

Minutes of meeting

New Acland Community Reference Group

CRG meeting number: 4/2014

Date:	17 March 2014
Time:	5.30pm
Location:	Oakey RSL, Campbell Street, Oakey
Attendees:	Chairperson – Graham Cooke Nancy Sommerfield Lindsay Evans Matthew Boyd Glenys Bowtell Andrew Langton Barry Mason
New Hope Group Representatives:	Jim Randell – Executive General Manager Mining Jennifer Wilson – Secretariat
Apologies	Helen Braithwaite Victoria Menkins

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<p>Welcome</p>	<p>Graham Cooke welcomed everyone.</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting, presented and reviewed. Moved – Nancy Somerfield. Seconded – Glenys Bowtell.</p> <p>Actions Arising from Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Update on Wirtgen and TARP to be included in NAC update. ▪ Toowoomba Club House CIF application – after discussions with the CEO of the Toowoomba Club House, it was decided that the group would withdraw their existing application and put in another application for the next CIF round which is Service Delivery focused, rather than the IT system. ▪ All CIF Funding Agreements have been signed by organisations and the successful applicants have been announced in the Oakey Champion. Payments are working through the New Hope accounts process and should be made shortly. Next round will close 30 March with full list of applications and summaries available at next meeting. ▪ School Bus Travel – Jim will provide more detail at next meeting. ▪ Gowrie Creek Irrigators have met with staff at New Acland. A process is in place to liaise with the group to adjust the plan of drawing water where possible to meet the needs of the group.
<p>Safety Share</p>	<p>Matt stated it has been noted that the flu is impacting already. Matt encouraged everyone in the high risk group to vaccinate.</p> <p>Jim presented short video that highlights the need to recognise fatigue signs when driving.</p>
<p>Jondaryan Community Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Local Emergency Groups are activated when there is a significant natural event in the area. The Jondaryan hall is an evacuation centre and was used in the 2011 floods. Bedding is stored at the Jondaryan Fire station. The group has not been activated during the summer of 2013-14. ▪ Local Rural Fire Brigades have been busy over December and January. This group have been deployed to Millmerran and Killarney to assist where required. A recent fire at Spring Bluff also saw them deployed. This group are all volunteers. ▪ The Jondaryan Hall Committee will host the Anzac Day Service from 8.00am. Everyone welcome to attend. The Jondaryan Hall Committee will hold a Theatre Restaurant ‘Funny Money’ with six performances. (1,6,7,8,13,14 June) Flyer to be circulated. ▪ Local Jondaryan community has recognised the reduction in the Loading Facility stockpiles. There still appears to be significant dust from the roads. ▪ The access to the refuge tip on Grants Road is breaking up with the extra traffic and dry conditions. ▪ Numbers of police reports have identified guns being stolen from properties in the area. Jondaryan Police Officer working well within the community. ▪ With the dry conditions and shortage of fodder it is becoming a real concern for property owners and the major human issue of stress increasing.

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New Acland and Acland Pastoral Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ERT Development Day well attended with six groups participating. ▪ Centre Pivot being installed at Balgowan is progressing. This irrigator will use part of the current water purchased from Wetalla. ▪ Acland Pastoral is continuing to clean up areas of box thorn and pear. ▪ New Acland will host a Business Breakfast for Oakey businesses Friday 21 March with guest speaker Shane Charles from Toowoomba and Surat Business Enterprise. ▪ NHG have employed a new Community Liaison Officer – Naomi Tonscheck. ▪ NHG is continuing to clean up within Acland. The concrete heaps will be removed within the next couple of weeks. The remaining Church will not be moved at this stage. Three areas containing asbestos have been identified and will be cleaned appropriately. Tree planting will start to develop fauna corridors. The Ag Department at the Oakey High School have propagated seeds for use the in the plantings. ▪ Site tours continue again with a good interest for the Public tours. ▪ Jondaryan stockpiles have been reduced and will continue to remain low as we move stocks to the port. ▪ There is no expected impact on Doctors Creek. There is currently a community rumour that New Hope will divert Lagoon Creek to Doctors Creek during Stage 3, however this is not correct. Concern that the project will lead to increased flooding in the Jondaryan is also not correct according to EIS modelling. 150 m buffer will be built along Lagoon Creek. The rail crossings that will need to be constructed across Lagoon Creek to the 2011 flood benchmark ▪ Wirtgen miner will arrive in May and will require assembly and ready for testing June 2014. NAC is currently looking at training exchange opportunities. ▪ Noise TARP is working effectively and alerting the mine when levels approach the limit in Acland. Noise is affected by both machinery and weather conditions. A 10m bund has been built along the main haul road and will include some planting to assist as a sound screen.
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Community Group Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CRG will have an important role to play when discussions on the offset of the Strategic Cropping Land and should be discussed at future meetings. ▪ South Myall Landcare group raised concerns with the stockpile that will be built at Muldu within the Stage 3 application. ▪ NHG has been approached by the Condamine Alliance for support to reinvigorate fish in the Oakey Creek. Group would like to see more detail on what is proposed.
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Next Meeting Meeting close	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Suggestions for future meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update on South Myall Landcare activities

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Acland Precinct Group. The minutes were handed back to Toowoomba Regional Council and could offer suggestions for the group to look at. Jim and Nancy will follow up. ○ Update on the broader activities within the council (Wagner airport, Rail update) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Venue to be reviewed, looking at options. Monday 28 April 2014 ▪ Meeting closed 7.18pm
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