

Minutes of meeting

New Acland Community Reference Group

CRG meeting number: 3/2014

Date:	10 February 2014
Time:	5.30pm
Location:	Oakey RSL, Campbell Street, Oakey
Attendees:	Chairperson – Graham Cooke Jodie Collins Nancy Sommerfield Lindsay Evans Matthew Boyd Glenys Bowtell Sarah Due Greg Jones
New Hope Group Representatives:	Jim Randell – Executive General Manager Mining Helen Braithwaite – Senior Community Advisor Jennifer Wilson – Secretariat Andre DuPreez – Project Manager
Apologies	Andrew Langton Barry Mason

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Welcome	<p>Graham Cooke welcomed everyone.</p> <p>Safety Share – Vehicle travelling on highway and passed a truck carrying steel. Driver lost steering. A piece of steel had fallen off the truck and went through the windscreen and hit the steering wheel and snapped it. Reminder to secure loads when travelling.</p> <p>Recent accident during Winter Olympics reinforces the fact that helmets do add protection.</p> <p>Reminder that everyone should have water in the vehicle when travelling.</p>
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Community Investment Fund discussion and final recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Helen feedback the updated quote from the Toowoomba Clubhouse that included IT equipment for staff and client use. Group suggested that a visit to the Clubhouse would answer remaining questions. Helen to organise a visit for Matt, Jodie and Greg. ▪ Other submissions will be announced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Show Society – Power supply upgrade ○ Oakey State High School – Operational Audio Visual ○ South Myall Landcare –Rural Capacity building – Computer Up skilling Program for Quinalow area. ○ Steps into Prep (Yumba) – Pre-Prep Program. ▪ Next grant closes 30 March 2014. Encourage groups to submit applications. Toowoomba Council delivery Grant Writing workshop in Oakey.
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Action:	Helen to organise visit to Toowoomba Club House (Oakey)
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New Acland and Acland Pastoral Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Acland will be trialling a Wirtgen miner for four months from June 2014. Benefits will reduce cost and noise as it will remove the need for a dozer and front end loader. ▪ New Acland has introduced a noise TARP (Trigger Action Response Plan). The noise monitoring equipment in Acland continuously monitors ‘mining’ noise. If it goes over a set limit, an action plan will be triggered to shut particular or move equipment. DEHP have inspected and have been advised of TARP. ▪ Public tours will start again this month after stopping during the hotter months. The tours will be advertised and can be booked by contacting Jen at New Acland. ▪ New Acland will host a Business Breakfast for local businesses to be updated on New Hope activities. Guest Speaker will be Shane Charles from TSBE. ▪ Stage II of the grazing trials has begun with cattle in the control paddock and the rehab paddock. Stage II will look at soil biology, structure and chemistry in addition to growth of cattle. Copies of the results of Stage 1 are available. ▪ Acland Pastoral has conducted some pest control on feral animals and weeds, in particular, boxthorn and pear. Control activities are also being carried out in mining lease areas. ▪ The stock pile at the Jondaryan Rail Loading Facility has been reduced to a working level and requires very little dozer activity. Consideration is being
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	<p>given to other noise and dust mitigation.</p>
Stage III EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A milestone was reached on 20 January with the release of the EIS (Environmental Impact Study) by the Coordinator General. Members of the public are encouraged to put a submission in. The public comment period closes 3 March 2014. ▪ Community Information Days were held last week at Jondaryan, Goombungee, Acland and Oakey. Positive feedback and good interaction with members of the community. They offered a good opportunity for clarification and questions regarding the EIS. ▪ Coordinator General will review the submissions after this period. This is another step toward the Coordinator General issuing his report for support or reasons not to proceed. ▪ Other approvals required for the project before being allowed to proceed include: Approval from the Department Environment Heritage Protection for the Environment Authority, and Approval from the Department Natural Resources and Mines for the mining lease.. ▪ Andre presented a 3D model of the proposed Stage III. This tool is available if anyone is interested in viewing a particular area.
Community Group Updates	<p>General groups discussions were had regarding the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Invitation to Public Meeting at Jondaryan on ‘Health Effects from Coal Dust’ on 13 February was discussed. ▪ Public belief that the Oakey School Bus would need to travel additional 30 km if roads were closed in the expansion. Andre will check this distance. ▪ Footprint size of the Stage III is smaller, surface rights are required for any area that will be mined. ▪ Feedback from the community on the location of the Telstra hut has resulted in an alternative location. Change in location of the hut only, no change to the numbers or dialling costs for those connected. ▪ Flexibility on New Acland take or pay arrangement of the Wetalla water from Oakey Creek to assist some irrigators in the short term. Jim to discuss further. ▪ Public belief that the road closure to Acland would be the demise of Acland Anzac Day Services. If this is a real concern New Hope are willing to discuss how assistance could be given. ▪ New Acland is hosting an Emergency Response Development day with local mines and power stations on 22 February.
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Andre to check distance of School bus travel. ▪ Jim to discuss Wetalla water agreement with Lindsay Evans.
Next Meeting Meeting close	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Next meeting Monday 17 March at the Oakey State High School. Location to be circulated. ▪ Meeting closed 7.35pm