

## Boral bid to off-load land to waste facility

AHMAG (Avon and Hills Mining Awareness Group) members recently met with Gidgegannup Progress Association (GPA) Chair Sally Block to discuss a Boral proposal for a scheme amendment to change the resource zoning on their granite quarry at Red Hill to include a waste recycling facility.

The GPA and West Gidgegannup Landowners believe the proposal is a step towards industrialising a resource area which would allow extractive industries to evade their responsibility to rehabilitate the land once the granite has been exhausted.

With the recent flurry of extractive industry applications to extend the size of existing gravel and granite quarries in Toodyay, Mundaring and Swan Shires, residents need to question if permitting rezoning to accommodate waste 'recycling' will lead to the hills and Avon Valley becoming the dumping ground for Perth waste.

## Toodyay Road gravel pit

MUNDARING Shire Council has once again deferred discussion of the proposed expansion of the Trico Resources/Swan Gravel at 3560 Toodyay Road in Bailup.

Nearby residents and all who made submissions to stop the proposal to increase gravel extraction from 47,000 to 900,000 tonnes a year will be notified by Mundaring Council of the date when the matter will be discussed.

In August this year Toodyay Shire Council approved Boral's application to increase granite extraction at Cobbler Pool Road in Toodyay from 50,000 to 300,000 tonnes per annum which will result in up to 600 additional heavy-haulage trucks on Morangup and Toodyay Roads.

After two hectic months of fundraising, AHMAG members are steeling themselves for the show circuit and will attend three events in the Avon Valley.

The Toodyay Agricultural Show on Saturday October 6 is the first cab off the rank followed by the Wundowie Iron Festival on Saturday October 20 and Gidgegannup Agricultural Show on Saturday October 27.

Drop in and say hello and sign our petition to stop open-cut mining within a 100km radius of Perth.

Hot on the heels of the October shows, AHMAG will be in the thick of Morangup Playgroup's annual car boot sale from 8am on Sunday November 4 at the Morangup Community Hall where we will be selling a wide variety of donated goods, plants and preserves.

Keep in touch at [facebook.com/avonhills](https://www.facebook.com/avonhills) or write to PO Box 111 Gidgegannup WA 6083 if you would like to become a member or help with fundraising activities.