

Minutes of meeting

New Acland Community Reference Group

Date:	17 Oct. 16
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 Cathy Hartley
New Hope Group Representatives:	David Vink – New Acland Mine General Manager Helen Williams – Senior Community Advisor Naomi Tonscheck - Community Liaison
Apologies	Sarah Due Jodie Collins

Agenda item Discussion

Safety Share:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David V discussed Jack safety and how to correctly use a Jack. An operator at NAC suspended a load on a Jack that was not fundamentally stable or secure. Its struts progressively began to fail to the point where the load toppled over. Fortunately no one was near the Jack when it failed and no one was injured. It was recommended to the group, to make sure that equipment is properly secured and stable prior to working on a suspended load. • NAC employees are looking at creating a mechanism to prevent this from ever happening again.
Previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes were adopted from the last meeting. • Action items completed from the last meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ APC contacts distributed to all CRG members ○ Road signs along the Jondaryan Muldu Rd have been cleaned and new arrangements have been made which should result in more regular cleaning. ○ A map of the Stage 3 footprint was provided to the group, including a detailed discussion around void areas.
Community Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group discussed the Jacaranda Festival in Goombungee which is being held on the weekend of the 4th of November. Everyone is welcome and if they want to decorate a tree, they are more than welcome to. • A member gave the group an overview of the TSBE event that NHG presented at. Commented that it was a good evening and that they learnt a lot about New Hope's other ventures, including our Bridgeport operations (oil) and Cockatoo Coal. • The members discussed the feral pig and dog problem in the area and asked how

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	<p>APC was going getting it under control. David V spoke about the shooting program and the baiting programs APC have already participated in and hoped that this would make a difference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted and acknowledged by the group, the contribution that New Hope had made to the Oakey Hospital Community Garden which recently won a prize in the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers. New Hope has been a big supporter not only through the supply of products but also by staff volunteering a helping hand.
New Hope Group Company Update:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coal prices are on the increase and NHG believe that we are through the worst of the downturn. Prices are heading in the right direction and will hopefully continue to do so. • Land Court's final submissions are now complete. The Member will now review all of this information and make a recommendation to the State Government. We are not expecting an outcome until the end of the year. • The group discussed the water legislation changes and how this will affect NHG and the approval timeline. If this legislation is applied to NHG, it may delay an outcome for another 12 months. In this case, redundancies will be inevitable. It is important to note that NHG support the content of the Bill, and the measures it recommends, however are concerned about elements relating to additional objection periods, another Land Court hearing and further delays. • A number of locals have expressed concern about the situation to NHG and asked about writing letters of support. If people want write to the media or politicians and tell their story, they are free to do so. • NHG discussed a number of ways that they are trying to keep our staff and locals informed with the latest information. Again it was stressed that should further delays occur, then redundancies are a very real possibility for employees across the company. It was noted that this would affect many people across the local area. • A member asked how Aurizon would go replacing our contract. The company believed that they will find it quite hard to substitute our contract. • Employees are becoming increasingly worried and concerned about their future. It is a very trying time for all involved. • APC manager's position is getting closer being filled. 3 potentials are in the final stages of the application process. An announcement shouldn't be too far away.
Community Needs and Resources Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen W gave an overview of the community needs analysis survey that NHG are planning on rolling out in the local community over the next few weeks. • This survey is to ensure that NHG's community partnerships and programs are investing in activities which result in long term benefits for the community. • Community are encouraged to participate in an online survey and/or community workshops. Details will be advertised in local papers over the next few weeks.
CIF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The latest CIF applications were reviewed and discussed. A list of recommended projects was developed for presentation to New Hope. Recommended projects will be finalised in the coming month, and then successful applicants notified.
General Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRG members were reminded that the current CRG term was coming to an end. As such, members wishing to remain in the group would need to renominate in the upcoming nomination period
Actions Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRG members to be offered a tour of the mine in the New Year. • Supply members with a contact list of how to get in touch with their local members of Parliament.
Next Meeting:	28 th November 2016 at the Oakey RSL – Last meeting for the year.