

Minutes of meeting

New Acland Community Reference Group

CRG meeting number: 5/2014

Date:	26 May 2014
Time:	5.30pm
Location:	Cultural Centre, Oakey
Attendees:	Chairperson – Graham Cooke Lindsay Evans, Barry Mason, Greg Jones, Nancy Sommerfield, Matthew Boyd
New Hope Group Representatives:	Jim Randell – Executive General Manager Mining Jennifer Wilson – Secretariat Helen Braithwaite – Senior Community Advisor Tom Sheppard – Senior Environmental Officer
Apologies	Glenys Bowtell, Jodie Collins
Visitors	Kevin Graham, Katie Ferguson – Condamine Alliance

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Agenda item Discussion

Welcome	Graham Cooke welcomed everyone and introduced Kevin and Katie from Condamine Alliance.
Presentation	Kevin and Katie presented an update on the Condamine Alliance - Health Management River Program which is a designated management group to protect land air and water wildlife. It is a not for profit partnership to deliver on the ground work. Over 80 partners involved in local groups and business which has seen an increase in the native fish numbers and improved river health. The group is keen to include Oakey area in the partnership and to develop the science to work hand in hand with restocking of the creeks. The scope includes engagement, education and monitoring and evaluation to increase the stream habitat. The group has approached New Hope Group who are interested in the CRG thoughts and opinions to assist with decision.
Previous Minutes	The minutes of the previous meeting, presented and reviewed. Moved – Jim Randell. Seconded – Barry Mason. Actions Arising from Minutes: School Bus Travel – outcome to be advised to group.
Safety Share	Even when buying new equipment it is important to check prior to use. Recent fatality at Underground mine was due to gases released once bolts were undone on a seal. Always take caution when entering confined spaces due to gases.
New Hope Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recent review of West Moreton operations resulted in 24 redundancies with potential for 4-5 more in the future. These were due to the state of the coal industry. ▪ Wirtgen is currently being constructed and will be ready to begin trial next week. ▪ New Hope will be attending Farmfest again this year. ▪ Preliminary results of the grazing trial indicate the grass roots are into the subsoil. ▪ Acland Township clean-up is currently underway, including removal of old concrete and planting of trees and removal of asbestos. Pivot irrigator on Acland pastoral land has been commissioned. ▪ Jim introduced Tom Sheppard to give feedback on the Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts (DSITIA) testing results at Jondaryan. The key difference is that it provides live invalidated data on the web. Data on the website needs to be understood in context. We are working with the DSITIA and EHP to convey what this testing means and identify particular zones from the results. We will continue to update at future meetings. ▪ Update given on two of the community investment fund applications. Final project recommendations provided to New Hope for consideration.
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Next meeting Monday 14 July 5:30pm – Oakey State High School