

Minutes of meeting

New Acland Community Reference Group

CRG meeting number: 3/2015

Date:	20 April 2015
Time:	5.30pm
Location:	Oakey State High School
Attendees:	Chairperson – Graham Cooke Barry Mason, Kathy Hartley, Helen Bawden, Tracy Tully, Glenys Bowtell, Lindsay Evans
New Hope Group Representatives:	Jim Randell – Executive General Manager Mining Jennifer Wilson – Secretariat Helen Braithwaite – Senior Community Advisor Naomi Tonscheck – Community Liaison Officer
Apologies	Nancy Sommerfield, Andrew Langton, Matthew Boyd

Agenda item Discussion

Welcome	Graham Cooke welcomed everyone
Previous Minutes	The minutes of the previous meeting, presented and reviewed. Moved – Kathy Hartley – Seconded – Jim Randell.
Safety Share	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jim presented photos of a mining truck that hit a berm on haul road at 36kmh and fortunately the berm design stopped him from going through the berm.
Community Investment Fund Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Applications were reviewed and discussed. Approval of seven projects for this round.
New Acland update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jim advised that the Wirtgen has been purchased for use at New Acland. ▪ Time lapse video was played that showed the development of the rehab from August 2013 through to February 2015. The video will continue to be done for a further twelve months. ▪ A video clip of the Family walk has been created for circulation. ▪ Anzac day will be held in Acland starting at 10am. The mine will shut from 9.30am to allow attendance as usual. ▪ There have been meetings held to discuss concerns with water in the area. A model is available that identifies any impacts on the mine during Stage 3. Where there are impacts, the landholder involved has been approached and make good agreement and triggers have been discussed. Model has been calibrated and compared with Stage 2 (160 bores currently monitored). Anyone with concerns please encourage them to contact us. New Hope believes that there will be no impact on some areas that have concerns. Happy to discuss the process available and pick up issues before they have major impacts. ▪ Coal price down by \$14 per tonne since last year. It will be tough year ahead but will continue with community programs ▪ Next Public Tour is scheduled for 28 May. Media group visited site for update last week. ▪ There has been no change to the approvals as yet. Discussions still with government officials. Government reviewing the process used on the decision given. ▪ Water trigger control with the Federal Government but waiting on Qld government decision. ▪ The Church In Acland is still to be relocated, waiting on Toowoomba Regional Council approvals. ▪ The Acland colliery will be refurbished over the next three years costing \$1m. Currently work being done to ensure it is secure. Mining cottage in the same work. All asbestos has been removed.
Community Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No major issues for this meeting
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monday 1 June – 5.30pm at the Oakey State School.