

Minutes of meeting

New Acland Community Reference Group

Date:	13 July 2017
Time:	5:30 PM – 7:45 PM
Location:	Oakey Hospital Rec Room
Member Attendees:	Graham Cooke (Chair) Lindsay Evans Barry Mason Cathy Hartley Glenys Bowtell Helen Bawden Andrew Langton Nancy Sommerfield Maree Scheuerle
New Hope Group Representatives:	David Vink – NAC GM Helen Williams – NHG Jamie Kemshead – NHG
Guest Speakers:	n/a
Apologies	Danny Keenan Jodie Collins Matthew Boyd

Agenda item Discussion

Meeting Introduction:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee Chair welcomed the group Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and adopted
Safety Share:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dave Vink (NHG) spoke about a recent safety related incident where a family member of a NAC staff member had fallen from a ladder. As the ladder was toppling over, the staff member chose to jump. The jump from height resulted in both ankles being broken upon impact. This story is an example of many such instances at, in or around people's homes that so often do result in major injuries and in instances death. Point was made about the importance of prior preparation, site inspection and use of correct equipment in any setting.
New Hope Group Company Update:	<p>Dave Vink provided an New Hope Group and New Acland Coal mine update to the group, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ongoing approvals process, Land Court and the Judicial Review timings. The group had a lengthy and broad ranging discussion about the LC recommendation and possible outcomes. Much time was also spent addressing and understanding the Judicial Review process and requirements.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigating options for prolonging the life of current coal stocks to enable job continuity through the approval process. • It was noted that the impact on mining length is dependent on the types of coal and locations of remaining coal • The group discussed the impact of the lengthy approval process and Project uncertainty on morale, motivation, general comfort. • This impact is being felt by staff, contractors, community members, businesses and families both locally and further afield.
Community Updates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oakey Community members to provide update at next CRG meeting.
General Business:	<p>Group discussions;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community support; the group discussed the different levels and occurrences of Community support that has been seen by some of the members around the immediate local area in the weeks since the LC recommendations were delivered, and the impacts or knock on effects of the visual support amongst the community • A broad discussion was had around groundwater as a follow on from the DV update on matters relating the LC recommendation and the JR process. Also discussed was the DNRM’s recent groundwater update that was held in Oakey, subsequent investigations in the area and the ongoing discussions and work done locally around bore baseline assessments, recharge and areas of impact. It was noted that the water level in some bores on the mine site close to the pits have not been impacted after years of operation, and other bores that were impacted have since recharged • A member raised concern around the level of coal dust on the side of Jondaryan Muldu Rd at the Jondaryan end. It was noted that this is more than usual. New Hope and the mine’s work to clean up where required, also understanding the impacts of recent wet conditions on the roads and traffic movements • There was a query from the group around the economic input of the mine and a general discussion followed. David Vink spoke to the results of a recent third party economic review that was done on the New Acland Mine. The report suggests that the total broader net contribution from an NAC Stage three could be as much eight billion dollars. • The group discussed the use of Wetalla water on site, both in the wash plant and in the pit as dust suppression. It explained that Wetalla water also plays in the Acland Pastoral Company rural operation, both for cattle drinking water and for crop irrigation. David Vink outlined how there was a process for collection of data related to stock using Wetalla water and any crops that were grown as part of the APC irrigation program.
Actions Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Hope to provide map of mine plan in relation to how it may impact the Acland / Muldu Rd and update around possible impact to local traffic and possible timings of a closure to that road, if there was to be one • If possible information on the ground water model, as well as a snapshot of data provided in a recent DNRM update was available, the group had a general interest into the extent levels had recharged and timeframes over which that had happened. New Hope to follow up. • New Hope to provide data on staff that live locally. Also to provide information on the different people and industries who benefit from mining jobs.
Next Meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 24th August 2017 – Oakey Hospital Recreational Room @ 5:30 pm