

Minutes of meeting

New Acland Community Reference Group

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| Date: | 15 February 2016 |
| Time: | 5.30pm |
| Location: | New Hope Group – Oakey Office |
| Attendees: | Chairperson – Graham Cooke Helen Bawden, Glenys Bowtell, Matthew Boyd, Barry Mason, Cathy Hartley, Nancy Sommerfield, Andrew Langton, Jodie Collins, Sarah Due |
| New Hope Group Representatives: | Jim Randell – Executive General Manager Mining Jennifer Wilson – Secretariat Helen Braithwaite – Senior Community Advisor Naomi Tonscheck – Community Liaison Officer David Vink – General Manager |
| Apologies | Tracy Tully, Lindsay Evans |

Agenda item Discussion

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| Welcome | Graham Cooke welcomed everyone. Jim introduced David Vink, General Manager who recently started with New Hope. Jim will be based out of Corporate Office and take on a broader role with NHG and recent acquisitions. |
| Previous Minutes | The minutes of the previous meeting, presented and reviewed. Noted that the Neighbours function had recently been held on 4 February 2016 Moved – Matthew Boyd – Seconded – Helen Bawden |
| Safety Share | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recent incident at coal operations resulting in a grease injection from hydraulic hose. Investigation revealed that it could happen with any grease gun and caution should be taken when using them. ▪ Caution when using and gas equipment was identified from recent incident where a hot water system needed re-ignition causing injury similar to welding flash. |
| Community Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Care meeting first meeting for 2016 was held. Encouraging new organisations to attend to work more effectively in the community. ▪ Sarah will be out of action for a couple of months after surgery. ▪ Toowoomba Regional Council in caretaker mode with upcoming elections. New Council expected to be announced by end of March. ▪ Significant from community groups in the areas that have been in receipt of the Community Investment Funds. ▪ The first wedding was held in the Oakey Hospital gardens. A working bee will be held in March to develop the western Residents Garden, all volunteers welcomed. ▪ With recent number of heart attacks recorded in the Goombungee area, the availability of the defib unit needs to be communicated more widely. ▪ The Oakey Reconciliation group is no longer active in the area. ▪ The Oakey Football Club is doing improvements at the Kingsthorpe oval for the upcoming season. ▪ After recent supercell experience in the area an incident command centre was activated at Jondaryan. Estimated to be \$50m damage to agriculture in the area with over 80 electricity poles damaged. ▪ Some digital radio testing has been conducted in the black spots since the emergency services tower has been installed. ▪ North Eastern Downs Landcare recently celebrated 21st birthday. South Myall Landcare are experiencing some financial constraints and the work crew will not be maintained however will continue with the mother of millions program as planned. |
| New Hope Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Five new trucks will be operating in the next few weeks and three older ones will be pensioned off. Primarily to use in the increasing strip ratio and will be used for the current operations. ▪ Wire and Water program for Acland Pastoral will be completed by end of May and is using the Wetalla water available to NHG. ▪ Progressing with the weed management program and completed all of first year and into the second year scheduled work. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Hope Group assisted with the driveway upgrade for the Fresh Hope Group. ▪ The Oakey Football Club bore is still ongoing, have been working through a number of issues presented and due diligence needed to be completed. ▪ New acquisition Bengalla is a 40% share in the operation. Jim will take on the transition role of General Manager for 3-6 months. ▪ Information session will be held on 25 February and will be community partnerships focus. Helen will circulate details to the members to extend the invitation to attend. ▪ A proposal of upgrade to the mobile coverage using the emergency services tower was discussed including how it should be funded. Further information requested with options for funding models to be discussed at next meeting. ▪ Currently recruiting for a new Community Liaison role to assist Naomi in the Oakey Office, Helen will continue to work from Oakey one day a fortnight. |
| Next Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 11 April 5.30pm – Location to be confirmed. |