

Minutes of meeting

New Acland Community Reference Group

Date:	15 August 2016
Time:	5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Location:	Recreation Room at the Oakey Hospital
Member Attendees:	Graham Cook Glenys Bowtell Lindsay Evans Nancy Sommerfield Barry Mason Helen Bawden Matthew Boyd Andrew Langton
New Hope Group Representatives:	David Vink – New Acland Mine General Manager Helen Braithwaite –Senior Community Advisor Jamie Kemshead –Landholder & Community Liaison
Apologies	Tracey Tully Sarah Due Jodie Collins Cathy Hartley

Agenda item Discussion

Safety Share:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group discussed Influenza A which has been spreading around Toowoomba. A reminder to stay at home if you are sick, and send people in the work place home if they are sick. A member talked about a recent incident with a Koala being on the road. The group was reminded to take care with native animals and in particular, remember that Koala's can be quite aggressive.
Community Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The recent changes at Acland Pastoral Company were discussed and it was noted that there were many rumours in the community. David Vink informed the group that investigations were taking place. NHG are working through the matter and are in a phase of refining the practices throughout the APC operation. A member requested the details of a contact point for local landholders. NHG committed to send out the details. A broad discussion around future plans for APC was had, with an outline of NHG's general interest in and support for rural enterprise. There was information provided by some members as to concerns regarding the noise caused the dropping of larger material into the trays of the trucks. A broad discussion followed around the noise attenuation program that was in place at the mine, and the process undertaken at site level to ensure noise is monitored and below limits. Discussion was had around the overall New Acland Stage 3 Approvals process, examining both the timing and the mechanics of the process – it was also discussed

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	<p>how the delays in approvals has resulted in a level of uncertainty in some areas of the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several upcoming community events were spoken about, including the timing of them and likelihood of levels of supports. Some of these events were those that NHG had played a part in historically and were to again, while others were just a representation of the level of community events that were upcoming for the third quarter of the year. • It was brought to the group’s attention the increased level of vandalism that was being observed throughout the area and how this was an indication of the changes in the local area. • It was raised within the group the appearance of the signage along the Muldu Jondaryan road (NHG’s Haul road), his led to discussions around cleaning processes of the trucks and the conditions that may temporarily lead to distortion of the signage from broader road use. A commitment was made to see the signs were cleaned. • The Jondaryan community was discussed. Lindsay/Graham gave a quick insight into the level of pigs in the area at the moment and the impacts that was having on some farming operations. The issue of mice impacts was raised again this meeting, once more as a reflection of the season. A new Officer from the QPS has arrived and settled into town and recently there was an Emergency services meeting for the area. • An update was given around the level of response to the Jondaryan drop in sessions that NHG were holding one Thursday a month. It was understood that the sessions would continue and there was an expectation of a possible increase in patronage as we neared to and began the construction phase. • A discussion was had about the current situation in Oakey regarding the possible contamination of water and the impact media was having locally. There are many misperceptions around water quality and what is or isn’t being done about the situation. Nancy S said council were aware of local sentiment and were hoping to play a part in supporting the town through the difficult period and taking every opportunity to promote the town and area.
New Hope Group Company Update:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A general update was provided – mostly about the mine’s approvals process and timings, this update included a summary & explanation of the inner workings of the Land Court process thus far, the current cessation of activities in the court prior to final submissions and the next steps. • David Vink provided a brief update on local NAC activities; he explained the current efforts being put into finding as much coal in the Stage 2 pits to assist in bridging the construction window for the pending stage 3 expansion. • David Vink gave a high level explanation around the pending restructure in the APC part of New Hope’s business, with an understanding across the group that not all the detail was open for broader discussion. David explained current care taker management structure and upon request agreed to provide the appropriate contact details. • Helen Williams spoke about the NHG ongoing Spons & Dons program, the next round of the CIF, the upcoming ‘Needs & Resources’ survey and the latest NHG/LifeFlight sponsorship agreement.
General Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the group raised a recent media discussion item that referred to the possible use of houses or land space in and around the township of Acland as a possible locations for the proposed inmates accommodation (prison) that was meant to go near the Jondaryan Woolshed. NHG informed the group that this was

	not an option that would be considered.
Actions Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHG to provide APC contact details to the group for contact locally • NHG to provide some Mine site maps to add to the discussion at the next meeting
Next Meeting:	17 th of October 2016 at the Oakey Hospital