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Benedict Celebrates 44 Years!

This month marks the 44th Anniversary of Benedict Industries!!

Founded by Margaret & Ronald Smith on February 14th 1966, it was their efforts combined with that of Dana, Ern & the team which has supported them over the years that has made Benedict what we are today.

We thank those that have come before us for their efforts and everyone here today for your ongoing commitment. Let's make this a great year to talk about at our 45th Anniversary.

Rydalmere Coming On line

The Rydalmere Recycling Facility is finally catching up with the world and coming online with a computer and weighbridge system. The site has been in operation for just over a year now and Marco and the boys have been doing manual dockets which the Chipping Norton girls enter, and the boys have also been manually phoning Chipping Norton to process every EFTPOS sale.

The office inside the main building is being renovated so that Andrew can manage all weighbridge activities including computer docketing and EFTPOS processing. Rydalmere is the busiest Benedict Recycling transfer station so it will be a steep learning curve for all the boys.

In other news, we are also still waiting on the results of some recent tenders for Benedict Recycling so fingers crossed, I will have some good news to report in the next bulletin.

Darin Anderson

QUALITY NEWS

I would like to remind all Product Testing Staff of the importance for checking all on-site testing equipment regularly, to avoid potential damage to equipment. As you are aware, our Sales team rely on the quality results we give them to sell our products, and I would like to keep our standard up to the same high level it has always been. If you would like to discuss this further with me, or just have a question, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Floyde Gilbert

Recycling Ink Cartridges at Benedict



Cartridge Rescue™ is the largest re-user of printer cartridges in Australasia for over 15 years. During this time they have rescued and reused over 3 million cartridges. Collection is Free of Charge!!

Step 1. Order free recycling boxes by calling 1800 628 854 or by going online to www.cartridgerescue.com.au

Step 2. Provide Cartridge Rescue with your pick up details. Address, Contact name, Contact Phone number & number of boxes to be picked up.

Step 3. Courier (TNT) will collect box. Cartridge Rescue will provide this service.

Step 4. Cartridge Rescue will donate \$2 per collection to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Safety News

Nicole Pearce

Snakes on sites

After sites have been vacant over holiday breaks and even 'long weekends' snakes may have found quiet shelter on your sites. Hot weather also increases the boldness of snakes.

Cool, dark, protected areas such as under sheds, rubble, stored materials, plant and equipment may attract these creatures.

Prevention

1. Minimise the food sources for snakes by removing anything that may attract mice or frogs.
2. Reduce the amount of rubbish and materials where a snake could shelter.
3. On return to the site after the break ensure everyone is made aware of the increased risk of the presence of snakes.
4. Wear gloves and boots when moving stored materials and rubbish as they will give a little protection.
5. An increased awareness and alertness is the best protection, the snake will not be looking for you, so watch out for it.

Benedict Haulage News

Finally we can say here it is, the latest edition to our fleet is in operation and has been making quite a few heads turn. For those who are curious the new 10 wheel configured trucks tare weight came in at 11.20 tonne with a gross weight of 31.50 tonne giving a payload of 20.30 tonne and is an amazing billboard for Benedict Industries.

Benedict Haulage has entered some of its fleet into the upcoming working truck show at the Penrith Museum of Fire on the 28th of March and is hoping to be acknowledged for the categories of Best Tipper Fleet, Best Tipper and Best Tipper Dog Combination. Hope to see some of you there to support our fleet.

We would like to welcome Andrew Mortemore driver of fleet #358, Anthony Cook driver of fleet #174 and we welcome back Bob Evans who is driving #041 who is filling in for Jason.

Benedict Haulage Management and shareholders also take this opportunity to mention the passing of Anthony Fitzpatrick (Fitzy) owner/operator of fleet #996. Tony passed Wednesday 24th at home after battling with cancer for over the past 18 months. Tony will be greatly missed as he was one of nature's gentlemen and was always there to offer advice.

Thanks,
Brett Carlton



If a snake is seen or reported on site:

DO NOT approach, attack or otherwise provoke the snake as 95% of those bitten have done this. Remember if provoked it will **STRIKE**

Australian Venom Research Unit First Aid Guidelines First Aid for snake bite in Australia:

1. Immediately apply a broad firm bandage around the limb and on the bitten area. It should be as tight as one would bind a sprained ankle. As much of the limb should be bandaged as possible. Bind from below upwards. Crepe bandages are ideal, but any flexible material can be used, eg tear up clothing or old towels into strips. Panty hose is satisfactory.
2. Keep the limb and the victim as still as possible. Splint the limb.
3. Bring transport to the victim if possible.
4. Leave the bandage and splint on until medical care is reached.

Don't cut or excise the bitten area.

Don't apply an arterial tourniquet.

Don't wash the bitten area. The snake involved may be identified by the detection of venom on the skin.

Up and Coming Projects

Sales Spot

AROUND THE GROUNDS!

At this point in time the word is that it is still very quiet in the market place although Benedict continues to win their fair share of the available work. Having said that we are currently working hard to secure work on a few extremely large projects which could translate into long term supply opportunities, I will offer more info on these in the next bulletin!

Tendering and supplying Current projects

- 5000 tonne of Base materials to Redfern park, Minto - Coordinated Landscapes
 - 3000 tonne of Landscape materials to Georges Fair, Moorebank - Landscape Solutions
 - Large quantities of materials to Oran Park Town, including deliveries - Design, Coordinated, Landscape Solutions
 - Large quantities of material to Port Botany - Downer Works
 - 10,000 tonne of various materials to St Marys - Daracon To name a few!!!
- Also Congratulations must go out to both Allocations & the Aymshen Transport Fleet for their outstanding efforts relating to the delivery of over 8000 tonne into the Hensley Park, Botany project recently.

Mick Williams

Ops is On the Go

We would like to welcome Wayne Kelly as the new Production Manager at Cowra. Wayne comes to us with a background in Quarrying & Earthmoving and will be a great asset to Cowra Quartz. Please join us in making Wayne feel welcome.

At Moorebank we have been busy creating room on site by turning raw material stockpiles into saleable product. We have moved the dredge into a new area and are now starting to produce good, clean concrete sand. We have purchased a brand new Komatsu Excavator which is Paul Thompson's baby!???

Belrose has, like Appin, had huge amounts of rain fall this month. This is great for our water storage dams, but not good for production. However, it looks as if it is finally starting to dry up. Fingers crossed.

Brett Jarvis

Who's New & Who's Who?

Welcome to:

- Christine Chenery - MEN Casual Weighbridge Operator
- Wayne Kelly - COW Quarry Manager
- Greg Johnston - MITT Plant Operator
- Michel Stevens - HO Business Services Manager

Random Who's Who:

- Troy Logan - BEL Quarry Manager
- Bea Stafford - HO Finance
- Tovia Peato - C/N Plant Supervisor
- Michaelle Millson - MITT Weighbridge Operator
- Chris Girling - H/O Accounts Receivable

Family News

CONGRATULATIONS

Geoff and his wife Sue Hendy became Grandparents in October to little Allira Jane, and so begins a new phase of their life

Congratulations to Charlie Grima on his engagement.

And congratulations to Hunter and Leanne who will be getting Married next month!



Staff Profile

Get to know your co-workers

Name: Raymond
Ruffell

Role: Excavator/
Operator - Belrose

Status: Married

Children: 4 month
old son

Favourite show:
Deadliest Catch

Origin: New Zealand

Favourite hobby:
Radio control race
boats

**Where do you see
yourself in 5 yrs?**
Happily married with
2 or 3 kids

**If you were an
animal what would
you be? Why?**
A Dolphin - Cause I
love the Ocean

Favourite Quote: If
it was easy,
everyone could do it

**Favourite Holiday
Spot:**
Hamilton Island

The Order of the Shovel

February's Work Anniversaries

Name	Surname	Date Commenced	Years of Service	Site
CHARLIE	GRIMA	4/02/2008	2	BEN-SALES
DAVID	WHITE	6/02/2006	4	BEN-ADMIN
EWEN	CHARLIER	08/02/1999	11	BEN-ADMIN
DAPHNE	MARSHALL	12/02/1997	13	BEN-ADMIN
MARK	MORRIS	13/02/1989	21	FLOATING
FOYDE	GILBERT	20/02/2006	4	BEN-ADMIN

Earth Hour 2010

In its third year running, Earth Hour is evolving to call Earth Hour, Every Hour; encouraging the community to make changes in their daily lives to reduce their carbon footprint. While there are confronting views even in the scientific community regarding climate change and all things associated with that, what Earth Hour does provide is a way for the citizens of the world to send a message that they want action for a more sustainable future.

With Benedict's commitment to the Environment evident through our continuous focus on quality product development by incorporating recycled materials into feasible blends, our joint venture with Visy Recycling; Glass Granulates which re-processes more than 30 000m³ of glass originally destined for landfill into sustainable civil construction materials, and our state of the art recycling facility Benedict Recycling that recovers over 85% of materials; it is easy to see why again this year Benedict proudly supports Earth Hour.

We ask for your help to ensure we contribute effectively to this event and encourage you to get involved at a personal level. For more information regarding the event please go to <http://earthhour.org.au>

Please stay tuned to find out how you can help Benedict's support this event.

