

Minutes of meeting

New Acland Community Reference Group

Date:	26 October 2017
Time:	5:30 PM – 7:45 PM
Location:	Oakey Hospital Rec Room
Member Attendees:	Graham Cooke (Chair) Lindsay Evans Barry Mason Cathy Hartley Maree Scheuerle Matthew Boyd Andrew Langton Glenys Bowtell Helen Bawden
New Hope Group Representatives:	David Vink – NAC GM Helen Williams – NHG Steve Erbacher - APC Naomi Tonscheck - NHG
Guest Speakers:	n/a
Apologies	Danny Keenan Jodie Collins Nancy Sommerfield

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. Moved by Barry M, seconded by Cathy H.
Safety Share:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When using the GPS, please reconsider using dirt roads and stick to sealed roads or roads you know. Andrew L sent two of his employees out on a delivery during the wet weather. Their GPS sent them down a dirt road and they got bogged. It took them 2 hours to get out of the bog. Sometimes a short cut can turn into a long cut. David V spoke about our NHG operator who had an extremely close near miss. This operator got out of his water cart and was walking along the haul road (something that he did regularly). He was walking near the working grounds of a big loader and was struck down by the loader. Luckily for him, the loader bumped him off to the left side of the loader and he was not run over. This was a high potential incident.
CIF Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CIF applications were discussed. Recommendations have been made to the company.
New Hope Group Company Update:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helen gave an update on the planned major project. NHG are looking to commit to a project within this financial year. NHG are trying to work out the path forward. NHG are open to suggestion on how to get ideas for a bigger project from the broader public. Helen asked for feedback on the current CIF process. Please consider any recommendations you have and email them through to Helen. Dave Vink provided an New Hope Group and New Acland Coal mine update to the group, including:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rain has been great for the farming but not so good for the mining ○ Drilling rig in the North East area – quite visible. We met with the affected landholders to give them as much information as we could. Exploration works only but we are chasing any coal that we can find. It is not economic to go back into areas that we have already mined, however it may be economic around the perimeter of areas that have been previously minded. New Hope is primarily trying to protect employees and their jobs, however also have ‘take or pay’ agreements and commitments with customers which need to be considered. The drilling information should be out within the next couple of months and then a decision will be made regarding future mining areas. ○ Judicial Review is still progressing. We will not know anything until early next year. ○ Northern access and the Quarry road works have now completed where they join the highway. We have almost completely finished the internal construction of these roads. ○ Activity at Jondaryan – piercing of the railway. Weighbridge installed and almost fully calibrated and ready for use. ○ Trent Knack is moving to West Morten pit as the SSE. He has been a long serving NAC employee and it is a great opportunity for him. ○ Legends of League – great event and NAC were proud to be involved.
Acland Pastoral Company Update:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clearing sale update – inspections on 25th and 26th and another inspection coming up. Houses, sheds, silos and other bits and pieces. Not all houses are being sold. ● A bit of theft around the piggery. Fuel, oil, parts etc. Local police contacted. ● Shots fired into one of our APC houses. Police are investigating. ● Tomorrow 610 weaners will be listed on Auctions Plus. ● 150 head will go onto the grazing trials soon. ● Summer crops will be going in soon. Various crops will be planted across different sites. ● 25 hectares of corn under the pivot. Barley hay was baled under the pivot just recently – 660 bales all together. ● 750 calves to be branded in late November. Cows will be joined with the bulls soon. Cleanout of bulls to get a good line across the herd. ● Recently completed a round of wild dog baiting. Another round early November. ● Have been talking to TRC about getting some cameras up to do some research on the pigs. Extensive fencing has been a focus for APC and will continue into the future. ● We were investigated by Biosecurity Queensland earlier this year. Various complaints had been made around animal cruelty. APC were given 2 days’ notice before the investigation was completed. APC were cleared on all accounts. ● Good rain over the month – 5 to 6 inches. ● 546 hectares of boxthorn and tree pear has been cleared around the properties. This will continue into the New Year.
Community Updates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NA
General Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NA
Actions Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plan moving forward for big community project – Helen Williams ● Recommended changes to CIF process - ALL
Next Meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thursday 14th December 2017 – RSL @ 5:30 pm