

**PQCEG Minutes - Meeting 22**  
**10.000am Tuesday 19 November 2024**  
**Somerville Community House**

**1. Attendance**

Daniel Peroni	Peninsula Quarries/Bayport
Chris DeFreitas	Peninsula Quarries
Alex Murray	Peninsula Quarries
Ken Davis	Clifton – minutes
Robert Smith	Resident
Diane Anderson	Resident
Kate McGregor	Resident
David Chalke	Tyabb Ratepayers Business and Environment Group
Rob Gerrand	Chair

**2. Apologies**

Karyn Spencer                      Department of Families, Fairness and Housing.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Meeting requested that minutes be circulated quickly

**4. Matters arising from the minutes**

- a) Meeting discussed workflow. DP reported that in the year 2023-24 a total of 107,000 cubic metres had been excavated which was a further reduction on the previous year of approximately 120,000 cubic metres. This left circa 2.7 million cubic metres remaining. Estimated remaining life of the quarry continues to be around 15-20 years.
- b) DP reported that Bayport will need to amend the rehabilitation plan in accordance with current work plan condition 24. Prior to amending the rehabilitation plan Bayport requires a declaration from VCAT regarding the existing use rights. This application has been made and awaiting decision. A copy of the submission was asked to be circulated. DP said this was not appropriate and declined. Following discussion, it was agreed that AM would forward the current rehabilitation plan to group members. Council declined to make a decision on existing use rights so application needed to be made to VCAT.
- c) Meeting discussed site operation and what was approved and not approved i.e. fixed processing (not allowed), mobile screening/sorting material (allowed)

## 5. Community grants program

Following approach by Somerville Tyabb District Historical Society a plaque has been developed to highlight their projects support by Peninsula Quarries. Other grant recipients were offered similar plaques with Somerville Community House requesting plaque. Artwork of the plaques was displayed and discussed at the meeting.

Awards function to be held shortly and arranged by AM

## 6. Site activity update

Recent/Current projects include supplying materials to:

- Various locations from Dandenong to Pakenham – industrial drainage works
- Various locations from Frankston to the Peninsula – industrial and residential projects
- Clyde North – residential projects
- Hallam Road Landfill Cell 15, Hampton Park – capping landfill project
- BESS, Tyabb – major industrial/resources project

Due to business turndown only half of site staff currently required. Minimal workload includes landscaping, spreading mulch, tree planting and poisoning weeds.

Sales and site activity quiet with main works supplying to the Tyabb Battery upgrade (BESS). Customer overordered 3000 tonnes which PQ accepted as returns. Activity on other batteries in SE suburbs is being targeted. Also, NE Link and SRL capping of tips continues at Rye, Mt Eliza and Crib Point/Bittern in the new year.

PQ site closing for long period over Christmas.

## 7. Complaints and compliments register

Register was tabled and reviewed by attendees. Being updated by Peninsula Quarries as requested by previous meeting. . **Action: Peninsula Quarries**

## 8. Vegetation

Peninsula Quarries reported that 3000 native trees and shrubs had been planted in early winter. Another 1500 planted in Webbs Lane. CD reported back on range of acceptable weed sprays used.

Concern about tree coverage on bund changing due to tree being cut down on southern bund. PQV advised no trees have been removed in over 2 years other than a couple blown over via storm. Meeting reviewed and discussed range of aerial photographs which confirmed no change in last 2 years. Refer to photos below.. **Action ; Peninsula Quarries**



## 9. Water

Drainage works on easement still to occur. No further update.

#### **10. Traffic**

Generally low levels of traffic at the moment due to current low quarry workload.

#### **11. Dust**

No problem due to rainfall

#### **12. Noise**

Chainsaws being used to remove fallen trees and branches. CD reported that use of chainsaws was for cutting and removing trees that had fallen.

#### **13. General; Business**

Minerals Resources Act. New act being introduced in stages. Completed July 2027. It will change regulatory role of ERR and Council, which will give council decision-making and approvals powers. Policy to remain with ERR.

#### **14 Next meeting**

Aiming at **10.00am** on **Tuesday February 18** at Somerville Community House. Dependent on availability of council and state government representatives.