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Project:	PGH Bricks Bringelly brickworks extension
Meeting No:	10
Date:	April 2020
Venue and Time:	Bringelly Community Hall 4-5pm
Document:	Meeting notes
Chair/Facilitator:	Kath Elliott, (KE)
Minutes:	Kath Elliott
PGH representatives:	Tony West, Plant Manager, PGH Bricks Bringelly
	Debbie Cook, National Work Health, Safety and Environment Manager
Committee Members:	
	Diane Newell, Neighbour
	Sharyl Scott, Principal, Bringelly Public School
	Dam Truong, Neighbour
Apologies:	Tony Hunt, Environmental Manager
	Michelle Pickering, Neighbour
	Tony Estephan, Neighbour
	Rino Di Mascio. P&C President, Bringelly PS

Meeting Minutes

Welcome

Kath Elliott (KE) welcomed members and provided an overview of the meeting agenda. Members were reminded to be Covid safe and the meeting observed NSW social distancing rules.

Apologies were noted.

Minutes

The minutes of April 2020 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Matters arising

It was noted that the Chair I(on behalf of the committee) had invited Rino Di Mascio, President of the Bringelly Public School P&C to join the committee and he had accepted.



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The Committee requested that the chair reach out to members not attending to see if they were still interested in continuing on the committee

Kath Elliott

PGH had sent the link to the Traffic Management Plan to Sharyl Scott, Principal of Bringelly Public School

A diagram showing the bund wall location had been provided to the committee members via the Chair

Approvals update - Debbie Cook

Debbie provided an overview of the wider business:

PGH will be closing the Horsley Park brickworks – which has been producing sandstock bricks. Production will cease in March 2021.

The property will be sold due it its high value.

The Schofields plant and the Bringelly and Cecil Park plants will continue to operate.

Bringelly Approvals

Debbie advised that the company would not be excavating in new cell areas on the site until 2021.

The weighbridge is assessing the number of trucks to identify the portion of royalties that needs to be paid to Camden Council by 31 December 2020

Tonnages will be presented to the Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE)

Current status of Bringelly Management Plans:

The only two management plans that have not been triggered as yet (until the company excavates new cells) are the **biodiversity** and **rehabilitation** management plans.

All other plans have been approved and are in place.

PGH is introducing a community complaints line and this will be provided on a leaflet to local neighbours as well as on the sign at the entrance to the plant. The leaflet will be letterboxed in the local area soon.

Debbie advised that this system had been working well recently at other PGH plants and provides the community with direct and quick access to staff to address issues.

Project status update and Environmental Performance

There have been no environmental notifiable incidents in the period.

Tony West presented the dust results (see in attached PowerPoint presentation) and advised that all results were below allowable limits. The results provide a 12 month rolling average.

It was noted that the bushfires had impacted dust results.



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Tony advised that the 24 hr high volume dust monitoring had shown some inconsistent results, so the company was having this equipment checked to ensure reliability.

EPA visited the site on August 17, 2020 and did not identify any issues of concern.

The company is now focusing on water management. During the period, the company dug out a dam and de-silted it to increase capacity. The EPA were supportive of that approach in their visit.

Q. Did PGH water overflow contribute to the floods earlier this year?

A. There was three weeks of rain which was an extraordinary rain event and it was not possible to hold all the water on site in that case. EPA did not issue non-conformance given the circumstances . Dams on site are designed to hold water in 1/10yr and 1/100yr events. Any overflow from dams would go across the grassed area and into the creek.

Q. Has PGH connected into the mains water that Boral has facilitated next door?

A: PGH is already connected to mains water and is looking at recycling options for our dam water and have a goal to reduce potable water use by 20% by 2030.

The company is looking across the business at environmental initiatives including a range of options such as pasteurising organic matter and feeding it into brick material, the use of biomass, and improving its sustainability in general through circular economy, partnerships and beneficial re-use.

Q: Are you reducing your carbon footprint – as brickmaking uses a lot of energy?

A:PGH already re-use brick material which reduces energy use, with a very low brick reject rate of .2%. The company has replaced lighting to reduce energy consumption and note that a south Australian brick plant has implemented solar. Closing Horsley Park has reduced the company's carbon footprint. PGH has introduced sustainability as a strategic pillar which will improve its implementation across the business.

PGH is also re-using water on site for dust suppression and looking at reusing it in processing.

Debbie also advised that the new PGH CEO is focusing on sustainability and the business has been restructured.

General business

Ms Scott advised on the bushfire process for Bringelly School which included emergency evacuation procedures by bus, and RFS to have a truck and command centre at the school. Bringelly PS has been classed as a Category 2 school in terms of bushfire risk. The Principal has been provided with a bushfire APP to assist in communication in the event of bushfire.

Discussion ensued on the drop off point at Bringelly Public School on Greendale Rd being moved around the corner onto the old northern road



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(now Wentworth Rd) which, since completion of road works, is now a dead end but has <i>no stopping</i> signs along its length. PGH offered to assist through its government relations staff to see if assistance could be provided in achieving this with RMS. The Chair also offered to assist. Meeting closed at 5.00 pm	Debbie Cook
Next meeting Thursday May 6, 2021 at 4- 5.30pm.	

