

## Minutes of meeting

### New Acland Community Reference Group

CRG meeting number:	4
Date:	8 April 2013
Time:	3.30pm
Location:	Oakey RSL
Apologies:	Nancy Sommerfield – Toowoomba Regional Council Dave Bosworth – Oakey State School Chris McNally – Oakey State High School Andrew Langton – Oakey Chamber of Commerce
Facilitator:	Michael Cuthill – Australian Centre for sustainable Business and Development, USQ
Attendees:	Sarah Due – AgForce Queensland Shane Charles – Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise Bryan Gray – RDA Darling Downs and SW Qld Catherine Hull – Downs Group Training Greg Johnson – Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce Barry Mason – Local Landholder Matthew Boyd – Queensland Health
New Hope Group Representatives:	Jim Randell – New Acland General Manager Helen Braithwaite – Community Liaison Officer Jennifer Wilson – Secretariat

**Agenda item      Discussion**

Item 1	Michael Cuthill welcomed the group.
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Item 2	Safety Share – Helen Braithwaite Caution travelling on roads and manage fatigue on long distances.
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Item 3	<p>Community feedback and input</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Greg Johnson has had requests for Fact Sheets which have been supplied. Helen reminded the group that the Fact Sheets are just a starting point for discussion and if more information is required don't hesitate to request.</li> <li>▪ Greg Johnson provided feedback on the success of the Infrastructure and Energy Summit that was held in March, with positive feedback to the Chamber in relation to Peter Andrew's presentation.</li> <li>▪ Matt Boyd presented correspondence he has received from Oakey Coal Action Alliance Group outlining concerns for health, noise, pollution and requesting individual meetings with members of the Community Reference Group. Matt recommended that an offer be given to Oakey Coal Action Alliance Group to give a presentation to the CRG at the next meeting. All agreed that a 20min presentation should be offered with extra time for questions afterward.</li> <li>▪ Helen Braithwaite gave an update on Jondaryan CRG Member. The interested person has current work commitments that would not permit attending during the week. Members suggested that NHG continue to talk with the representative before each meeting to discuss any issues they would like brought to the CRG meeting. It was agreed that an open position be offered to the Jondaryan representative for future meetings if he is available.</li> </ul>
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Actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ An invitation to Oakey Coal Action Alliance Group to present at next meeting.</li> </ul>
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Item 4	<p>New Hope Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jim Randell gave an update on New Hope including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Terms of Reference(ToR) released which is not an approval of project but an index for the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) which will now be put together. It is a milestone and part of the approval process that needs to be followed. If members have any comments regarding the EIS, please let NHG representative know.</li> <li>○ New Acland has just had a two week site closure to reduce coal stocks which had increased due to the loss of rail during recent rains. Time off over the Easter period gave employees an opportunity to spend time with families.</li> <li>○ New Hope is installing a veneering and profiling system at the Jondaryan Loading Facility. The veneering process has been operational since 1 April however government has requested it not operate until early May so that monitoring without it can be completed. The veneering is completed with a vegetable matter material and is currently used in the Bowen Basin. MSDS available on the material.</li> <li>○ Anti-graffiti wagons are operational on our rail line. These wagons have been painted with a material that will allow for graffiti to be washed off.</li> <li>○ Some New Acland employees will attend Anzac Day again this year at Acland and pay their respect. Once again the operation will shut down during the service.</li> <li>○ Peter Andrew's visited site during the Summit and while his work is very interesting NHG will not be adopting all of his suggestions. If anyone is interested in learning more from Peter we could request him to attend a presentation.</li> <li>○ A university professor with expertise in the coal industry may become available to give a</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<p>presentation to the CRG. It is an opportunity to hear an expert speak about coal, so if interested please advise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Queensland Police Service is currently working with the mining industry and giving presentation on synthetic drugs. New Acland extend the offer to include any groups which may be interested as this is a community issue.</li> </ul>
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Item 6	<p>Housekeeping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Topic of Education held over until Chris McNally and Dave Bosworth return.</li> <li>▪ Shane Charles advised the new Strategic Cropping Land report will still be approximately 6-8 months before being released.</li> </ul>
Next meeting	<p>Next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 3.30 pm - 27 May 2013 Oakey Primary School.</li> </ul>
Meeting close	Meeting closed at: 5.00pm.