

Minutes of meeting

New Acland Community Reference Group

CRG meeting number: 8

Date: 11 November 2013

Time: 4.30pm

Location: New Acland

Apologies: Michael Cuthill
Andrew Langton

Attendees: Matthew Boyd
Jodie Collins
Graham Cooke
Sarah Due
Andrew Langton
Barry Mason
Nancy Sommerfield
Victoria Menkins
Glenys Bowtell
Greg Jones
Lindsay Evans

New Hope Group Representatives: Bruce Denney – Observer (Video Conference)
Jim Randell – Executive General Manager Mining
Helen Braithwaite – Community Liaison Officer
Jennifer Wilson – Secretariat

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Agenda item Discussion

<p>Welcome</p>	<p>Introductions and welcome – Jim Randell welcomed the group and introduced Bruce Denney (New Hope COO) via video conference. Bruce gave his apologies for not attending in person to welcome the group and thanked returning members for continuing and new members for their interest and their time, acknowledging the representation of their groups for the overall benefit of the community.</p> <p>The CRG is a two way conduit for information to identify joint programs, and interests to the betterment of the community at large. During the first year, a foundation year, CRG was “mine centred”. Going forward it is important to get two way information flow, with the mine meeting the needs and interests of the community with the assistance of the group.</p> <p>One of the key actions for the CRG will be the Community Investment Fund (CIF) and one avenue to interact with the community. NHG make a significant contribution through sponsorships and donations each year, ranging from major sponsorship of Careflight through to donations to local sporting clubs and community groups.</p>
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<p>New Hope Update</p>	<p>Jim Randell gave an update on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Acland will have a site closure over the Christmas period (23/12/2013 6am through to 2/1/2014 6pm). ▪ Continuing with the program of supporting the Oakey State High School and opportunities for students to undertake work experience. ▪ EIS has been submitted and with the Coordinator General’s Office. ▪ Construction and implementation of veneering on the coal trains has been successful. The profiling of the wagons is not working as well as predicted due to graffiti on the wagon (sensors pick it up) so looking at working on different sensors. Front end loaders tamping the top of the wagons to give an even profile at the moment, and brushes and water sprays removing coal from sills. ▪ There have had several media groups visit the mine in recent weeks with some good stories being released. ▪ New Acland will trial a Wirtgen miner in February 2014 which has the ability to mine coal cleaner, and assist with reducing production costs. ▪ NAC continue to work with residents at Jondaryan in relation to the dust issue and have been testing tanks etc.
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<p>General Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Toowoomba Regional Council will conduct coal dust monitoring in Jondaryan in the future and have done some in Toowoomba. Testing done in Toowoomba showed rubber and normal dust on roads. ▪ Discussion on water monitoring carried out by the mine. NAC send results to the DEHP who also complete audits on a random basis. A formal response on the process will be given next meeting. ▪ A discussion was had regarding access to defibrillators in the local area. The on-going testing, maintenance and training would require careful consideration on the installation location. Member suggestions on location of where equipment may be required and how to manage the ongoing maintenance would be appreciated. ▪ A dam will be installed using Wetalla water to feed a centre pivot for Acland Pastoral use. The take and pay arrangement with the Toowoomba Regional Council makes it cost effective for Acland Pastoral Company.
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Action:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jim to present formal response on water monitoring conducted by NAC. 2. Helen to investigate interest in supply of defibrillators to local Community areas.
Community Investment Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Investment Funding closed 30 September with 20 submissions. A subcommittee of the Community Reference Group shortlisted the applications for final review. Priority to local communities including communities surrounding the mine. The CRG will make recommendations to New Hope based on projects that will benefit the community and address priority areas. In reviewing the applications if there is a conflict of interest, the involved parties will leave the room during discussion on the particular topic. ▪ The group discussed shortlisted applications. It was suggested that for future rounds a representative from the community body could be invited to present on their submission. Helen will circulate summary.
Action:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Helen will circulate summary of CIF submissions that were agreed on.
Next Meeting	<p>It was suggested that Monday's 5.30pm will be suitable. Date set meeting to meeting. Next meeting will include Christmas get together -Monday 16 December- location to be confirmed.</p>
Chairperson	<p>Discussion on having a Chairperson from the group rather than a Facilitator. Nomination of the Chairperson will be at next meeting. Michael Cuthill will assist with transition.</p>
Meeting close	<p>Meeting closed at 8.40pm</p>