

Minutes of meeting

New Acland Community Reference Group

Date:	28 November 16
Time:	5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Location:	Oakey RSL
Member Attendees:	Graham Cooke Glenys Bowtell Lindsay Evans Nancy Sommerfield Barry Mason Helen Bawden Matthew Boyd Cathy Hartley Andrew Langton
New Hope Group Representatives:	Andrew Boyd – NHG David Vink – NAC GM Helen Braithwaite – NHG Jamie Kemshead – NHG
Apologies	Sarah Due Jodie Collins

Agenda item Discussion

Safety Share:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group discussed a recent example of New Hope Group’s Emergency Response Team supporting the community after a recent car accident. The father of a young man who failed to see a car & caravan which resulted in a collision injuring both the drivers. The father had recently visited the New Hope Community Centre and spoke of the impacts of speed, time of day, shadows and holes in the road, but also the amazing help that had been provided • Health was discussed by the group including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the need to remain appropriately hydrated during the upcoming warmer days, ○ shingles treatment for elderly members of the community ○ more people to be First Aid trained, and how few members of TRC work crews seemed to be qualified these days • The proposed farm safety workshops being put on by NHG & Lifelight were discussed and how industry may be able to help those on the land better prepare for & prevent accidents on the land
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Community Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Needs and Resources Survey was discussed. In particular, the session held in Goombungee. It was noted that the session was very well supported and how eager young people were to be involved • Landholders in the area a focused on harvest finishing up soon. A possible wet period is expected and would be welcomed before it warms up too much. It was noted that conditions are dry at the moment, leading to a broader discussion around fire season and the impacts on farm equipment. Members discussed the risks and hazards related to farm activities during the warmer months of the year, including some recent statistics on the burning of equipment during the harvesting season. • Recent restocking of fish into Oakey creek was mentioned with praise for the work being done by local groups. • An update was provided on Oakey Santa Fair. A general thanks was given to New Hope and other organisations represented in the room, for supporting both the event and the town. • The Lions Markets were discussed along with the upcoming Community Care lunch at the Oakey Tavern • The Oakey Hospital gardens and the continuing progress being made was discussed. It was also noted that the Hospital is adapting their processes and equipment to reflect the changing population demographics and patient types • The group was updated on the recent Landcare AGMs, need for better succession planning in groups and how there are very few Landcare projects on the go at the moment due to funding
New Hope Group Company Update:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew B was welcomed to the meeting. He provided an update to the group on the NHG Rally day at Speakers Corner – Parliament House, and the EPOLA Bill. He explained the progress of the approvals process and stepped the group through the possible impacts of the delays related to EPOLA Bill amendments and the requirement for NAC to apply for an Associated Water License. • Andrew B spoke broadly around the ‘Make Good’ concept, the construction window for NAC03 and some of the other smaller projects that are being completed around the mining lease. It was noted that a number of people locally have come out publicly supporting the mine following the rally and recent Bill amendments. • David V provided an update on current New Acland operations. He shared with members that Coal prices remain on the increase. Operationally NHG have had another good month and safety across all sites is in good shape. A range of work is being done at the mine to look at options which will help to alleviate the impacts associated with further delays e.g. pit plans over the coming months. • Detail was provided to the group about the recent storm damage and associated repairs required at the Queensland Bulk Handling (Coal Port) ship loader arm. The knock on effects that this incident has had on broader operations and storage requirements were also outlined, in particular, it has meant that storage at Jondaryan will be close to capacity in the short term. • The Acland Pastoral Company (APC) manager position has been filled with the successful applicant due to start with the company on Monday the 5th of December. APC have also been involved in the local baiting program • Helen W gave an update to the group on the recent Community Needs & Resources survey that has been rolled out, again encouraging all members to complete it and share with other parts of the community

<p>General Business:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Hope Group thanked to all committee members for their contribution to the CRG over the past year. Andrew B & David V spoke positively about the year past and the one ahead, possible new members and the great working relationships that continue to be built across the group. • New Hope representatives responded to questions posed about the groundwater impact concerns and the process being undertaken through the Bore baseline survey and the negotiation of Make Good Agreements
<p>Actions Items:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HW to circulate a time & place for next meeting • HW to circulate www links to group for NHG N&R survey
<p>Next Meeting:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be decided early in the new year – HW to circulate a time & place