



Adelaide Brighton Cement Ltd

## Welcome

Our regular community newsletters are one of the ways we keep you up to date with what is happening at Adelaide Brighton Cement's Birkenhead plant.

# Adelaide Brighton Cement Birkenhead Site

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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## AN UPDATE FROM ADELAIDE BRIGHTON CEMENT ON COVID-19

Adelaide Brighton Cement (ABC) has continued to operate through the COVID-19 restrictions, with a range of adjustments based on best advice from health authorities and the SA Government.

As an essential service provider to the construction and resources industries it is vital that we maintain operations, while implementing immediate actions around hygiene, social distancing and remote work, to ensure the health and safety of our teams and customers.

New protocols and procedures have minimised the risk of COVID-19 and will continue to protect our staff into the future. The health and safety of staff, contractors and the public remain our foremost priorities.

As part of our COVID-19 response, site visits or tours for external individuals and groups are not currently permitted. Meetings and project information are being supplied electronically, such as with this newsletter.

As always, we encourage local residents and other stakeholders seeking to ask questions or

pass on feedback to contact our community team. Details are available on the back page of this newsletter.

Lastly, we would like to remind everyone that our community investment program is currently accepting applications. More details are available on page 2 of this newsletter, along with reports on some of the community support we have been able to provide.

As a proud Australian-owned company employing approximately 1500 people, we are committed to delivering essential materials to the construction and mining industries. Though our contribution to these sectors, ABC is helping keep our local, state and national economies open for business.

You can stay up-to-date with latest developments, including our response to COVID-19 at

[www.adelaidebrightoncommunity.com.au/](http://www.adelaidebrightoncommunity.com.au/)

Thank you for your continued support. We will continue to help build a strong South Australia.

# 2020 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM NOW OPEN

Are you a local community group looking for some assistance?

Adelaide Brighton Cement has been a long-standing supporter of local community groups, charities, educational programs and sporting organisations through its community investment program.

Now, more than ever, we need to support local community groups so they can continue the important work they do in the local area.

Applications must be received by 30 September to be eligible for a grant this year.

For more information or to receive an application form, email: [birkenheadsponsorship@adbri.com.au](mailto:birkenheadsponsorship@adbri.com.au)



## ADBRI LIMITED LAUNCHES FIRST RAP PLAN

Adbri Limited has taken an important step towards a reconciled Australia, with the release of an inaugural Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan.

Since our inception in 1882, when Welsh immigrant William Lewis officially opened the Brighton Cement Works, Adbri Limited has invested in Australian communities - creating strong futures for our employees, while helping cities and towns prosper.

Like our founder and the communities in which we operate, our employees come from many different backgrounds and cultures. This is key to our continued growth as we foster a culture where we embrace difference.

To read more about how Adbri Limited will create opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, [read our plan here](#).

## LENDING A HAND TO SEMAPHORE TENNIS

ABC is thrilled to have been able to assist the Semaphore Lawn Tennis Club, which has been in operation for more than 140 years, with the recent purchase of a portable defibrillator machine.

After a serious cardiac incident at the Largs Bay courts last year, the club decided it was vital that a defibrillator be installed in the clubroom – something it has now been able to do with the help of a donation from ABC.

Club members had been looking forward to returning to the court after the removal of COVID-19 restrictions and we're delighted they will be able to do so with this additional health and safety measure in place.





# HELPING UNITINGCARE TAPEROO FEED THE COMMUNITY

At the start of last year, the Lefevre Uniting Church in Taperoo established a place to connect the community through an indoor/ outdoor coffee shop (coffee@63), an op shop, a library and a butterfly garden.

When COVID-19 struck, the coffee shop and these community activities had to close, however volunteers wanted to reach out to their community even more. So, when UnitingCare SA offered the opportunity to provide frozen meals to people struggling to put food on the table due to COVID-19, volunteers welcomed it and established UnitingCare Taperoo.

ABC has been at the forefront of support efforts by UnitingCare Taperoo, after providing a grant that enabled an Emergency Relief Centre to be established and initial meals to be supplied.

Since opening nine weeks ago, 790 meals have been distributed to 122 local residents. During the last four weeks an average of 130 meals were being distributed each week. Initially all meals were cooked by volunteers from the Lefevre and Port Adelaide Uniting Church in the coffee@63 kitchen. However, as the demand for meals increased, additional meals have been supplied by OzHarvest.

Every person collecting a meal has a story to share. Many have spoken of the way in which the care provided through the initiative has helped them in their time of need.

Jane\* should be enjoying her retirement. Instead, she is battling cancer and her daughter's family has moved in after losing their jobs. A few frozen meals and a good chat with the volunteers have helped her to go away with a little more cheer in her heart.

Sophie\* rings every week and talks to the volunteers for 20 minutes when ordering her preferred meals. Being unable to get food from the local supermarket or catch up with friends and relatives has really taken a toll. For her and others, having someone to talk to over the phone when ordering their meals is as important as the food itself.

Pete\* came in to see, 'what all the fuss was about,' after talking for a bit, it turned out his family is experiencing financial stress as a result of being stood down by his employer. He's the only breadwinner in the family and it's hard to ask for help. But when several meals were offered, he was thrilled to take them home.

There have also been families like Steve's\*: when they came in, they didn't even have any winter clothes for their kids. This is why it is great to have an op shop onsite - they got to pick out some warm things for the whole family.

As the economic impact of COVID-19 deepens, the demand for meals increases. To help meet this demand, please consider making a tax deductible donation to the UCSA UnitingCare ERC Appeal: <https://sa.uca.org.au/unitingcare-sa/>.

(To assist UnitingCare Taperoo please put UnitingCare Taperoo in the details box).

Alternatively, if you can help by volunteering in the kitchen or to distribute the meals, please telephone 7120 6558.

\*not their real names



## FUGITIVE DUST REDUCTION PROJECT

ABC has installed a specialist geofabric commonly known as “sand tarps” to cover non-working surfaces on the relocated bauxite stockpile on the southern side of the Birkenhead plant; significantly reducing the risk of fugitive dust impacting the community.

The bauxite stockpile was relocated close to the material handling system in order to reduce vehicle movement and fugitive dust associated with that activity.

The tarps are well secured and the specialist geofabric results in a reduction of fugitive emissions from the stockpile surface by 95 per cent. Heavy duty sand tarps are commonly used in other industries such as the mining and grain industries to eliminate fugitive dust.

## AN UPDATE ON OUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORK

ABC manages an Environmental Improvement Plan (EIP), endorsed by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), which addresses fugitive dust and noise issues identified in consultation with the Community Liaison Group and nearby community.

### Gas train noise reduction

ABC has worked closely with APA, who manage the gas supply infrastructure, to reduce noise levels from the gas supply to the factory. Together we conducted a redesign, and subsequent installation of new equipment to regulate the gas pressure and flow rate.

Pleasingly, a significant reduction of 13 dBA at the source has now been achieved.





# LOCAL MANUFACTURING CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

Dion Samu joined the ABC team in February, having previously undertaken work experience while studying at Adelaide University.

Here is the story of his journey to ABC:

I grew up in Whyalla, 400km out of Adelaide, but made the move to the city to start my Bachelor of Engineering at the University of Adelaide. I eventually graduated with Honours in Chemical and Pharmaceutical Engineering at the end of 2019.

During my studies, my interest moved more and more towards minerals processing and I was lucky enough at the end of my third year of study to gain 12 weeks of work experience as an undergraduate chemical engineer with ABC. I worked on multiple engineering projects at the Birkenhead site under the supervision of senior process engineers, which was incredibly beneficial for my learning and professional development.

Having enjoyed the work so much, I pursued a position in the 2020 Adbri Limited graduate program and was fortunate to be awarded a position of graduate chemical engineer at Birkenhead. Since starting this role in February, I have been part of the process improvement team and have had great opportunities to work on engineering projects across multiple areas of our operation. I have gained invaluable exposure to the quality, production and environmental aspects of the business and hope to be ready to take on a new role at ABC at the completion of the graduate program in 2022. Long term, I hope that throughout my career with Adbri Limited I will be able to contribute to improving the sustainability of our production processes.

## Our next community liaison group meeting

The Adelaide Brighton Cement Community Liaison Group usually meets on a quarterly basis at the Port Adelaide Town Hall, Nile Street, Port Adelaide.

The next community meeting is scheduled for [Monday 7 September 2020](#).

However, due to COVID-19 a decision has been made to host this meeting on Zoom. For further details please contact [BirkenheadCommunity@adbri.com.au](mailto:BirkenheadCommunity@adbri.com.au)

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During the hours of 8:30am and 5:00pm, you can reach Adbri Limited on [8300 0300](tel:83000300)

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For matters that arise after hours, please contact our Community Hotline on [8300 0520](tel:83000520)

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