm and I'm told it would be able to comfortably open to a CSS of 40mm with spare draft from new. Draft range was from 4.25"-14.00".

It has a sensor that counts movement on the locking ring threads as it is adjusted to determine CSS with potential for automated CSS adjustments. It also had a fixed wear indicator to give operators an idea of manganese life. Although this does not mean daily checks are removed, it has potential for some form of automation.

Manganese changes appear to be done easily. It has a tramp metal relief system that uses a mechanical hydraulic pressure relief valve system to release the top shell and relieve pressure. This system is also used to empty the crusher chamber after a power failure or crusher stop event.

Everyone at Allstone had nothing but praise for the machine. They had a parts issue in the early stages but now they had parts EX-USA within 2 days.

The machine appeared to flow well with good reduction size passing the crusher. They had a problem with motor overload set at 535A but have not had a problem since raising the load limit to 570A.

The motor was purchased second hand and overhauled. Drive system is a single belt driven by splined pulleys. Hydraulic components were located outside of the machine, with good access for maintenance.

The electronic control box supplied with the crusher seemed operator friendly. The two representatives from JCI USA were very knowledgeable and keen to get a shot at the Australian market. All people representing the crusher came across as very proud and excited with their product. The crusher would be a good option to consider if you were in the market for a crusher of this type.

### **CMPA FIXED PLANT GUARDING WORKSHOP**

The visit to Allstone was followed with the Guarding Workshop back in Bendigo. During the Workshop it was interesting to hear what others do on their sites and what individuals think is appropriate or not in their own applications.

I do think that the issue of guarding should be a simple one. If it moves or has the potential to injure someone then it must be guarded. The guard should be bolted or locked in place some way that a tool is required to remove it and ensures that the person has consciously made the decision to remove the guard. Electrical interlocks work well but may not be practicable for all applications.

While some methods of guarding and attaching guarding are debatable the fact that guards must be fitted to protect people from injury should be a 'no brainer'.

I was horrified listening to what some people were saying on what they considered acceptable. Equally horrified by how many owners/

### Guarding Workshop at All Seasons Bendigo



operators/managers were happy to stick their heads in the sand. How do we get people to put guards back on? This is clearly a thing of culture that needs to be inserted into people's brains as not negotiable. Management need to enforce and monitor this.

Cleaning under guards and removing guards was also a point raised several times. While we are all about production and achieving production outcomes, surely safety must take precedence. Why not look a step back at the reason for the spillage and address that. There are of course break downs but in those out of the ordinary circumstances do we not just stop, repair & resume. If the procedure is to stop production and safely resolve, then so be it.

It always gets me how people will argue to comply with minimum standards not maximum achievable safety protection. Guarding is there to limit our liability and most importantly protect us from injury. If it needs a nut & bolt, if it takes time, if we need to walk to the workshop and get a tool, etc, etc, just do it!

If we considered ourselves or our own loved ones what would we want? The minimum standards or the best protection?

### **CMPA MEMBERS GENERAL MEETING**

It's always good to attend these meetings for networking and to hear from very informative speakers. It does however make for a long day. Unfortunately we did have to leave early after the meeting with the long drive home.

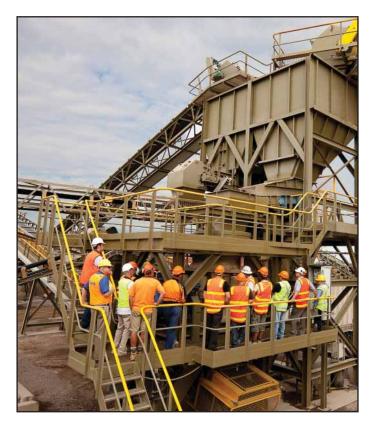
Adrian Town of the CMPA provided an overview of the CMPA Reference Manuals. These manuals are something the CMPA should be proud of, given the amount of time and effort needed to put something like this together.

Colin Thornton from the DPI provided a talk on rehabilitation bonds. He gave a summary of the how the bonds system works and a few suggestions on how to minimise them. The question and answer time indicated that this is still a contentious issue for many operators.

The financial cash flow talk from John Pititto of Mead Partners was interesting and informative (see the Mead Partners article on page 22). He made some good points that can be looked at from all levels. Cash flow is something that could be better managed.

Graeme Newman from VicRoads provided an overview of specification changes and Vic Road's future directions which was also very informative. I was not aware that these changes were taking place. I am concerned about changes being made to the 7mm specification and flats on sealing aggregates. I will be interested to see how the registration of product blends works out. Also looks like there is planned to be an easing of test requirements which is a good thing. The issue of VicRoads needing to oversee the transport contractors and not just focus on the quarries was also raised. •

Above: Site Visit to Allstone Quarry Below: Inspection of the new JCI Kodiak K400+ cone crusher



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### Native Vegetation – Clarifying the Issues

The CMPA SECRETARIAT attempts to clarify some of the issues that commonly occur in applying the Native Vegetation Framework to extractive industry projects.

VICTORIA'S Native Vegetation Management: A Framework for Action (the Framework) was released in 2002. The primary goal for native vegetation management is a reversal of the long term decline in the extent and quality of native vegetation, leading to Net Gain.

Since 2002, numerous guidelines, information sheets and forms have been developed to explain how this simple concept is enacted in practice. Working your way through all this material requires the assistance of a professional, but even then there can be differences in perspectives and understanding between operators, consultants and DSE staff.

In 2009, the Native Vegetation Management Guide for the Earth Resource Industries (the Guide) was jointly published by DPI and DSE after industry feedback, including the CMPA's. It aimed to provide guidelines for the many specific issues faced by the quarrying and mining sectors. This has certainly been a useful step forward and helped to clarify many native vegetation issues specific to mining and quarrying. However, it is not until the Guide has been used by a wide variety of users that some areas of misunderstanding or confusion have come to light.

Some following points of clarification have recently been received from DSE on some of the issues in the Guide that were causing confusion.

**QUESTION** – Are the Offset Plan and Offset Management Plan the same term?



Site Photo – Port of Portland

**DSE RESPONSE** – Yes, these terms are interchangeable terms but relate to the same document (this inconsistency will be amended when the Guide is reviewed).

**QUESTION** – There has been some misunderstanding on the timing of submission and required detail of the Offset Plan (OP). The flowchart on page 2 of the Guide indicates that an OP is required to be submitted with the draft Work Plan to DPI for DSE to assess, and if appropriate, for DSE to then respond to DPI that the Work Plan can be endorsed. On the other hand, Section 5 of the Guide states that "Once clearing has been approved by the Responsible Authority and/or DSE, a proponent is required to draft an OP.....,", which implies that the detailed OP is only required later in the Planning Permit approval stage, not with the submission of the draft Work Plan stage.

**DSE RESPONSE** – As part of approving the removal of native vegetation, DSE/DPI must be satisfied that the three step approach of avoid/minimise/offset has been followed. This includes being satisfied through the information provided by the proponent that offsets are available/achievable. DSE requires this to be provided in the form of a draft



OP at the Work Plan stage. Requiring the submission of a draft OP encourages native vegetation removal and offset liabilities to be considered at the planning stage. This enables the proponent to understand their native vegetation liabilities at the outset and reduces the risk of issues arising at a later stage.

It should be noted that for Very High Conservation Significance (VHCS) native vegetation, the offsets must be 'initiated' prior to the loss. This includes the approval of the finalised OP by DSE. For all other (non VHCS) losses, this OP must be approved by DSE as soon as practicable after the native vegetation is removed and no later than 12 months. For Very High Conservation Significance (VHCS) native vegetation the removal must also be approved by the Minister.

In order to clarify the process described above in the Guide, the wording of Section 5 will be clarified and the flowchart revised to include two separate pathways, one for VHCS and the other for non-VHCS. The flow chart will also be amended to note that the initial OP submitted is a draft OP.

**QUESTION** – Are Section 173/69 agreements required to be in place prior to a Work Plan being endorsed as Appendix 3, p22 of the Guide indicates that 'security' arrangements must be investigated, not necessarily in place, in an OP?

**DSE Response** – Section 2.2.4 of the Guide indicates that ..... offsets must be secure (on title) and ongoing. Therefore, prior to a tenement (or Work Authority) being relinquished, all offsets must be secured on title with an ongoing agreement.

This differs from the standard requirement and is a concession for the earth resources industry in recognition of the security afforded to these sites from the DPI's ongoing regulation. For example, the standard, non earth resource industry requirement DSE has established for offsets being 'initiated' includes security arrangements being in place. It should be noted that any draft OP would benefit from outlining how the security will be provided in the future, or at minimum, the options available for securing the offsets on title, once the Work Authority is relinquished.

It would be beneficial for proponents to understand these requirements earlier rather than later in the process.

CMPA Note: The proposal by DPI to make the endorsement of the work plan a statutory process should not change this requirement for security arrangements for offsets to be in place prior to the Work Authority being relinquished, rather than prior to endorsement of the work plan.

Copies of the Vegetation Management Guide for the Earth Resource Industries are available from the DPI website at http://new.dpi.vic.gov. au/earth-resources/earth-resources-industries/ minerals/guidelines



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## Cultural Heritage Management Plans – A User's Guide

IAN HAMM, Executive Director Aboriginal Affairs Victoria provides an overview of how to deal with Aboriginal heritage issues.

VICTORIA has been a great place to live for many thousands of years. The result of this is physical remnants of earlier lives – Aboriginal places and objects. There are also places of spiritual importance that may appear in legends and stories. All such places are important as a connection for Aboriginal people between the present and the past. For Aboriginal Victorians, such places carry cultural, spiritual, social and political meaning. For all Victorians, these places tell the story of the State, and provide valuable scientific insights into the way that all of our ancestors used the environment in the past.

These places are often fragile and vulnerable to harm from modern industry and development. The Victorian Government in 1972 decided that Aboriginal heritage required legislative protection. That protection continues today.

The Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 states that an Aboriginal place or object cannot be harmed without permission. Permission is granted either through a cultural heritage permit or a cultural heritage management plan. But for many extractive industry activities, a Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) will be more appropriate than a permit. Let's have a look at the process.

First, you have to determine if you actually need one. A CHMP will be required if you are planning to do any of the following activities on land identified as an area of cultural heritage sensitivity:

- An activity that requires an Environment Effects Statement (EES)
- An activity that requires an extractive industry work authority under s.77I of the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990
- Extracting or removing stone (other than sand or sandstone) using machinery that doesn't require a work authority, but is for the sale or commercial use of the stone or the use of the stone in construction, building, road or manufacturing works and the size of the extraction is more than 2000 sq m.



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- Extracting sand or sandstone by machinery that doesn't require a work authority, except:
  - if that sand or sandstone is from a farm and for non-commercial purposes; or
  - if the sand or sandstone is for or on behalf of DSE for DSE works; or
  - if it is for marine navigational purposes or the establishment or renourishment of a beach; or
  - for a port facility, railway or tunnel; or
  - for the footings or foundations of a building or structure.





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- Searching for stone that would cause significant ground disturbance.
- Extracting or removing loose stone from agricultural land on the Victorian Volcanic Plain.

If you are planning any of these activities, check to see if the land where you are planning to work is an area of cultural heritage sensitivity. Do this by looking at the GeoVic website (http://new.dpi.vic.gov. au/earth-resources). Zoom into your land and add the Aboriginal heritage layer to the map.

If a CHMP is needed the next step is to find a cultural heritage advisor to prepare it. Aboriginal Affairs Victoria (AAV) has a list of advisors on its website (see below). We recommend that you obtain at least three quotes. Be as detailed as possible about your proposed activity when asking for a quote.

The cultural heritage advisor will take control of the CHMP process. In order to comply with the Act you must:

- Notify the relevant Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP), if there is one, AAV and affected landowners, in writing, of your intent to prepare a CHMP. Allow 14 days for a response from the RAP. If the RAP doesn't respond within this time, or declines to evaluate the CHMP, you must notify AAV of the RAP's decision. AAV will then evaluate the CHMP.
- If there is no RAP, AAV will evaluate the CHMP.
- Before and during the fieldwork, you must make a reasonable effort to consult with the RAP. Your heritage advisor will help with this. Ask questions, get involved, and discuss the project with the advisor and the RAP.
- Make yourself aware of the 3 different types of CHMP (desktop, standard and complex) and when they are required. Each type will have different costs and timelines.
- After the fieldwork, meet with the advisor and the RAP to discuss the recommendations. This is vital as the recommendations are binding. It is important that you are happy with them.
- You must apply to either the RAP or to AAV for approval of the CHMP. You must pay the appropriate evaluation fee to the RAP with this application. Allow 30 days for evaluation.

You will then receive a letter notifying you of the decision. If the CHMP is refused, you can do more work to get it up to standard and resubmit (AAV can help you with this), or you can elect to appeal the decision to VCAT.

Once you have an approved CHMP, you can then obtain your work authority, or commence work. You don't need to wait for the approved CHMP before applying for other approvals. All other permits, except the final work authority under s.77I of the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990, can be obtained without an approved CHMP.

The CHMP is your management tool, so use it to your advantage. AAV is there to help at any point.

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THE CMPA has grown from humble beginnings and now after 10 years, has over 200 Members covering independent operators involved in construction material processing businesses engaged in the extracting, processing or otherwise working in hard rock, gravel, sand, masonry, clay, lime, soil, gypsum, or recycling, as well as industry consultants, industry suppliers and individual workers employed in many of the larger firms.

As with most things in life, the more you put in, the more you get out of it. The CMPA is no different and membership can really help to grow your business.

Just a few benefits of CMPA membership include the following:

### NETWORKING

Meetings are a great occasion for speaking to others in our industry, especially the CMPA Annual Dinner which is a night of fun and entertainment. Other Members may have implemented a new technology or found a way to solve a problem that you are dealing with. The friendships fostered at these meetings can provide you with a sounding board throughout the year.

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#### REFERRALS

For operators of quarries, the Secretariat is regularly fielding calls from potential customers seeking a specific sand/stone product in a particular area. The CMPA also lists Members as a "preferred supplier" listing on our website as well as in the annual *Associates & General Information Reference Manual* that is distributed to all members.

### **KNOWLEDGE & EDUCATION**

A key ambition of the CMPA is to improve operating standards and ensure a continued focus on health and safety in the workplace. The CMPA has produced a range of reference manuals and operator checklists that are a great source of information and improving procedures as well as running training workshops on relevant industry issues.

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CMPA Members are eligible for a 10% discount on their VECCI membership which can be quite a significant saving for some businesses. Membership of the CMPA also allows significantly discounted prices for reference manuals and operator checklists and discounted and priority bookings for safety workshops and training courses.

More information about CMPA membership can be found on our website www. **cmpavic.asn.au** 

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Active membership provides you with a range of opportunities to grow both personally and professionally. The CMPA exists to advance the construction material industry, which in turn will increase your business. Be an active Member today! And don't forget to tell your colleagues or goods & services suppliers to be part of the CMPA as well. •

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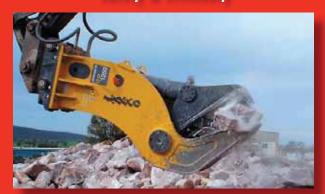
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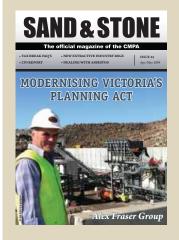
### **CMPA NEWS' 50th PUBLICATION**

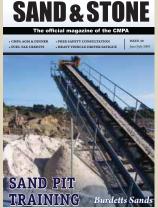
The CMPA has now produced 50 issues of its publication! The magazine publication *Sand & Stone* (which is also supplied as an emag on the CMPA website) has provided eleven Voting Members over the past two years with the opportunity to showcase their business on the front cover and to provide readers with an interesting story into the history and running of their quarries.

Associate Members have also provided insightful editorials and photos outlining the latest equipment and services they currently have on offer to Members.

If you are a Voting Member and would like to be featured on the front cover of *Sand & Stone* or an Associate Member who wants to provide an editorial on their business, please contact the Secretariat.

Maybe your face could be on a future issue of *Sand & Stone*.

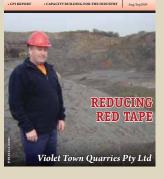




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### GET ON BOARD WITH CMPA INNOVATION AWARD

THE CMPA Innovation Award is a new idea to recognise and reward an innovative development in Victoria's construction material processing industry. The award is open to any CMPA member or their employees that includes any genuine innovative development in the areas of:

- plant maintenance or design, e.g. new maintenance method that improves efficiency and safety;
- materials processing, e.g. new technologies that improve production efficiencies;
- staff development and training, e.g. novel approach to improving workers skills or sharing of information through the work place;
- environmental management, e.g. site rehabilitation, revegetation, or weed control;
- resource management, e.g. improved efficiency of use of existing sand/stone resource, pit redesign;
- reducing offsite impacts, e.g. innovative approach to front entrance design, dust management, noise reduction, blast management or visual impact;
- community relations, e.g. novel approach to interacting with the local community resulting in improved outcomes;
- new product development, or
- safety or employee health, e.g.
  - solution to a specific safety issue,
  - selection, design and/or safe introduction of new equipment or processes,
  - solution to an identified occupational health hazard that will minimise workers exposure,
  - development of a safer/healthier work procedure

### WHAT IS INNOVATION?

The award will be presented to a genuinely innovative\* development which has been implemented and is reasonably able to demonstrate a significant improvement in the efficiency, sustainability or safety of that part of the Extractive Industries to which the entry relates. Innovation must have been implemented in the work place in 2009.

### \* Innovation is broadly defined as either a new initiative or an original solution to a specific issue.

An independent judging panel will decide the winner who will be presented with a \$500 cheque, framed certificate and a perpetual trophy at the CMPA Annual Dinner in August 2010.

#### **SUBMISSION CONTENT:**

Submissions should explain how the development has met the criteria in less than 600 words. Entrants should submit pictures to illustrate the development. CMPA Secretariat support is available to help in the development of the submissions.

Submissions should have the following sections:

- The problem or initiative
- The solution
- Benefits/effects
- Transferability across the Victorian industry

#### **SUBMISSIONS TO INCLUDE:**

- Company/individual name
- Company/individual address
- Contact person position, phone number, mobile & email
- Statement that the intellectual property in your innovation is open source and that you are willing to provide and share the intellectual property in the innovation so that it can be used by others free of charge.

### SUBMISSION DUE DATE

18th June 2010. So start thinking about your entry NOW!

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### **Groundwater Licensing for Quarries**

The Department of Sustainability and Environment's 'Groundwater Licensing and Trading in Victoria' fact sheet is now available.

THE Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) oversees the monitoring and management of Victoria's groundwater resources.

A DSE fact sheet for all operators and businesses in the earth resource industries is available online via the Our Water Our Future website: www.ourwater.vic.gov.au.

The 'Groundwater Licensing and Trading in Victoria' fact sheet is an introductory guide to groundwater. It provides important information on groundwater licence requirements and trading rules and gives useful contact details.

### **IS THIS RELEVANT TO ME?**

Some earth resource operations, including quarries, will require licensing groundwater activities, such as constructing, operating and decommissioning bores and the taking of groundwater for commercial uses. The factsheet provides valuable information on the licensing process.

### WHAT IS INVOLVED IN THE **LICENSING PROCESS?**

Groundwater is allocated under the Water Act 1989. Rural Water Corporations are responsible for issuing licences for bores and extraction of groundwater in accordance with the Act.

Groundwater use is capped in some parts of the state. Areas where caps apply are illustrated in the fact sheet. Where capped, groundwater may only be available for commercial use through trade.

Proponents are encouraged to discuss projects with the water corporation early in the planning phase to understand water availability and options for securing water.

Licence applications generally need to be supported by technical investigations, the size of which will vary with the volume of water sought and the magnitude of potential environmental impacts.

### MORE INFORMATION

Visit www.ourwater.vic.gov.au to download the 'Groundwater Licensing and Trading in Victoria' fact sheet. Also in the 'groundwater' section of the website, you will find useful links on groundwater management, accessing groundwater, and other news and information.

For more information on groundwater, contact the Department of Sustainability and Environment Customer Service Centre on 136 186, or your local water corporation:

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### **Tipper Tray Safety**

The danger of being crushed underneath a raised tipping tray while inspecting components or doing maintenance work should not be under estimated. Here are some handy hints that make this task safer.

### Background

A number of people have been killed or seriously injured in Australia while inspecting components or undertaking maintenance work underneath raised tipping and tilting trays on trucks and trailers.

Investigations of these types of incidents have revealed a number of causes and an effective preventative measure to reduce the risk of fatalities and injuries from raised trays.

Catastrophic failures, slow leaks of the tray lifting mechanism or its inadvertent activation can all cause the tray to fall, therefore additional mechanical support for the tray must be provided.

### **Control measures**

1. Never attempt to work or carry out inspections between a raised tray and the truck's chassis rails without the tray being mechanically supported in addition to the trays normal lifting mechanism.

Use:

- vehicle-mounted props or purpose-designed temporary propping stands that are secured to prevent movement or dislodgement
- props that are able to support the weight of the tray and any attached loads.

### Never:

- use soft wood timber for propping
- rely on the vehicle's lifting mechanism to support the tray in the raised position if the vehicle is unattended. Always prop the tray to give additional mechanical support.
- 2. A system of work must be in place that ensures a person cannot be trapped under a descending tray if, for example, a lapse of concentration occurs.

Ensure:

- props are able to be engaged/fitted without having to get between the tray and chassis
- tip-limiter cables are shrouded to protect against accidental activation.
- 3. When ordering new vehicles ensure:
  - safeguards are fitted to the tray-raising system
  - the tray includes built-in props to secure the tray
  - controls for the tray-raising mechanism are clearly marked and shrouded or protected from accidental operation
  - controls are located in a position that protects the operator from entrapment during use
  - hydraulic cylinders are fitted with restrictors to slow the rate of descent and to provide audible warning in the event of unintentional pressure release.

### Further information

- Australian Standard AS 1418.8 Cranes, hoists and winches
- Transport and storage industry Who is the weakest link in the health and safety chain of responsibility? (WorkSafe)

### **Preventing Slips, Trips and Falls from Truck Cabins**

WorkSafe's latest health and safety publications focuses on safety around trucks

### What is the problem?

Truck drivers slipping or falling when getting in/out of the truck cabin. The ability to safely get in/out of the cabin relies on drivers being able to maintain three points of contact with hand rails and step surfaces without needing to adopt awkward postures. This can be affected by hand rail/step/door and cabin design, work demands leading to drivers getting in/out of the truck quickly, environmental conditions and footwear.

### What are the risks?

Slips, trips and falls while getting in/out of the truck cabin can result in severe musculoskeletal injuries such as fractures, sprains and strains. These risks arise regardless of the height of the cabin from the ground.

### What is a solution to the problem?

Risks for existing trucks can be reduced by:

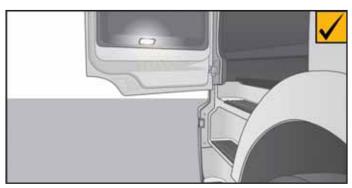
• developing a procedure and training drivers to safely get into and out of the cabin. This should emphasise maintaining three points of contact and facing the cabin at all times. Drivers and supervisors should be familiar with the procedure.

Note: Ensure variations in cabin design across the fleet are considered as part of this process.

- having a system to enable drivers to replace footwear if tread is worn and ensuring footwear is kept clean of mud and other contaminants
- ensuring drivers park in well-lit areas with an even landing surface.

### Truck steps with dual handrails.





### Steps with lighting.

When purchasing new or used vehicles, consider the design of the truck and cabin access. Risks can be reduced by:

- ensuring drivers can maintain a balanced posture when getting in/ out of the cabin
- placing hand rails on both sides of the cabin door opening
- ensuring steps and hand rails are within easy reach
- looking for steps that are non-slip and deep enough to enable a constant grip between feet and the step surface
- checking the alignment of the cabin door, seat edge and steering column allows easy movement in/out of the seat
- ensuring steps have the same dimensions (tread and distance) to prevent misjudging of depth/height
- giving drivers (and HSR's where available) the opportunity to test getting into and out of the cabin, wearing their regular work boots, before making purchasing decisions
- integrating lighting into steps to enable clear visibility of the access path. Alternatively, using a contrasting colour along the entire path (steps and hand rails) can also aid visibility and depth perception
- having a system to enable drivers to replace footwear if tread is worn and ensuring footwear is kept clean of mud and other contaminants. Note: Some truck designs incorporate integrated steps that lever outwards to enable drivers to face forward when getting into or out of the cabin.

A copy of the Health and Safety Alert can be downloaded from the WorkSafe website www.worksafe.vic.gov.au



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### 10 Hot Tips to Manage Cash Flow & Credit

MEAD PARTNERS provide ten simple points on managing cash flow and credit in both the good times and the bad – as presented at the Members General Meeting at Bendigo.

WHILE we are continually being told that the GFC is over and the economy is growing at a steady pace most business are yet to have the pressure taken off them due to increased cost of funds from rising interest rates and pressure continually placed on them by tight cash flows. Here are some handy hints on how to manage cash flow and credit.

### 1. Profit vs. Cash flow

It is commonly assumed that profit is the measure of a business's success; unfortunately this is not 100% true. To manage your cash flow, understanding the various reports that are available is paramount. While the Profit & Loss report will show total sales and expenses, it will not show whether you are cash positive or negative. To see the cash inflows and outflows, look at the Statement of Cash Flows, or, if one isn't being prepared, a summary of the bank statements or even the bank reconciliation should suffice. However, those reports will only show what has happened. To be successful you need to know what is going to happen and plan for it with cash flow forecasts.

### 2. Cash Flow forecasts - "Plan ahead"

A cash-flow forecast is a key tool for your business. It will allow you to better understand where your money is being spent, when you have cash surplus or deficit. Unfortunately some businesses don't prepare a forecast because it can be hard to gauge the effect different factors will have on cash-flow events. The important thing is to just start doing it – with experience you will be able to prepare more accurate forecasts.



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Three tips for putting together a solid cashflow forecast:

- Keep it simple: Focus on items that affect your cash-flow most heavily and add extras if required. The more complex it is, the more likely errors are to occur.
- Standardize: Ensure procedures for collecting and reporting cash-flows are consistent across the business. This will help you to model the inflows and outflows and understand where your cash is going each month.
- Measure your accuracy: Determine any variances in the forecast you are prepared to accept. Where the variances are exceeded, investigate the reasons and consider if changes are needed for next month's forecast.

### 3. Capital Investment and Growth

Cash-flow management is imperative during economic downtimes, but periods of rapid growth, can present equally difficult challenges. Growth must be managed with things like capital investment and man power due to the inevitable delay of increased cash inflows. It is this delay that can cause growth pains for a business.

Cash-flow forecasting can reduce these growth pains by highlighting when increased cash outflows will occur and talking to your bank will hopefully provide you the extra cash that is required. Estimating the business' future Working Capital will give you an idea of how much additional cash will be used to fund the growth and where the additional funds are tied up.

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#### 4. Debtor & Creditor Management

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Maintaining a term of trade is essential for cash flow management as it is ensures your ability to pay creditors when they fall due.

#### Debtors:

- Constantly monitor the debtors ledger • for slow payers.
- Chase up overdue accounts and follow up . on customers' promised actions.
- When chasing slow payers, make sure you get a firm commitment date for payment, even if the payment is in two or three installments
- Don't feel bad about chasing customers for payments, you have provided a service and now they must provide payment.

Creditors:

- Where possible, try and negotiate creditor . terms that are similar to your debtor terms to match cash inflows and outflows.
- Don't just ignore creditor's calls, they will be less likely to grant additional time to pay and more likely to send a letter from their solicitor.
- Don't fall in to the trap of COD for creditors but then have terms for debtors - it just can't work.

#### 5. Preventing Bad Debts

Bad debts are all too common nowadays and therefore debtors must be reviewed to ensure that your money is not at risk. By having up to date credit checks on all customers, higher risk customers can have their credit terms reduced or suspended before it is too late.

In addition to this, look out for some of the warning signs of an approaching bad debt:

- Your calls are not being returned
- . Promises to pay not being honored or payments being returned
- Excuses and complaints regarding supplies that appear to have no basis

#### 6. Reliance on particular customers

While big customers have their obvious benefits, some businesses will spend too much time servicing that customer so that they don't have time (or don't think it necessary) to develop new business. Unfortunately when one or two major customers make up the majority of your income, losing one of them can be devastating to the cash flow and the business as a whole. To prevent this from occurring, a good spread of customers small, medium and large – should be the aim. This will mean that if a larger customer does leave, the smaller and medium customers will be able to support the business while you get new customers to fill the gap.

#### 7. Manage Statutory Payments

When Cash is tight statutory payments (BAS, Superannuation, Income Tax etc) are the ones that usually get left to last. While the ATO does not look favourably upon this, they do understand that sometimes cash is short. You can negotiate payment terms with the ATO so long as all future BASs/Tax Returns are lodged and paid on time.

### 8. Stock Management

Stock management is also a very useful tool to help cash flow because stock is effectively cash sitting on the ground. If it takes 45 days to sell and another 45 days to receive payment then you are 90 days behind whilst you have had to pay your wages and fuel to produce that product. Review your stock turnover in days to gauge if you are over producing.

#### 9. Excess Plant & Equipment

A quick way of freeing up some cash flow is reviewing your asset registers and selling excess plant and equipment. Not only will you receive the cash from the sale, if the equipment is under finance you will also save the monthly repayments going forward. Some things to consider when selling plant and equipment are:

- If the asset is under finance, make sure you will get enough money to pay out the financier otherwise you will have to make up the difference.
- While in the short term the sale will generate cash, don't forget that tax will have to be paid on any profit.
- While an asset may be underutilized now, if you're expecting to need it again soon perhaps it can be rented out in the short term instead

#### 10. Good Management

Good management is the key to survive in the bad times and will make your business even stronger in the good times. Sometimes this means making decisions that you would rather not make, and sometimes it means listening to advice or news that you would rather not hear. In the long run these things are necessary in order to keep the business going and if these decisions are made and advice listened to, the good times will greatly outweigh the bad.

Surround yourself with the best people that you can find, whether it be your accountant, bookkeeper or business manager and make sure that they are providing you with the information that you require to ensure that you can make sound business decisions in a timely manner.



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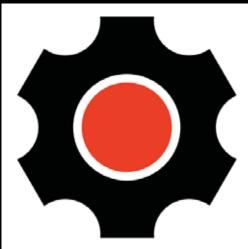
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### **DPI Update**

JOHN MITAS, General Manager Minerals and Extractive Operations reports on the role of the new Technical Review Board.

OLLOWING the Yallourn mine wall collapse in 2007, an **F** investigation by a specially appointed Mining Warden identified a number of areas where improvements could be made and highlighted a significant gap in Victoria's geotechnical expertise.

The Government responded by implementing a range of measures in line with the Mining Warden's recommendations to minimise the risk of a similar event happening again.

One of the initiatives was to appoint a team of experts, with international mining experience, to a Technical Review Board, which will provide advice to the Government on mine and quarry stability.

A proposed or existing quarry can be 'declared' by the Minister if there are geotechnical or hydrogeological factors within the quarry that pose a significant risk to public safety, the environment or infrastructure.

Work plans for declared quarries are required to include additional information on geotechnical and hydrogeological conditions, risks, control measures and monitoring procedures. These aspects will be considered by the Technical Review Board.

### **BOARD MEMBERS**

The TRB members were appointed under the Minerals Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990 on 31st August 2009 by the Hon. Peter Batchelor MP, Minister for Energy and Resources. The TRB membership comprises:

Tim Sullivan - TRB Chairman Mr Sullivan was appointed Mining Warden who led the six-month independent inquiry into the cause of the Yallourn collapse. He has subsequently assisted the DPI with geotechnical audits of major mines. He is Adjunct Professor at UNSW and a geotechnical consultant on slope stability for some of the world's largest mining operations and has worked on over 400 mining projects at all stages from planning to operation.

Adrian Brown – Board Member Mr Brown is a civil engineer with international experience and specialist expertise in groundwater and earth science problems in mining, hazardous waste, water supply, manufacturing and civil construction industries. Mr Brown has extensive expertise in brown coal mining and assessments of mining impacts. Mr Brown also began his career in the Latrobe Valley and has a sound knowledge of the coal mining industry there.



Tim Sullivan (chair), Minister Batchelor, Ted Waghorne, Adrian Brown and Jim Galvin

Edward (Ted) Waghorne – Board Member Mr Waghorne is a principal mining engineer with 35 years experience in the mining industry and provides strategic advice on mine planning, mine operation, operator training, mine infrastructure and mine management within Australia and Internationally. He has extensive experience in the Latrobe Valley.

Emeritus Professor Jim Galvin - Board Member Professor Galvin was head of the School of Mining Engineering at UNSW until 2006. Prior to joining UNSW in 1992 he held a number of positions within the mining sector, including mine manager. Prof. Galvin has extensive international experience in mining and geotechnical engineering, risk management, expert opinion and independent review and advisory roles. He has specialist knowledge and experience in geotechnical engineering, risk management, incident investigation and emergency response.

The intention is that the TRB will comprise five members, the fifth member being the yet to be appointed Professor of Geotechnical Engineering at Monash University Latrobe Valley campus.

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## *VLPA Update*

PETER MCCLUSKEY from the Victorian Limestone Producers Association reports on combating soil acidity through the use of lime.

THE seminar series addressing soil acidification which commenced in February 2010 has continued in western Victoria culminating in the very successful Westvic Dairy field day and seminar at Terang in late April.

The VLPA has had the support of Southern Farming Systems for several funding applications to the Commonwealth "Caring For Our Country" agricultural extension program in the last couple of years and although not successful in obtaining our own funding, the VLPA can claim to have been part of the movement to recognize the deleterious effects on agricultural productivity caused by soil acidification.

Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Authority (GHCMA) recently obtained funding to run a series of workshops in western Victoria on acidification. GHCMA has contracted Southern Farming Systems to organise the seminars which in turn has invited VLPA to provide input via specialist speakers. The VLPA obtained the services of Dr Kevin Reed ex-DPI Hamilton and now of Reed Pasture Specialists to speak on pasture matters and the use of lime together with Scott Cameron of Westlake Fertilisers to speak on lime application in cropping. In addition Tim Johnston of DPI Geelong spoke on the general need to combat soil acidity. A field day was held at Lake Bolac in late February followed by seminars in March at Cavendish, Mininera, Beaufort and Dunkeld.

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A section of the crowd at the well attended soil acidification field day at Terang in April

was run by Westvic Dairy in Terang in late April also via the GHCMA funding. Westvic Dairy is a research and development body funded in part by dairy industry levies. A number of lime products from the region were displayed to give participants first hand appreciation of how the product can be processed and how it works. Perennial Pasture Systems, a farmer member body operating in the Ararat region with similar objectives to Westvic Dairy but applicable to the local climate and agricultural orientation of the region, ran a conference in March covering the use of lime to combat toxicity in pasture varirties and the role of soil carbon in pasture management. Andrew Speirs of MS&A agricultural consultants covered the role of lime in pasture management and VLPA had an information display including a

list of all member producers at the associated trade display. The North East Catchment Management Authority has invited VLPA to have a display at its forthcoming soil carbon conference in Wangaratta in late May. These events have been well attended to date and it is pleasing to see Commonwealth Government financial support directed towards this important problem for which lime provides a quick acting and natural solution. •

Further information is available from Peter McCluskey on 0408 496 588

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### New Light Vehicle Safety Checklist

Is your quarry vehicle in a roadworthy condition and being properly maintained? The CMPA SECRETARIAT provides an overview of their recently developed Light Vehicle Checklist.

THE CMPA has recently developed a new glove box size checklist – Weekly Light Vehicle Safety Checklist which is now available to purchase at a cost of \$25 Members and \$45 Non-members.

The checklist was developed to ensure that all light vehicles used by operators, especially on quarry sites, are being properly maintained inside and out and are being regularly serviced. It is also a good check for quarry managers to ensure that all safety equipment attached to the vehicle is in working order.

The obligation lies with the owners and directors of companies to ensure that employees have a safe working environment as well as being provided with well maintained plant and equipment to work with which is not a risk to their health. The CMPA also has similar operator checklists for trucks which may have helped to stop the following incident and saved a person's life.

On 28 April 2010, Orbit Drilling Pty Ltd became the first company in Victoria to be convicted for recklessly endangering a worker. When in December 2006, 21 year old Bradley Alford was crushed to death when the Mack truck he was driving went out of control on a steep slope, overturned and crushed him.

WorkSafe's investigation established the truck's primary brake and the emergency hand brake wasn't working and the secondary brake had been disconnected. In addition the truck hadn't been serviced for over six months.

The prosecution was able to prove that through the actions of the company's personnel, the company was recklessly indifferent to placing Bradley Alford at risk of serious injury because he was instructed to use an unsafe truck in dangerous circumstances.

Orbit Drilling Pty Ltd was convicted and fined \$750,000 under section 32 of the OH&S Act 2004 and the director Martin John Smith was convicted and fined \$120,000 under sections 144 and 21(1) & (2)(a) of the OH&S Act 2004.(Note Section 32 applies to both people and companies. The supervisor of Orbit Drilling Pty Ltd has also been charged under section 32. This case is expected to be heard later in 2010). •

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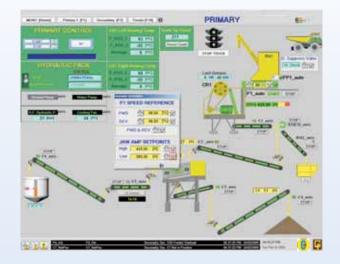
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### **Terex®** Compact Cone Crusher Makes Big Impact

Withcott Quarry's move to replace a tired impact crusher that wore through expensive wear parts with a new Terex® TC1000 cone crusher has seen production rates rise, reliability improve and wear part costs decline. By TOM MCKENNY at Industri Communications.

SUPPLYING a range of road and concrete products from the basalt reserve at Withcott, near Toowoomba to a region covering Gatton, Esk, Ipswich, and as far afield as Boonah, Withcott always harboured uncertainty about its ability to supply as a result of the unreliable impactor.

A veteran of the Queensland quarrying scene, Quarry Manager, Peter Jackson said the new TC1000 Cone, supplied by Terex Jaques, was a "100 per cent improvement on the impact crusher."

"The South African impactor hammers were extremely expensive and every second day we were opening it up to maintain it; now we've got this little Terex and we're crushing 1100 tonne per day, every day.

"We've had it seven months and haven't looked like having to open it up. It's the greatest thing since sliced bread," Mr. Jackson said.

Supplying typical quarry products and servicing a strong market for by-product fines for local concrete plants, the TC1000 is working as a secondary crusher in closed circuit with a vibrating screen with a small Jaques single toggle jaw doing the primary workload and a Barmac vertical shaft impactor taking the first pass screen fines for shaping.

"In quarries you make a lot more 20mm minus that you do 10mm minus so when we've got enough of the 20mm we close the TC1000 up to 13mm and put the 20 mm back through to crack 10mm, 7mm and dust." Mr. Jackson explained.

The Terex<sup>®</sup> TC Cone responds best to continual choke feed according to Mr. Jackson and has proved something of an eye opener with the concave and mantle service life far exceeding expectations.

"It has been the right crusher for us because we are only a small operation, if you were doing more you'd probably put in a Terex" Jaques gyro or something, but for our plant doing 1100 tonne per day we'll be better off with the TC Cone.

"It's only small but its like a dog that doesn't want to stop eating," Mr. Jackson said. "We've had lots of people come and look at it and they've been most impressed."

With strong demand for the plant's manufactured sand, the TC1000 helps maintain the cascade in the Barmac but is also providing plenty of shape to the material in its own right.

With the source basalt featuring fractured face columns and producing material tending to elongation as a result of its water-cooled formation, shape is important in the plant design.

"The material is hard on mantles and we work the quarry face according to our needs, whether it is road base or concrete aggregate but the Terex<sup>®</sup> Cone is brilliant, we haven't even looked like using a cone liner in seven months," Mr. Jackson said.

A compact mounting frame featuring clever design considerations complements the compact crusher. The TC1000 live frame assembly, which can be supplied with the machine, consists of the crusher subframe ready to position and is delivered with four anti-vibration mounts for clients to fit to supporting steel work. This reduces the machine's vibration on the supporting structure but without restricting access. Double acting hydraulic cylinders mounted externally between the upper and lower crusher mainframe allow fast closed side setting adjustment and protection against overload. The hydraulic control panel is sealed against dust and weather.



Terex TC1000 Cone Crusher

The Withcott quarry plant is being developed in stages, a process that allowed the TC1000 to slot in seamlessly to a ready prepared and designed structure. The next step will see a new primary jaw and perhaps a bigger Terex secondary with the TC1000 able to move into play next to the VSI.

"They've put quite a lot of thought into the design of this unit," Mr. Jackson said. "Hydraulic lines are hidden so they don't get damaged by oversize and we bought the plant with a live frame assembly rather than fabricating our own and it is a great little plant."

Above all else, fitting the TC1000 into the plant has allowed Withcott to produce the material it wants with reliability – whether that is concrete aggregate, roadbase or fines.

"We are selling a lot of fines as manufactured sand which is popular and people are swinging over to 66 per cent manufactured sand, 30 per cent river sand and fly ash and making a great concrete. We've got a market for it – others haven't because they need the fines to go into their road base," said Mr. Jackson.

While it has added to productivity, reliability is the small cone's virtue according to Mr. Jackson. "We can now go into a tender and know we can confidently finish the job – with Department of Main Road certified material. When they want four or five thousand tonne we now know we can make that product and not be worried about whether a machine is going to break down."

The Terex® TC1000 and the larger TC1300 cone crushers have recently been introduced to Terex Jaques' static crusher range. The machines exhibit high productivity, excellent reliability and are very flexible with regard to the input feed. ■



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### **Accurate Measurement for Mobile Crushers**

Tecweigh have developed belt weighing scales to ideally suit the harsh conditions imposed by mobile crushers, reports Tecweigh's National Sales Manager, OLIVER LYNCH.

OBILE crushers and stackers currently being manufactured for the extractive industries invariably feature instruments to indicate operating hours and fuel consumption, but until recently, a simple, reliable and cost effective measure of tonnes crushed has not been standard equipment.

It has proven previously to have been a very complicated and expensive exercise to fit regular belt scales into mobile crushers. Users have very often been disappointed with both weighing accuracy and reliability in the past.

For this reason, Tecweigh have developed belt weighing scales to ideally suit the harsh conditions imposed by mobile crushers, according to Tecweigh's National Sales Manager, Oliver Lynch, it has been a very difficult challenge to fit belt weighing equipment to mobile crushers and operate them with any reasonable degree of repeatable accuracy or long term reliability.

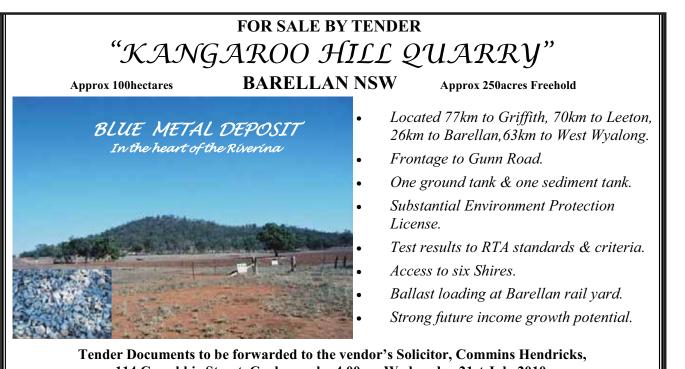
"Instead of the unacceptable hacking and cutting of their mobile crusher to modify it to accept the belt scale, we have designed a dedicated group of belt scales with specific models to suit each individual mobile crusher. The scale then fits comfortably and easily into the crusher as a hand fits a glove," Mr. Lynch said.

Due to the extensive range of mobile crusher designs being offered in today's market place, the correct belt scale has to be fitted for this task." We've got specialist scales to suit the most popular crushers, and over time we have added Extec, Striker, Komatsu and Hitachi mobile crushers to our range." Mr. Lynch said.

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Paul Sanders Real Estate 113 Church Street Ryde NSW 2112 Phone: (02) 9809 3900 Steve Uphill: 0428 552 217 There is only a limited and confined space in which to install a solidly constructed beltscale and options for mounting the scale vary with each mobile crusher design" Mr. Lynch said. The Tecweigh Mobile Scale Range is specifically designed and built for the mobile crusher where it will live and work for the next ten plus years.

Tecweigh has a growing range of proven designs and welcomes the opportunity to work with manufacturers, contract hirers and crusher owners to add new models to their range.

With regard to mobiles, belt scales have to be located within just a few metres of the crusher and thus can experience extreme vibrations, which is the enemy of all weighing systems. The belt-scale is typically mounted on a very short conveyor at a steep angle. Only the very best mechanical design, construction and clever processing will overcome these factors to provide accurate and reliable weighing.

An accurate belt-scale needs to be a sensitive instrument located in a very harsh and unyielding environment. Belt-scales operate by combining physical pressure (product on the belt) with belt movement. The scale has to be able to withstand but ignore dust, falling rocks, belt movement and the vibration which is always present in crushing situations. To eliminate inaccurate measurement and enhance long – term reliability, Tecweigh mobile belt scales feature the same tough fully welded construction appreciated in their fixed plant scales. The scales are manufactured using the latest technology which provides the finest possible tolerances resulting in improved accuracy.

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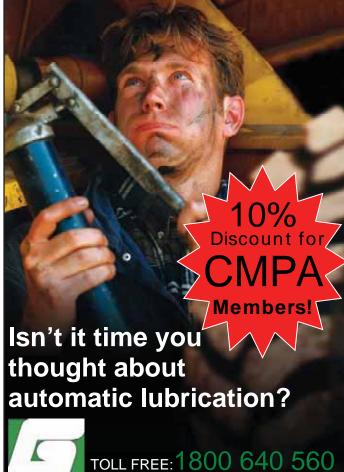
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