

Minutes of meeting

New Acland Community Reference Group

CRG meeting number:7/2015

Date:	16 November 2015
Time:	5.30pm
Location:	Oakey RSL Function Room
Attendees:	Chairperson – Graham Cooke Helen Bawden, Tracy Tully, Glenys Bowtell, Lindsay Evans, Matthew Boyd, Barry Mason, Cathy Hartley
New Hope Group Representatives:	Jim Randell – Executive General Manager Mining Bruce Denney – Chief Operating Officer Jennifer Wilson – Secretariat Helen Braithwaite – Senior Community Advisor Naomi Tonscheck – Community Liaison Officer
Apologies	Nancy Sommerfield, Andrew Langton, Jodie Collins

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Welcome	Graham Cooke welcomed everyone.
Previous Minutes	The minutes of the previous meeting, presented and reviewed. Moved –Jim Randell – Seconded – Glenys Bowtell
Safety Share	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Caution in the warmer months with snakes becoming active. ▪ Locking devices in ladders should always be checked.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Graham welcomed Bruce Denney to the meeting. ▪ Bruce thanked all members, past and present for their continued efforts in participating in the Community Reference Group. This is the third year of the group and it has been a beneficial two way communication to the community. Bruce appreciated everyone’s honest feedback and challenged to review the group to identify any improvements that could be made to make it even more effective. Any suggestions should be brought forward on timing, issues etc. ▪ Bruce gave an update on the approval process for Stage 3 and the Land Court process which has started. ▪ The group discussed the Community Investment Fund and if it was meeting the company’s expectations and meeting community needs. The aim was to offer longer term benefit to the community and provide a legacy. Discussion on identifying a larger project within the community with good suggestions on cropping trials and options or nut trees. Further discussion will continue in the New Year. ▪ Bruce advised the group that he was retiring as COO at the end of the year and would only continue on a part time basis two days a week. Andrew Boyd has been appointed as COO.
New Hope Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acland mining operations will only be closing for two days 25 and 26 December. The CHPP area will be closing from 24 December until 2 January to allow an opportunity for production to build stocks in front of the plant. ▪ New Hope celebrated with two new inductees at the annual 25 year dinner last Friday night. There are now 40 members in the club. ▪ New Hope is assisting Landcare to organise two weed management programs each year over the next two years around the Pureland owned land. ▪ Open Day to celebrate 50MT safe production had to be postponed due to recent rainfall. ▪ A Security Advisor has been engaged within New Hope Group and will be based at Acland. He will introduce himself to all of the nearby neighbours of the operations. ▪ Discussion on the annual Neighbours function decided to postpone to the New Year due to the busy period before Christmas. Neighbours will be advised that the function will be held in the New Year. ▪ Historical Group require an outhouse. Naomi and Helen will follow up to see if there is any available from the Acland Pastoral houses. ▪ Baseline Assessments with 10 landholders have been completed. There are 78 landholders in total that will have discussions on the baseline

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	<p>assessments. These assessments give a snapshot report before Stage 3 has begun and look at the condition of the bore, depth of the standing water level and give a good understanding for the models. All landholders have been keen to have the work done and supportive. This process has been in place since the mine first started with the bores monitored that has shown no affect to them.</p>
<p>Community Group Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Palliative Care Unit at the Oakey Hospital has been opened. Matt encourages everyone to come and have a look and inspect the gardens. There are two arbours built by the school to be installed and the school formal photos will be taken in the gardens this year. Next year will have the first wedding party use the gardens for their wedding photos. ▪ Helen Bawden will take on the President of the Oakey Community Care Committee again this year and is encouraging more communication within the local area. ▪ Toowoomba Regional Council recently held a RV forum. There was some disappointment that Oakey wasn't included in the forum and will be encouraged to get more tourism into the town. ▪ Recent heavy rains are causing some issues with the grain growing community. ▪ A recent Condamine Catchment Management Association recently held their AGM with guest speaker Darling Downs Environment Council. ▪ Australia Day Award selection will be conducted tonight. Consider throughout the year any nominees that should be put forward. ▪ The Jondaryan Rural Fire was called out for 8 days in a row and had one stubble fire last week.
<p>Community Reference Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nominations were called for the next year of members for the Community Reference Group. ▪ There were no new nominations and all existing members re-applied. ▪ The current Community Reference Group will continue with current members.
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 15 February 2016 – 5.30pm – Oakey State High School.