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Matt and Karl

LOCAL LADS FEATURE IN NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING FOR LOCAL TALENT FOR A NATIONAL ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN THEY DON'T COME MUCH MORE LOCAL THAN THESE TWO.

Matt Parker and Karl Burton have become the face of the Minerals Council of Australia (MCA) advertising campaign on mining and farming.

The pair work at Acland Pastoral Company (APC) and both grew up within 20 km of Acland.

Karl was brought up at Brymaroo and went to Kulpi Primary and Oakey High.

Despite working in the United States and various locations around Australia, Karl is back in Brymaroo with his wife Felicity and, soon to be, three children.

"We came back home to help my parents on their property but now we've set up our own place," Karl said.

"And with twins due soon we are happy to settle here for some time to come."

Karl runs his own business as well as contracting to APC.

"I've been training horses for more than a decade and just love it," Karl said.

"Working around animals and on the land is something I've grown up with and it's in the blood.

"It's a tough industry at times but can be very rewarding."

Karl is usually a fairly private bloke who just gets on with work, but the current MCA campaign has changed that.

"I keep getting messages from mates all over the place, sending me photos of me on the back of taxis, on buses and billboards. The strangest was one of me in a men's room down south somewhere."

Like Karl, Matt grew up in Acland, going to school in Goombungee and Oakey.

"I was born in Rockhampton but spent most of my childhood in and around Acland," Matt said.

"The family has 200 acres out here with breeders and crops but surprisingly I became a personal trainer when I left school.

"That didn't last long though because I was working and living on the Gold Coast and I couldn't wait to get away from there.

"I then worked on a cotton farm out near Goondiwindi and then on a cattle station in Mt Isa before coming back to work here."

Matt said it was great to be back home near family and friends although he wasn't expecting to end up in a national advertising campaign.

"I'm more comfortable training my dogs and horses than being in front of a lens but it was an interesting experience," Matt said.

While they still run the family farm, Matt's father also works at the New Acland mine.

"It's great he has work there but it's not for me," Matt said.

"I prefer the open air, being outside and working with my animals.

"But to be honest, if it wasn't for the mine we'd be in real trouble at APC. Being able to graze on the rehabilitated land and using the recycled water has been a real lifesaver."

You can see Karl and Matt in action on our YouTube Channel, on our Facebook page or on our Instagram @newhopecorp

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NEW COMMUNITY PROJECTS

NEW ACLAND MINE'S COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND SUPPORTS A COLOURFUL ARRAY OF IMPORTANT AND VALUED COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS.

With the advice of our Community Reference Group, the Fund provides these organisations and their community projects with grants of \$10,000 or more. This round, we are proud to support the following five worthy new projects:

MEN'S SHED SPREADS THEIR WINGS

The Crow's Nest men's shed kitchen was in poor condition and their lack of office space made it hard to complete daily tasks.

A great organisation with a big heart, the Crow's Nest District Men's Shed is a safe space for men to talk – or to not talk – while improving their skills in woodwork, metalwork and gardening.

With a focus on the health and wellbeing of local men in the community – this team was well-deserving of a \$10,000 grant to go towards the renovation of their kitchen and office space, as well as purchasing new workshop equipment.

Dennis Brown sits on the committee as the treasurer and was thrilled with how it turned out.

"The place looks absolutely amazing, like magic," Dennis said.

Although the kitchen got an upgrade, the star of the show was the extended office space which men can now use to its full potential without feeling like they were crammed into a small box.

"We are all really happy with the kitchen and office spaces and are delighted with our brand-new workshop tools that can be used and appreciated by men in our community."



TRAPS TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENT

The North East Downs Landcare Group Inc. put in an important request to purchase and install 10 feral pig traps for landholders in the catchment area.

The group put in efforts to work with young Landcarers in schools to educate and encourage them to work with the environment to protect and improve it.

Although the traps are currently in the process of being built, Secretary Glenys Bowtell is looking forward to the installation.

"The traps haven't been made and sent to us yet, but we're so thankful for the donation and excited for them to be installed," she said.

The project is really important as it will improve the biodiversity in public reserves by reducing the number of feral pigs in the North Eastern Downs catchment.

"We have previously had native habitat in the North East Downs catchment damaged by feral pigs so this is a much-needed step to improve that," Glenys said.



HALL GETS A FRESHEN UP

The Oakey Agricultural Pastoral and Rodeo Society Inc. was looking for a bit of a freshen-up on their Greenwood Hall, as well as the installation of a new electric stove.

As host to the 111th Oakey Show, the Greenwood Hall needed to be in tip-top shape for the crowds of people that attend each year.

Judy Byers, the Oakey Show President said they couldn't be happier with the outcome.

"The official opening of the 111th Oakey Show was held in the newly painted hall, and we were able to show off our new electric stove that helped out a lot with catering for the event," she said.

Although they were blessed with a weekend of rain, that didn't keep the crowds away.

"We had lots of smiling faces showing up in the rain and giving compliments on our fresh hall – there were absolutely no complaints about the rain!" Judy said.



RIDING INTO THE NEXT EVENT—RAIN OR SHINE!

The Brymaroo Rodeo & Campdraft Committee have had an entire re-surface of their grounds due in part to a successful \$10,000 grant from New Hope.

The committee spoke about the need for an 'all weather surface' to ensure the safest riding conditions for competitors and reducing the likelihood of cancelling events due to unfavorable weather.

Club President David Wood, expressed how impressed he is with the new surface.

"It's looking absolutely brilliant!" he said.

The new surface was put to the test at the Brymaroo Novice Draft, when they received 60ml of rain in the week leading up to the event.

"We were pretty lucky to have the surface ready to go before the Novice Draft, and even with all the rain we didn't have a single horse or rider slip or fall," David said.

A BIG MAN FOR A BIG JOB

AT SIX FOOT PLENTY, DAVE O'DWYER IS ONE OF FEW EMPLOYEES AT NEW ACLAND WHO DOESN'T LOOK SMALL BESIDE THE BIG TRUCKS ON SITE.

Dave has just taken over the role of General Manager at NAC and is keen to put his stamp on the job.

Originally from Bundaberg, Dave was schooled in Brisbane before taking on a variety of jobs in West Australia, Canada and back in Queensland.

"Dad was a metallurgist so it was a fair bet I'd end up in the industry somewhere," Dave said.

"I did mine engineering at the University of Queensland and then headed to WA to work in gold mines.

"I also worked in Canada and that is where my youngest, Oliver was born."

Dave said the birth of Oliver caused a few minor issues for the family.

"My wife, Bec and our three year old daughter Audrey had just welcomed Oliver and I was told we'd be moving back to Queensland virtually immediately," Dave said.

"As Oliver was a Canadian citizen we had to hurriedly arrange a passport while also trying to manage uprooting the family to move back home."

Dave was working for Anglo American in the Bowen Basin before moving to NAC in 2016.

"I was working as Operations Manager at NAC before moving to my new role and it is a bit of a change.

"In ops I guess I was closer to the flame whereas now I get to step back and look at the bigger picture.

"My role with the community will also change as I work more closely with our various stakeholders.

"This is a smaller operation than other mines I've worked at and we are so much closer to our neighbours. It really does present unique challenges but also great opportunities.

"I'm really looking forward to getting to know and work with the local community."

Dave moved the family into Highfields when they first hit the Downs and they are loving it.

"I've always lived in the community where I work," Dave said. "And the whole family is loving it up here.

"Audrey is playing netball and I play social basketball in Toowoomba which is great fun.

"It's a nice, tight knit community and, through my role at the mine I'm looking forward to getting involved in even more activities."

Dave is already quite well known to the local schools having run a number of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) sessions.

"It's fantastic working with the kids and getting them excited about science. I hope I get the chance to do more of it in the future."



KICK-STARTING THE SEASON

Although the season is looking bright for the Oakey Senior Rugby Club, the old kitchen in the club house definitely wasn't.

The Oakey Bears' kitchen was struggling to meet health and safety standards and was almost shut down entirely, before they were awarded a \$15,000 grant to renovate.

Life member and President of Oakey Old Boys Club Shane Williamson,

expressed his gratitude for looking to the flash new kitchen.

"We're really happy that we were able to have the kitchen ready to go before the first match of the season, the new cookers and tiles are looking great," he said.

The Oakey Bears play their home games at the Trevor Mickelborough Oval, Kent Street, Oakey.



THE GANG'S ALL HERE

Recently we welcomed two new members to the community team at Oakey, Janis Albrecht and Paul Eagleson.

Janis will fill the role of Landholder Liaison and will work alongside Bec and Grant at the Oakey Community Office.

Paul comes in to the team as Senior Social Performance Advisor and, while based at our Brookwater office, will be spending a great deal of time out and about the local community.

Janis comes to us with many years of experience working in rural communities, most recently as an Agri Business Banker in Toowoomba.

Now living in Meringandan with her daughter, Janis is looking forward to immersing herself in the role and working with the community around the New Acland site.

Paul has been with the business for a couple of years, working in the land tenure area.

Like Janis, Paul has lived in a number of rural communities and is keen to work with and support the community team in Oakey.

The team is pictured above (L-R) Paul, Janis, Grant and Bec

\$2M TUNE UP FOR MINE TRUCKS

TAKING THE HILUX TO THE DEALER FOR A TUNE UP LOOKS EASY WHEN YOU COMPARE IT TO THE LOGISTICS UNDERTAKEN BY NEW ACLAND MINE RECENTLY.

The miner needed a full component change out on five of its huge Caterpillar 793F haul trucks and chose to use the local Hastings Deering workshop in Toowoomba for the massive six month undertaking.

At \$2.2million per truck it sounds an expensive exercise but, with each truck costing almost \$5.5 million new, it was worth the expense.

New Acland Maintenance Supervisor, Rob Trapp said it was the first time they had sent an entire fleet to the Toowoomba workshop.

"The guys at Hastings Deering have done work for us before, but this was by far the biggest job they have done for us," Rob said.

"It was a huge job, replacing basically every component on the truck.

"The fleet is only six years old but each had done about 24,000 hours of work at the New Acland site. That's slightly above industry standard so they were due for a tune-up.

Service Manager at Hastings Deering Toowoomba, Justin Butcher said his team was honoured to get the contract.

"This was a great win for us," Justin said. "We have around 100 workers at the Toowoomba Service centre and, of that, about 12 worked on this project basically around the clock.

"Each truck took three weeks and we had a week break in between each truck.

"We did what is known as a certified power train rebuild which means we effectively stripped the trucks bare and replaced all the drive train components including the engine.

"In fact, apart from the cabin, tray and tyres there isn't much we didn't either remove or replace."

And just how do you get a 170 tonne truck from Acland to Toowoomba?

"We just take off the cab, the tray and the wheels and load it onto another big truck," Rob said.

The team at Hastings Deering recently completed another certified rebuild on New Hope's Bulldozer D11R. The upgrade cost was just over \$1.8 million which took 65,000 machine hours.



Justin Butcher from Hastings Deering hands over the last of the trucks to Rob Trapp

ACLAND STAGE 3 UPDATE

In March, New Hope Group was advised by the Queensland Department of Environment and Science (DES) that they have granted the application to amend the Environmental Authority (EA) for the New Acland Coal Mine Stage 3 Project.

The project now needs to secure Mining Leases and an Associated

Water Licence from the Queensland Government before it can proceed.

Obtaining final approval as soon as possible this calendar year is critical to ensuring the continuity of operations and therefore employment for approximately 300 employees and 500 contractors currently engaged at the New Acland mine.

The EA approval is great news for the local community but there is still a fair way to go before fully securing the other licenses.

Updates will be available on the New Hope Group website at newhopegroup.com/news and newhopegroup.com.au/content/investors/asx-announcements

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New Hope has prepared this newsletter to keep the community informed about the New Acland mine operations and initiatives.

