



# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2018

## PROJECT STATUS



### Botany Groundwater Cleanup Continues Safely

We are continuing hydraulic containment and treatment of up to 6 megalitres (ML; million litres) of contaminated groundwater a day.

- > 2,661 ML of groundwater treated since 2005, approximately three quarters of this volume has been used for industrial processes, offsetting demand on Sydney's water supply
- > 1,429 tonnes of chlorinated hydrocarbons (CHC's) destroyed

### Export and Destruction of Waste Progressing

A total of 1,635 tonnes of hexachlorobenzene (HCB) waste has been shipped to Finland and all will have been safely destroyed by the end of this year.

We have applied for the further export of 2,440 tonnes of this waste to treatment plants in Finland and Sweden. Approval from the Australian and destination governments is required.

The stockpile of HCB waste is a legacy of past manufacturing and was approximately 15,000 tonnes before export commenced. It includes concentrated waste and low level waste, such as contaminated used packaging materials. There are no treatment plants in Australia capable of treating the concentrated HCB waste. We are investigating options for the low level waste in Australia.

Detailed information about our projects is available at [www.orica.com/Botany](http://www.orica.com/Botany). You can also hear more at community meetings or call us on 1800 025 138.

## THREE YEAR FUNDING

**WE ARE PROUD TO BE SUPPORTING BAYSIDE COUNCIL BY FUNDING \$230,000 OVER THREE YEARS FOR THE ENHANCEMENT AND UPGRADE OF GRACE CAMPBELL RESERVE AND ADJOINING LAND.**

The project is still in the early planning phase with a project plan and schedule currently being developed.

"Bayside Council has partnered with Orica to update the play space at Grace Campbell Reserve" said Mayor Bill Saravinovski, "Orica is helping Council fund these much needed works as part of Council's ongoing commitment to upgrading ageing assets and promoting community hubs for families to play and enjoy their local area."



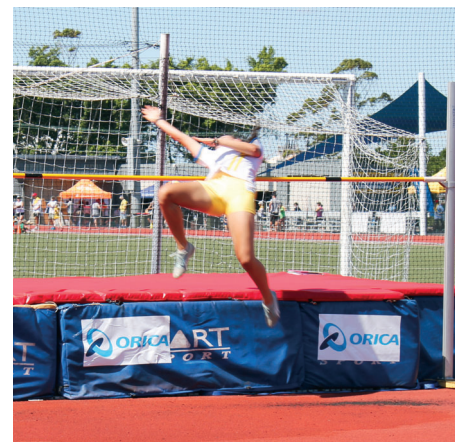


## SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

These great projects have recently benefited from our Botany community investment program

- > South Sydney High School  
Enclosed vegetable garden  
– \$9,000
- > Little Heroes Swim Academy  
“Botany Mad About Inclusion”  
swim program – \$2,400
- > The Smith Family’s “Learning  
for Life Student Sponsorships”  
– \$8,496
- > Banksmeadow Public School  
coding program – \$6,625
- > Randwick Botany Little Athletics  
Centre – new high jump mat  
covers –\$4,500
- > Prince of Wales Hospital  
Foundation – Aboriginal Youth  
Mental Health First Aid – \$4,500

Applications in the next round open on 12 February and close on 5 April 2019. The application form and eligibility criteria are available on our website or can be requested by calling our hotline.





## PROPERTY MATTERS

We are currently progressing investigations into the sale of Lot 9 at Southlands, located on McPherson Street, Banksmeadow. We are seeking development approval for a suspended concrete platform to support warehouse buildings and hardstand/car parking above an existing compensatory flood storage area. We have requested Secretary's Environmental Assessment

Requirements from the Department of Planning and Environment. An Environmental Impact Statement, including an assessment of potential impacts such as traffic will then be prepared for the project. We aim to sell the land with the development approved. We do not plan to implement the development; that will be done by the purchaser.

**WE NO LONGER HAVE ANY CHEMICAL MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS AT BOTANY. THERE IS LAND THAT IS SURPLUS TO OUR NEEDS, WHICH WE WILL CONTINUE TO SELL FOR INDUSTRIAL USE.**

## DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE BAN ON DOMESTIC BORE WATER USE?

Since 2003 the NSW Government has had a ban on domestic bore water use in a number of different areas in response to groundwater contamination that has occurred from a range of past manufacturing activities. Orica continues to treat groundwater in the Groundwater Treatment Plant to ensure there are no unacceptable health risks to the community.

**For more information about the groundwater restriction zones in Sydney please contact the Water NSW Office on 1800 353 104.**



## WHO WE ARE

**AT BOTANY WE ARE COMMITTED TO SAFELY CLEANING UP LEGACY CONTAMINATION IN CONSULTATION WITH GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY**

We are the world's largest provider of commercial explosives and innovative blasting systems to the mining, quarrying, oil and gas, and construction markets, a leading supplier of sodium cyanide for gold extraction, and a specialist provider of ground support services in mining and tunnelling. In the past we also manufactured a wide range of plastics and industrial chemicals, some of which are still manufactured by others at Botany Industrial Park (BIP).

For more than 75 years Orica and our predecessor, ICI, had manufacturing operations at BIP. During former operations environmental standards and regulations were not of today's standards and contamination of soil and groundwater occurred. We no longer have any chemical manufacturing activities at the BIP and have sold lands that have been remediated. At Botany we are committed to safely cleaning up legacy contamination in consultation with government and the community.



## LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GET INVOLVED?

The Orica Botany Liaison Committee Meeting (OBLC) is an open meeting to discuss our legacy projects with us, government representatives and other interested community members. You may be interested in attending a meeting and considering applying to be a committee member in 2019. Visit our website or call the hotline for an application form.

**APPLY TO BE A COMMITTEE  
MEMBER IN 2019**

## INTERPRETATION SERVICES AVAILABLE

If you know of someone who would like information about our remediation projects at Botany in a language other than English, please phone 131 450 to arrange for an interpretation. Please advise the interpreter to contact the Community Relations Team on 1800 025 138 or 02 9381 8115.

## NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING

Our next community meeting will be held on **5 March 2019 at Hillsdale Community Centre, 236 Bunnerong Road, Hillsdale from 5:30pm–7.30pm.**

Meetings are open to the public. Come along to hear an update on the progress of our remediation projects, including the export of hexachlorobenzene (HCB) waste for safe and permanent destruction, the clean-up of groundwater contamination, and our plans to divest land.



## SITE TOURS

We are happy to organise site tours for interested residents and community groups. Call 1800 025 138 to register your interest.

## CONTACT US

Orica's Community Feedback, Enquiries and Complaints Line  
1800 025 138  
[www.orica.com/Botany](http://www.orica.com/Botany)  
Write to [botany.info@orica.com](mailto:botany.info@orica.com),  
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This newsletter has been prepared by Orica to share information about our remediation projects at Botany and news of our support for local community projects.