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## **Appendix 1 – Hanson’s Website**



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## Our Approach



Our approach can be summed up in one word: Excellence. That's what we aim for, in everything we do, right across the enterprise. From our work with local communities to our environmental and financial management. From our stakeholder consultation to our workplace health and safety.

It's all about ensuring we do the best possible work we can do, in the most sustainable, responsible way. Creating great jobs and unparalleled value. So we don't just improve our bottom line, we improve the world around us, and the lives of those within it.

Because the businesses that succeed in the future will be those that look to the future, today. Those that invest in people and innovations, in the environment, in ethical governance, and in projects with long-term benefits.

This is more than a policy. It's a company-wide attitude that drives our work practices, and – by extension – makes them sustainable.





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## **Health & Safety**

Hanson is absolutely committed to the health and well-being of our people. Because all injuries are preventable, and the safest projects are the most successful ones.

That's why preventing hazards and controlling risk are at the core of everything we do, every day. Not just in our work practices, quality standards and official safety program, but also in the way we think and behave. Everything revolves around ensuring that the safe management of our people and equipment always comes first.

This includes our planning. We assess all planned activities, and proactively and systematically circumvent those with the highest risk. It also includes a comprehensive Integrated Risk Management System (IRMS) that allows us to monitor and effectively manage safety performance across our entire enterprise.

### **Safety Data Sheets**

A Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is designed to provide both workers and emergency personnel with the proper information for handling or working with a substance.

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## Community

Hanson is committed to giving back to the community. We contribute to local initiatives, like charities and community groups. We host open days and sponsor education programs. We employ locally. And we always consult with the community in our work.

But we don't just do it out of the goodness of hearts. We do it because we're actually part of the community. We're not merely a business that works within the community.

So we know, from first-hand experience, that when we all do our bit, everyone benefits. We know, for instance, that when we engage proactively with community stakeholders to garner wider community support, we minimise disruption for everyone – including us. And our clients.

Likewise, when we create local employment opportunities or reduce traveling times for locals by contributing to vital infrastructure, we're bettering their lives and, in the long run, we're improving our business prospects.

## Environment

We all share one planet. So it's just plain common-sense to treat it properly, and to ensure we're looking to the future, not just our immediate goals.

That's why, at Hanson, we're dedicated to continuously reducing the environmental impact of our production techniques, and increasing the effectiveness of our rehabilitation programs. Our overarching goal is always to minimise waste, water usage and noise pollution, to maximise water and soil quality, and to proactively plan around native flora and fauna, as well as historic and traditional sites.

It's also why we promote sustainable building practices across the construction industry.

This commitment to continuous improvement is built into our core business operations and systems. But more than that, it's an integral part of our company culture. It's important to everyone, not just management, so it's as much a bottom-up as a top-down endeavour.

View our [Environment Policy](#)



HeidelbergCement is a German multinational building materials company headquartered in Heidelberg, Germany. It is a DAX corporation.

**HeidelbergCement is one of the world's largest building materials companies. With the takeover of the Italian cement producer Italcementi, HeidelbergCement became the number 1 in aggregates production, number 2 in cement, and number 3 in ready-mixed concrete.** Both companies complement each other perfectly: on the one hand due to major similarities in product areas and organisation structures, and on the other hand due to their different geographical footprints without major overlaps. In the significantly expanded HeidelbergCement Group, around 60,000 employees work at more than 3,000 production sites in around 60 countries on five continents.

**The core activities of HeidelbergCement include the production and distribution of cement and aggregates, the two essential raw materials for concrete.** Our downstream activities include mainly the production of ready-mixed concrete, but also of asphalt and other building products in some countries. With the acquisition of Italcementi, we have significantly expanded our maritime trading activities.

Cement production is by its very nature raw-material- and energy-intensive. **That's why we build our long-term success on sustainable business practices.** This includes securing access to raw materials reserves, efficient and innovative production processes, the development of new products and the use of alternative raw materials and fuels. HeidelbergCement is also active in the promotion of biodiversity at its extraction sites.

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## Appendix 2 – PSC Correspondence on Walking and Paths

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**Councillor Craig Baumann**

Telephone Inquiries  
**Julie Simmons**  
Mayor's Office  
Please Quote File No:  
3400-003

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Brandy Hill Drive  
BRANDY HILL NSW 2324

Dear \*\*\*\*\*

**Safer Walking and Cycling Environment Along Brandy Hill Drive**

Thank you very much for your letter dated 31 March 2005. I have also reviewed your original letter dated 16 April, 2004 and the reply you received from Council's Design and Project Development Engineer dated 20 May, 2004.

Council, while committed to maintaining and improving its transport infrastructure, is limited by the resources it has available. You are probably not aware that Council is spending \$345,000 on footpath and cycleway maintenance in the current financial year and \$320,000 on two new cycleway projects.

In the current financial year Council's other major works in the western part of the shire include expenditure of about \$600,000 on roadwork in High Street, Wallalong, \$40,000 at Clarence Town Road and Oakendale Road intersection, \$50,000 on rehabilitation works along Paterson Road Duns Creek, and \$31,000 on a Route Development Study to upgrade Seaham Road and Clarence Town Road over the next 10 years.

Council's proposals for the following financial year are currently on public exhibition. It is proposing to spend about \$350,000 on footpath and cycleway maintenance, and \$515,000 on new footpath and cycleway works. For details please refer to Council's website.

*bad planning* I understand that your main objective is to create a safer, user-friendly walking and cycling environment along Seaham Road and Brandy Hill Drive. The unfortunate situation is that these roads were not designed and built wide enough in the first place, and to add these facilities at a later stage would be very costly for the anticipated usage generated. !!

The other difficulty is that we already have footpath and cycleway projects to a value of \$3,580,000 listed in the Forward Works Program. We now also have a new category for disabled access

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'Soldiers Point / Salamander Bay - Australia's Tidiest Town 2002'



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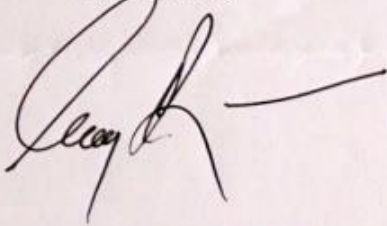
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projects with an estimated total value of \$656,000. These projects are all prioritised in a systematic way to ensure that the most beneficial projects are given a higher priority and will therefore be funded first. For example, recreational footpaths and cycleways at present receive the lowest priority, while projects that are close to schools receive the highest priority. Also the higher the estimated number of users the higher the priority will be.

It is important that Council maintains an objective and transparent system for allocating priorities, because it is impossible to satisfy all the requests that Council receives from the community.

I can assure you that we do take our vision of a better lifestyle for the community seriously. I thank you for taking an interest in this matter. I also urge you to look at the draft Council Plan for the next financial year, and I hope that you provide us with your comments and suggestions.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig', followed by a long horizontal line.

**CR CRAIG BAUMANN  
MAYOR OF PORT STEPHENS**

*Cc: Mick Loomes, Joh Roxin*

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Telephone Inquiries:  
**Joachim Roxin**  
Engineering Services

Please Quote File No:  
**E5075-013 & 5615-001**

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Brandy Hill Road  
BRANDY HILL NSW 2324

Dear \*\*\*\*\*

**Re: Pedestrian Access along Seaham Rd between Sophia Jane Dve and Eskdale Park Dve**

I refer to your letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> April 2004. I have inspected the area last week to try and appreciate your situation a little bit better and to take some photographs of the area.

The section of Seaham Road between Sophia Jane Drive and Eskdale Park Drive is approximately 870m long. Over most of this length the road is too narrow to safely walk along the road shoulder, the only exception being the short section north of Sophia Jane Drive, which has kerb and gutter and a fairly even grassed area behind it.

The section of Brandy Hill Drive between Seaham Road and Tandara Road is about 2.5 km long and is also generally too narrow to safely walk along the road shoulder. Some sections are fairly even, but other sections have deep table drains or are very overgrown.

Another issue, which has been raised by the community before, is the number of accidents at the intersection. This issue was considered by the traffic committee last year and as a result the speed limits on both of these roads have been reduced. The main factors that have influenced this speed limit reduction were safety at the intersection and the school bus pick up and drop off activities in the area. The volume of pedestrian activity along these roads is fairly low and does not warrant any further speed reductions.

Maintenance of the road reserve in rural areas is generally left up to Council, whilst in urban areas the footpaths are maintained by the property owners themselves, although I acknowledge that there may be exceptions. Also Council does not have the necessary resources to maintain rural road reserves to the same standard generally expected in urban areas. Therefore it is unrealistic to expect that the road reserve along Seaham Road and Brandy Hill Drive will always be nice and even and the grass always cut short.

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property owners do this already where possible.

— give us the opportunity to do this ourselves.

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Section 94 Fund.  
Wall Mills. / Linda Gabriel  
49800240

20 May 2004

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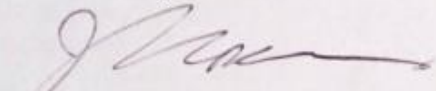
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Council does have a Forward Works Program, which lists all proposed footpath and cycleway projects. The total value of all the projects listed is currently more than \$3,500,000. A copy of the relevant sections of the program and the methods used to prioritise these projects are attached for your information.

The amount of funds Council has actually allocated towards footpaths and cycleway construction in the current financial year for example is only \$100,000, and the whole amount is an RTA grant. However, Council spends about \$300,000 per annum on footpath and cycleway maintenance, because of the number of negligence claims on existing footpaths and cycleways that Council receives each year.

It would be possible to add some new footpath or cycleway projects to the Forward Works Program. However, there would be no guarantee that these projects would actually be constructed in the foreseeable future, unless Council resolves to allocate substantially more resources to this type of work.

Yours faithfully



**Joachim Roxin**

**Design and Project Development Engineer**

Cc Councillor Glenys Plowman  
Councillor Helen Brown

20 May 2004



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Telephone inquiries  
**Joe Gleeson**  
**49800207**  
Please quote file no:  
**PSC2005-4030/170**

20 September 2013

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\*\*\*\*\*Brandy Hill Drive  
BRANDY HILL NSW 2324

Dear \*\*\*\*\*

**Re: BRANDY HILL DRIVE - COMPLAINT REGARDING UNSAFE CONDITIONS FOR WALKERS  
AND CYCLISTS ON BRANDY HILL DRIVE AND SEAHAM ROAD**

Thank you for your representations to Council. This matter was considered by the Traffic Inspection Committee as part of the most recent Inspections agenda.

The Traffic Inspection Committee noted that improving conditions for walkers and cyclists in the rural areas of the LGA is a difficult proposition. Shoulder widening is included in road improvement projects wherever possible and there are some major projects scheduled for the near future across the LGA, such as Lemon Tree Passage Road and Clarencetown Road. The reality is however, that the road reserves are not used exclusively for roads but must also contain the drainage and utilities needed to service the properties that connect to the roads.

Off-road facilities such as footpaths or cycleways are the ideal treatment but cannot be justified in rural areas due to the high costs and low population density.

The Traffic Inspection Committee comprises representation from Port Stephens Highway Patrol, the Roads and Traffic Authority and Port Stephens Council.

Your concerns in this matter are appreciated.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Gleeson".

**Joe Gleeson**  
**TRAFFIC ENGINEER**

*Seaham sets a precedent*  
*come + see me*  
*stop-go man signs* → *letter to Examiner*

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### **APPENDIX 4 COMMENTS FROM SURVEYS**

These are just some of the comments received among the overwhelming support for a pathway.

7. Please add any other comments.

A path along Brandy Hill Dr. would be fantastic. Walking/riding along the road at present is taking your life in your hands each time. If walking a dog it becomes very difficult. The trucks that use the road come within a very short distance on most occasions when walking/riding a bike.

8. Please circle the street where you reside.

Brandy Hill Dr.

Sofia Jane Dr.

Seaham Rd.

Leumeah Cl.

Elouera Cl.

Merindah Cl.

Warrigal Cl.

Bangalay Cl.

Joliffe Cl.

Camarar Cl.

Weraí Cl.

Neika Cl

Tandara Rd.

Guandalan Cl.

Sophia Jane Dr.

The pathway b/t Brandon Park and Seaham Park is very well utilized and I feel that a <sup>new</sup> walkway pathway/cycle path would be well utilized and an asset to this area. It would also show that Hanson has taken an interest in what the residents have to say.

9. Please add any other comments.

NOW RETIRED. I WOULD NOT GO PAST MY DRIVE ENTRANCE WITH ALL THESE TRUCKS

7. Please add any other comments.

My wife & I regularly walk along Brandy Hill Drive. With the amount of traffic (especially trucks), we need to be very careful & vigilant. A pathway would make it much safer & encourage more people to walk & appreciate our suburb.



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### **Appendix 8 Photos – Narrow Road Shoulders on BHD**

The pool noodle is exactly 1m, with a mark at 0.5m.





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An inadequate bus stop at Warrigal Close, but also showing no pedestrian access across one of two culvert causeways:



The poor bus stop at Ralston Road. No photo of the bus stop on the other side of the road as there isn't one, or of other places where buses stop without a formed bus stop:





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**The poor view as traffic exits from Warrigal Close:**



**Amenity and ambiance of gardens with alpacas and horse breeders:**





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**April 2016 dust cloud over the quarry**



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## Appendix 9 Brandy Hill Rate Notice

Note that the land category is listed as "RESIDENTIAL".

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**RATE NOTICE**

**ASSESSMENT NO. \*\*\*\*\***

**RATES TEAM**  
Office Hours 8.30am - 5pm Monday - Friday  
Visit 116 Adelaide Street, Raymond Terrace NSW 2324  
Post PO Box 42, Raymond Terrace NSW 2324  
Phone Rates - 02 4980 0393 General - 02 4980 0255  
Email council@portstephens.nsw.gov.au  
Web www.portstephens.nsw.gov.au  
Credit Card Payments 13 18 16 (anytime)  
DX 21 406 ABN 16 744 377 876

**BRANDY HILL DRIVE**  
BRANDY HILL NSW 2324

**1ST INSTALMENT**

Amount Payable:	\$459.42
Due Date:	01/09/2014

No further notice will be sent for 1st instalment

**Assessment No:** 199828  
**Rating Year:** 01/07/2014 to 30/06/2015  
**Issue Date:** 17/07/2014  
**Land Category:** RESIDENTIAL  
**Land Value:** 284000  
**Value Base Date:** 1/07/2013

**Description and Location of Property Rated**  
BRANDY HILL NSW 2324  
BRANDY HILL DRIVE BRANDY HILL

LEVY DETAILS	VALUE/NO	RATE/CHARGE (excl GST)	LEVY (excl GST)	GST	LEVY
Residential Rate	284,000.00	0.00330900	\$939.76	\$0.00	\$939.76
Residential Base Amount	1.00	341.00	\$341.00	\$0.00	\$341.00
Waste Management Charge	1.00	63.00	\$63.00	\$0.00	\$63.00
Domestic Waste Management Service Charge	1.00	372.50	\$372.50	\$0.00	\$372.50
Hunter Catchment Contribution	284,000.00	0.00010900	\$30.96	\$0.00	\$30.96
On-Site Sewage Management Renewal Fee	1.00	80.20	\$80.20	\$0.00	\$80.20
Totals			\$1,827.42	\$0.00	\$1,827.42

**LEVY SUMMARY**

Current Levy (excl GST)	\$1,827.42
Total GST Payable	\$0.00
Current Levy	\$1,827.42

Please deduct any payments made since 11/07/2014

**TOTAL PAYABLE** \$1,827.42

1ST INSTALMENT	2ND INSTALMENT	3RD INSTALMENT	4TH INSTALMENT	TOTAL PAYABLE
Due 01/09/2014	Due 01/12/2014	Due 02/03/2015	Due 01/06/2015	
\$459.42	\$456.00	\$456.00	\$456.00	\$1,827.42

Overdue amounts attract 8.5% per annum interest calculated daily. An instalment notice will be issued before the 2nd, 3rd and 4th instalments

**PORT STEPHENS COUNCIL**

Ratepayer: \*\*\*\*\*

Property Address: \*\*\*\*\* Brandy Hill Drive BRANDY HILL NSW 2324

Assessment No: 199828

Total Due: \$1,827.42

Instalment Amount Due: \$459.42

Due Date: 01/09/2014

**POST billpay**

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Post Billpay

Billpay Code: 0241  
Ref: \*\*\*\*\*

Bill Code: 4333  
Ref: \*\*\*\*\*

**AMOUNT PAID:**

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For methods of payment and other information, see the reverse of this notice

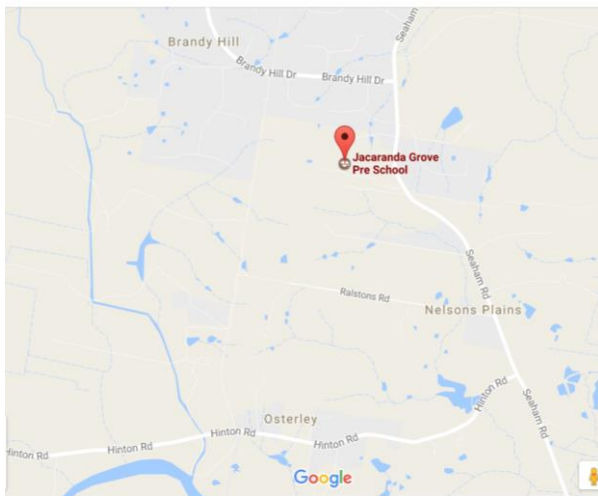
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## **Appendix 10 Jacaranda Grove Preschool**

This preschool is at 697 Seaham Rd Nelsons Plains where the speed limit is currently 90kph. It caters for up to 29 children, aged 2-6, per day, between the hours of 7am-6pm Monday – Friday, 48 weeks per year. Over 30 vehicles can arrive and depart daily including parents and staff, with the morning period coinciding with peak quarry truck movements. Currently there is no footpath along Seaham Road to enable nearby families to walk to the preschool, so all arrivals and departures are by vehicle.

Their Christmas concert and other events fill the small carpark and cars are then parked on the shoulders on both sides of Seaham Rd for perhaps a hundred metres.



The website for more information is: <http://www.jacarandagrove.com.au/>