

Minutes of meeting

New Acland Community Reference Group

Date:	15 February 2018
Time:	5.30pm to 7.30pm
Location:	Oakey RSL
Member Attendees:	Graham Cooke (Chair) Lindsay Evans Barry Mason Cathy Hartley Maree Scheuerle Matthew Boyd Haley Darr Andrew Langton Glenys Bowtell Nancy Sommerfield
New Hope Group Representatives:	David Vink – NAC GM Helen Williams – NHG Naomi Tonscheck - NHG
Guest Speakers:	n/a
Apologies	Helen Bawden

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"> New Acland Coal (NAC) mine have had 7 recordable incidences – this is more that NAC would like and are working to address this. Incidents include back injuries, diesel fuel fitting failure, walking around a truck, and a knee injury (uneven ground). Simple things like being aware of your surroundings are things that the company are working on to try and get the safety record heading back in the right direction. Be careful when you are completing physical work. A gentleman broke his arm by trying to remove a tree branch.
2018 CRG Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The chair welcomed Haley Darr. Haley has joined the CRG for 2018 and works at the Oakey State High School. She will represent education and training on the CRG representative matrix. Graham Cooke was re-elected as chair of the CRG for 2018.
Update on the Approval Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Environment and Science (DES), elected to not issue NAC with an Environmental Authority (EA) on the 14th of February. NAC require 2 things to progress into mining stage 3 – an EA and a Mining Lease (ML). In addition to the EA and the ML, we also require an Associated Water Licence (AWL), which would normally be the final step. In conjunction with our EA application, we are working through a Judicial Review (JR) which is looking into the land court recommendation. Land court is triggered if

	<p>there are objections to the draft EA – which in our case we did receive a number of objections to the draft EA. We received our draft EA August 2015.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No reasons were provided by the department as to why they did not issue the EA. Our next step is to try and understand why the EA was not granted. There could be a number of reasons why they may have rejected the EA application. Without feedback, we do not know why we have been rejected. We have a timeframe in which we can seek a review of the EA and we will consider all of our options. • JR is set for the 19th of March. It is a relatively short process. After the hearing is complete, the judge will take time to review the information and make a judgement. We are expecting that we should know by mid-May whether or not we have been successful in the JR. • The group discussed the community sentiment and what options were available going forward.
Major Community Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the time constraints, this will be carried over to next meeting. Helen will send the details through via email.
General Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David spoke about the community information sessions. Commented it was a worthwhile exercise and we will be looking doing them again in the future.
Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen will email through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The bigger project information ready for the next CRG meeting. ○ DNRM Kulpi investigation report ○ Employee Survey Results ○ EY report
Next Meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22nd March 2018 – Oakey RSL