

Minutes of meeting

New Acland Community Reference Group

CRG meeting number: 7/2014

Date:	20 October 2014
Time:	5.30pm
Location:	Oakey RSL, Oakey
Attendees:	Chairperson – Graham Cooke Barry Mason, Nancy Sommerfield, Glenys Bowtell, Andrew Langton, Lindsay Evans, Matthew Boyd, Jodie Collins
New Hope Group Representatives:	Jim Randell – Executive General Manager Mining Jennifer Wilson – Secretariat Helen Braithwaite – Senior Community Advisor Naomi Tonscheck – Community Officer
Apologies	Greg Jones, Sarah Due
Visitors	

Agenda item Discussion

Welcome	Graham Cooke welcomed everyone
Previous Minutes	The minutes of the previous meeting, presented and reviewed. Moved – Matthew Boyd. Seconded – Barry mason Actions Arising from Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Condamine Alliance discussions still in progress. ▪ Notified of CIF projects completed.
Safety Share	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ebola – Qld Health preparedness, with all facilities having procedures. Transmission by bodily fluid. 7-21 days incubation and have had to travelled to affected areas. ▪ Check that the rim is suited to vehicle. Nuts can work loose on a bad fitting rim. ▪ Highfields Police have had reports of loosening and removing wheel nuts from vehicles.
Community Group Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Oakey business community remains quiet, dry weather impacting. ▪ Gowrie irrigators feel the contract organised with Toowoomba Regional Council in relation to the water allocation is not the most efficient use of water. New Hope advised that they pay for 3000ML and currently using only 1000ML therefore the remainder is still released down the creek. This will be feedback to the next irrigators meeting. ▪ Jondaryan Loading Facility dust management is improving with water being sprayed continuously. New Hope currently trucking water for use on the roads. ▪ Water being piped from Brisbane area is being discussed again with relevant bodies however not anticipated that it will be piped to Toowoomba ▪ Goondir Unit is going well with good numbers attending the facility. The High School will be doing some art work in the premises. ▪ Another round of football has been organised for January and a kids carnival organised for this week end. ▪ Contracts have been offered for the CWA rooms however have been rejected to date. Community consultation taking place on hiring of the rooms once the upgrade is complete. ▪ North Eastern Downs Landcare celebrating 25 years. Water is being carted for stock water in the South Myall Landcare areas. An outbreak of mother of millions on one property in Lagoon Creek needs to be managed. Discussions with the Landholder and Landcare to progress the work. Nancy Sommerfield will check the category rating for mother of millions as a pest. ▪ Oakey Art Group currently has an exhibition and everyone is encouraged to visit. ▪ Jondaryan Emergency Services have been quiet. USQ researches doing some work on burn offs of areas looking at the long term effect.
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The current round of Community Investment Funds closed on 30 September

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Investment Fund	with 10 applicants.
New Acland update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Hope congratulates NED Landcare on their 25 year anniversary. NHG also celebrates employees who have been with the company over 25 years with a dinner this week. 38 employees in total have had 25 years or more with the company. ▪ Public tours will not be run during the summer months due to the head. ▪ Wirtgen miner trial complete with good results. Visit to be organised for CRG for 12 November. ▪ New Acland will host a Neighbours breakfast on 11 December, CRG are welcome to attend. ▪ The market remains down for coal however some relief from the downturn in the \$A. The China tariff will impact due to the export from China. NHG are doing everything to cut costs in the operations. ▪ Consultation session will be held in Jondaryan and Acland in relation to the management plans for the each area. These dates will be advertised – 26/27 November. ▪ A complaint was received in relation to asbestos in Acland. Workplace Health and Safety inspected with the Hygienist that completed the clean-up. It has been cleared by Workplace H&S. ▪ New Hope is waiting for confirmation from Jondaryan Woolshed to move the St Jude’s Church. New Hope will move and restump only at the Woolshed. ▪ Acland Pastoral properties have had some contractual issues in leasing them out which will be resolved soon. ▪ Dust Monitoring results for Jondaryan area identify testing and wind direction. The map identifies the sort of testing conducted. EHP have now put cameras in at the testing areas.
CRG Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current CRG members working well on core discussions and gaining good assistance from within the community.
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Next meeting will be scheduled after new applicants.