

Minutes of meeting

New Acland Community Reference Group

CRG meeting number:	7
Date:	9 September 2013
Time:	3.30pm
Location:	Oakey RSL
Apologies:	Matthew Boyd – Queensland Health Bryan Gray – RDA Darling Downs and SW Qld Sarah Due – AgForce Queensland
Facilitator:	Michael Cuthill – Australian Centre for sustainable Business and Development, USQ
Attendees:	Andrew Langton – Oakey Chamber of Commerce Barry Mason – Local Landholder Nancy Sommerfield – Toowoomba Regional Council Chris McNally – Oakey State High School Shane Charles – Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise Catherine Hull – Downs Group Training Greg Johnson – Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce
New Hope Group Representatives:	Andrew McDonald – New Acland General Manager Helen Braithwaite – Community Liaison Officer Jennifer Wilson – Secretariat

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Item 1	Michael welcomed the group
Item 2	Safety Share Not to use mobile phone when driving and general awareness when operating equipment
Item 3	<p>Community feedback and input</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Barry Mason gave some feedback on the recent New Hope media campaign and felt that the impact was lost due to the timing during the election. He has received some very positive feedback about the public tours and the presentation of information during the visit. Barry recently participated in the wild dog baiting program that Acland Pastoral had organised with the Toowoomba Regional Council. He said it was disappointing that more neighbours hadn't taken the opportunity to participate. ▪ Andrew Langton stated that he felt many people in the community didn't have enough information about the New Acland Stage 3 project. He has heard concerns from some in the community about aspects of Stage 3. The major concern seems to be proximity to Oakey. He stated that there is still a misunderstanding as to the distance between the mine and Oakey. Chris McNally suggested that a sign on the road indicating the boundaries of the proposed expansion may assist with informing the community. ▪ Greg Johnson advised that the Toowoomba Chamber would be participating in the Carnival of Flowers parade with over 30 members participating and New Acland would be involved. ▪ Shane Charles advised that a member of Toowoomba & Surat Basin Enterprise had recently visited New Acland and found the tour very information. Later in the year, they are planning a group visit to the mine. ▪ Nancy Somerfield advised that the TRC dust monitoring at Jondaryan had not yet started, however, was still being investigated ▪ Michael Cuthill advised the he had received correspondence from the Oakey Coal Action Alliance in response to the minutes from a previous CRG meeting claiming that no water leaves the New Acland site. This included a photo. The group requested further information from New Hope. Michael reported that he attended the recent Regional Land Use Plan conference held in Toowoomba
Actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Hope to provide more information about water management on site ▪ New Hope to investigate the possibility of a sign indicating the most southern point of the revised Stage 3 project.
Item 4	<p>New Hope Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful wild dog baiting program organised by Acland Pastoral and if required by the area would organise a follow up. • The second trial on the rehab land has begun in conjunction with the University of Southern Queensland. This trial includes soil management and improvement, changes through grazing process of pastures and pasture recovery. • The veneering of coal trains at Jondaryan is underway and progressing well. There have been some issues with the profiling equipment due to the irregularities in wagon heights. Aurizon inspected last week and is working with us in getting consistent wagons through. Sill sweeping is improving. • New Acland had organised two Public Tours for the month with a good response. These have been

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	<p>promoted to local communities (i.e. Oakey, Jondaryan, Goombungee etc.) initially. The tours provide the public with facts about the mine and give the public an opportunity to see the site and rehabilitation themselves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Stage 3 EIS is due to be submitted to the government this month and is expected to be available for public comment towards the end of the year.
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Item 6	<p>Community Investment Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Community Investment Fund has been launched and the first round will close at the end of September. It is acknowledged that this is a short period to put an application forward and Helen will work with any group interested in putting in an application. There will be another application round closing at the end of March 2014. Applications are able to be submitted anytime throughout the year. ▪ As discussed in previous meetings, the Community Reference Group has a critical role in identifying projects that benefit the community. A sub-committee of CRG members has been appointed to work through the recommendations and report back to the whole CRG.
Item 7	<p>Community Reference Group Applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The first 12 month term of the CRG will end in October. The group discussed the past 12 months and plans going forward. ▪ The second term of the CRG will start in early November. New Hope will call for nominations from the public. All current members are required to reapply should they wish to continue. ▪ Members are also encouraged to distribute to their contacts and throughout the community.
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Hope to send CRG nomination information to CRG members.
Item 8	<p>Discussion Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The group discussed the Darling Downs Regional Plan (DDRP). When the DDRP is finalised, members requested that New Hope provide information regarding the DDRP and the Stage 3 project. An update will be provided at the next meeting. ▪ Education should remain a priority with the group. <p>Currently New Hope is involved in the B.O.Y.S Program at the Oakey primary and will continue to work to support education and development initiatives. Indigenous opportunities need to be captured. New Acland and the Oakey State High School are working on a staged program offering opportunities for work experience and development opportunities.</p>
Next meeting	<p>Next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.30pm – 21 October – venue to be advised. • Shane Charles offered his apology for the next meeting and was thanked for his contribution during the 12 months.
Meeting close	Meeting closed at: 5.00pm

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