

SPOTLIGHT ON MARULAN TO BUNDANOON



CENTRE OF ATTENTION: Marulan comes alive for the annual kite festival in October.

Spotlight on historic Marulan

LOCATED less than 30 kilometres north-east from Goulburn, Marulan features a number of historic buildings including two churches, a rectory, historic pub and some fine examples of commercial buildings dating back to 19th Century.

The township is steeped in history including bushrangers holding up traffic travelling north to Sydney from the Southern goldfields.

Visible from the Hume Highway, at particular times of the year, 40 flags are flown in Marulan's Meridian Park, representing the different countries of origin of the citizens of Marulan. These were initially acquired as part of the community's annual Harmony Day celebrations and have now become a colourful festive feature.

Marulan is the only town, city or village in the

world situated on the 150 meridian.

The 150 meridian is used as the basis for Australian Eastern Standard Time, giving Marulan true time. During the equinox, occurring twice a year in autumn and spring, the sun rises precisely at 6am and sets precisely at 6pm. Marulan is the only town in the Australian Eastern Standard Time Zone that can say this truly occurs. Meridians are also an aid for navigators on the lonely runs from south to north.

Marulan's Australia Day activities in January, Harmony Day multicultural celebration in October and Christmas lights tours are all very popular. Every visitor is welcomed with country hospitality.

For more information please visit www.goulburn.com.

Boral: Building for the future

THE extractive industry in the Marulan region has a history dating back more than 130 years. Today, the sector is in the process of extending this legacy through new developments which will support the local economy for many years to come.

The Sydney Opera House, Federal Parliament House and the Snowy Mountains Scheme – just some of Australia's famous structures that locals will proudly tell you include a little piece of Marulan. More specifically, the limestone which has been mined at Marulan South since as early as the 1870s.

Still referred to by many as 'Blue Circle', Boral's Marulan South Limestone operations supply around three million tonnes of limestone each year for use in cement production and other manufacturing

processes.

More than 60 per cent of the state's need for cement is met using Marulan limestone.

The operations have employed generations of Marulan district families – indeed, until the late 1990s, they supported an entire township. While the village of Marulan South may now be gone, Boral today continues to be one of the region's major employers.

More than 120 people from across the Goulburn Mulwaree and Southern Highlands areas, supported by many contractors and suppliers, call Marulan South Limestone their workplace.

Staff cover a variety of roles from mining through to processing and administration.

With employees in turn spending their wages with local businesses, and the availability of a place for residents to

potentially find work, the significance of Boral's local presence becomes more apparent.

Founded in 1946, Boral remains an Australian company with NSW operations such as Marulan South key to the company's overall success.

From mid 2011, however, Boral began a new chapter in its relationship with the Marulan community.

July saw the start of construction at the company's new aggregates quarry, called Peppertree, on the former 'Peppers' property north of the limestone mine.

Needed to replace the near-exhausted aggregate reserves of the Penrith Lakes scheme in Sydney, the operational Peppertree Quarry will generate up to 3.5 million tonnes per annum of the material

needed to make concrete, asphalt and a range of other building and construction products.

Up to 130 people will work on the construction of the new site, settling at around 35 once the scheduled start of operations is reached in 2014. Recruitment for these roles is expected to begin in early 2013, with opportunities advertised through the Goulburn Post and the Boral website, www.boral.com.au.

Approved for an initial period of 30 years, there are considerable reserves of granodiorite available at Peppertree. This means the Boral name will remain associated with the Marulan community for many more years – a source of pride for a business which aims to 'build something great' where it operates.

Moving forward locally

COOPERS Earthmoving & Haulage Pty Ltd is a fourth generation family owned and operated business whose aim is to ensure total customer satisfaction.

It is a small but versatile company where service to customers is paramount, ensuring customers high quality work with minimum delays.

Coopers' earthmoving, excavation and haulage business has been successful due to the dedication of all staff and the pride that is taken in all that they do.

Coopers' is currently tendered to the construction of Holcim's Lynwood Quarry Project incorporating the Hume Highway overpass at Marulan and also heavily involved in Boral's Peppertree Quarry Project at Marulan South.

The company was also a major contractor with the Highlands Source Project.

Coopers Earthmoving was also engaged with civil works in the construction of the Gunning and Tarago wind farms.

The company is regularly engaged by local adjoining councils, Goulburn Mulwaree, Upper Lachlan and Wingecarribee Shires, primarily with road construction and maintenance, sewer and water and general civil works.

The company has extensive experience with water conservation and erosion control, as recognised through work with the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority which includes construction of dams, sediment ponds, flumes and contour banks. The company is also engaged on a regular basis by Forests NSW for road maintenance and hazard reduction.

For more information please call 48 411 660

Build something great™

Boral – Building something great in Goulburn Mulwaree

Boral's operations have been part of the Goulburn Mulwaree for 130 years. Generations of families have worked directly and indirectly with the Marulan South Limestone Mine, while the local community has helped us become a leader in Australian building and construction materials.

Our new Peppertree Quarry development will continue this relationship for many years to come. Boral is proud of its connection with the region and would like to encourage everyone to assist the continued growth of our community through supporting our local businesses.

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