

## *‘Clean Sweep’ at Dunmore*

You need an enormous broom to make a ‘Clean Sweep’ at a quarry but that is exactly what the team at Boral Metro Quarries – Dunmore Site were able to achieve after completing their first cycle of 5S / WAM (Work Area Management) activity.

The Dunmore site commenced their 5S / WAM improvement activity in August 2007 targeting a number of key areas on the site. Focus was given to improving stockpile areas and key operational areas within the plant.

Significant amounts of ‘dirt’ were removed, relocated and reorganised by the teams involved in the activity, leading to improved product flows in stockpile areas and improved work areas around key parts of the plant.

The ‘Clean Sweep’ Award is a competition held amongst all metropolitan quarries within the Boral Metro Quarries Group in New South Wales and the Dunmore site was the recipient of the award at the end of 2007. The award is judged based on a number of criteria with an emphasis on significant and sustainable improvements of the workplace.

The competition was judged during the Boral Metropolitan Quarry Managers meeting held at the end of 2007. Dunmore’s site presentation was delivered by Jason Williams, Quarry Manager at Dunmore. During his presentation, Jason displayed the noticeboards the teams used to communicate the progress and achievements of the improvement activities being undertaken on site.

A key factor in winning the award, apart from the obvious improvements made to the site, was recognition by the judging panel of the increased engagement of the site employees through the 5S / WAM activities. This engagement gave the Dunmore Site the ‘Winning Edge’ in the competition.



*Above: A Dunmore Site Team Noticeboard Display*

Building on the improvements so far achieved, the 5S / WAM activities at the Dunmore site have been further expanded in 2008 to other key operations within the quarry as they continue their TPM<sup>3</sup> – Australasian Lean journey to world class performance.

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