

Minutes of meeting

New Acland Community Reference Group

Date:	13 February 2017
Time:	5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Location:	Oakey RSL
Member	Graham Cooke
Attendees:	Glenys Bowtell
	Lindsay Evans
	Nancy Sommerfield
	Barry Mason
	Helen Bawden
	Cathy Hartley
	Danny Keenan
	Maree Scheuerle
New Hope Group	David Vink – NAC GM
Representatives:	Helen Williams – NHG
-	Jamie Kemshead – NHG
Guest Speakers:	Myf Jagger – Elliottwhiteing
	Karen Laws - LifeFlight
Apologies	Jodie Collins
	Andrew Langton
	Matthew Boyd

Agenda item **Discussion**

Meeting Introduction:	Helen Williams welcomed the group back for another year introducing both the two new CRG members and the two guest speakers.
Safety Share:	One member of the group spoke about on farm safety and gave an example of the possible implications of spray drift when working with chemicals in the paddock.
Meeting Protocols:	 Each member introduced them self and spoke briefly about their background. A number of administrative items for the new term were discussed and address: Mr Graham Cooke was re-elected as Chairperson for the Community Reference Group. Discussion was had around meeting times, dates and locations. It was agreed that minutes would continue to be taken for each meeting and distributed for review prior to being published on the NHG website

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Guest Speaker: (Myf Jagger, from Elliottwhiteing)

The group was addressed by Social Planning Solutions consultant Myf Jagger as she presented the findings of the recent NHG funded Needs & Resources Survey conducted in the Oakey surrounding areas in late 2016. The presentation touched on: how the research was conducted; which towns & areas it focussed on; and the main findings to come out of the survey.

As part of the findings a number of Issues, Needs & Strengths were identified and shared with the group. These were across all areas, but have also been broken down on a town by town or area by area basis. The identification of these Issues, Needs & Strengths allowed for the broader discussion of future possible 'Opportunities', and in turn these opportunities were summarised into six possible action areas;

- ✓ Local skills for local industries
- ✓ Indigenous community and economic development
- ✓ Community Infrastructure
- ✓ Support for local business and entrepreneurship
- ✓ Community health
- ✓ Environmental health

The group were also talked through the next steps for Needs & Resources content, consisting of circulation for review within the CRG, further review with NHG and then broader circulation within the community – with a goal of developing information which can be used to direct more effective local investment. The information will be available publically and it is hoped that other community stakeholders will benefit from the research.

Guest Speaker: (Karen Laws, from Lifeflight)

Karen Laws from LifeFlight, spoke to the group about a partnership with NHG focused on Rural Safety. She highlighted the number of incidents and accidents that have been occurring on farms in the local and surrounding areas. Karen described how LifeFlight had conducted over thirty rescues from rural settings in the last one year period and listed for the group the main causes of the emergency call outs.

- ✓ General ill health & aging farmers
- ✓ Accidents involving farm machinery, bikes & vehicles
- ✓ Accidents/incidents involving farm animals such as horses & cattle

Karen went onto explain the upcoming NHG & Lifeflight initiative, six farm safety focussed workshops. These workshops are to be held over a two year period with a different subject for each session. There will be invitations made to local 'safety champions', namely people from the community who may have a story to share around an accident, incident or experience on farm that they were involved in that may assist with the shared learning of the group.

New Hope Group Company Update:

Dave Vink (DV) spoke to the group in regard to the recent Federal approval and the part that approval plays in the ongoing approval process for the Stage Three expansion. He explained to the group a little around the Land Court process and expectations for the following months. He also discussed the broader process of NHG applying for the associated water licence.

The vehicle noise attenuation program was discussed and members were informed of the temporary relocation of the Radar Hill Australian Defence Force infrastructure to New Acland Coal land.



Community Updates:	Due to timing, it was agreed by members to No community updates were provided due to constraints.
General Business:	No general business items were raised
Actions Items:	 DV to provide more detail around the temporary site for the ADF infrastructure from Radar Hill HW to follow up on queries regarding a tower for better internet and phone access HW to circulate a time & place for next meeting HW to circulate content to group re the recent N&R survey
Next Meeting:	To be decided – HW to circulate a time & place