

## Minutes of meeting

### New Acland Community Reference Group

CRG meeting number: 2

**Date:** 26 November 2012

**Time:** 3.00pm

**Location:** Oakey State School (Primary)

**Apologies:** Matthew Boyd – Queensland Health  
Andrew Langton – Oakey Chamber of Commerce  
Helen Montgomery – Lifeline Darling Downs

**Facilitator:** Michael Cuthill – Australian Centre for sustainable Business and Development, USQ

**Attendees:** Dave Bosworth – Oakey State School  
Shane Charles – Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise  
Sarah Due – AgForce Queensland  
Bryan Gray – RDA Darling Downs and SW Qld  
Catherine Hull – Downs Group Training  
Greg Johnson – Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce  
Barry Mason – Local Landholder  
Chris McNally – Oakey State High School  
Nancy Sommerfield – Toowoomba Regional Council

**New Hope Group Representatives:** Jim Randell – New Acland General Manager  
Helen Braithwaite – Community Liaison Officer  
Andre du Preez – Project Manager  
Jennifer Wilson – Secretariat

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**Agenda item**      **Discussion**

Item 1	<p>Official Welcome to Oakey Primary School - Dave Bosworth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ David welcomed the group to Oakey Primary School and detailed the evacuation procedures and congratulated New Acland on their solid message of safety during the site visit. The focus for Oakey State School is also safety and the ability to read that will ultimately give options in life.</li> </ul>
Item 2	<p>Safety Share – Michael Cuthill</p> <p>Michael offered a way of removing a tick was to apply constant pressure while gently pulling, not to squeeze the body.</p>
Item 3	<p>Housekeeping – Michael Cuthill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Minutes from last meeting had been circulated. Chris McNally suggested that more detail be included on the discussion items.</li> <li>▪ Carryover Items : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Conflict of Interest. Michael offered by way of a guideline in declaring any conflicts of interest if anyone has any commercial interest or any advantage could be gained by way of tender or other means then it should be disclosed. Helen advised the group that New Hope has a relationship with most of the groups through the community. On a personal level Helen disclosed that she is a Director of Lifeline.</li> <li>2. There has been a member suggested as a Jondaryan representative on the CRG. At this stage no direct approach has been made however the person is well considered and has good connections within the community. (NB: person’s details no disclosed due to privacy at this stage). After discussion on changes required to the Terms of Reference, CRG members felt that it would be beneficial to have a Jondaryan representative in the group. Comments were made that should a Jondaryan representative be accepted, the position should be made available for application from all interested Jondaryan representatives. Jim Randell suggested that the Jondaryan Residents Association meeting on Friday night (30 November) would be a good opportunity to gauge interest.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
Actions:	<p>Helen to make contact with the suggested representative and interested parties from the Jondaryan District Residents Association meeting.</p>
Item 4	<p>Michael requested any feedback from concerns or issues from their own committees or groups.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The feedback Chris McNally has received from community members is that the people that work locally for New Acland are good to work with, however members of the community are frustrated as they feel the parent company (perceived as Ipswich) is not responsive and their decisions do not meet their concerns.</li> <li>2. Greg Johnson published photos and media release in his Chamber E News with positive feedback. On 6-8 March Bruce Denney (New Hope - COO) will speak to a group at the Infrastructure and Energy Summit.</li> <li>3. Bryan Gray has included CRG details in their newsletter with no negative comments.</li> <li>4. Shane Charles included CRG details in newsletters and the business community is generally supportive of New Hope. TSBE are currently organising a tour of New Acland for their Board members.</li> <li>5. Nancy Sommerfield circulated photos that were taken during the New Acland site visit and waiting for feedback. It was suggested that on the New Hope website an employment step process be available that allows for opportunity to process applicants and with elimination as it steps through.</li> <li>6. Barry Mason as a farmer has had discussions with the grass roots i.e. the farmers and has concerns with prime agricultural land taken up by mining in the continuation plan. Discussions on options</li> </ol>

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	<p>available not to mine the land should continue with mining engineers and looking at opportunities and options that might be would be beneficial. This topic would be carried over and discussed at a full session of the CRG.</p> <p>7. Dave Bosworth as Principal of Oakey State School is keen to understand the skill set and opportunities there would be for working with the mine, and how he gives the notion and dreams for the young people that can become reality. Discussions on key requirements and the importance to socially invest funds in this area.</p> <p>8. Sarah Due advised that she has had contact from landholders surrounding the mine that have concerns over health, sleep, peace and have been disturbed in the past. The group discussed other landholders contributing to the CRG would offer a different perspective. Further consideration by New Hope on involvement from other landholders at some meetings will be given.</p> <p>9. Catherine Hull has only had positive comments from businesses.</p>
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Action:	Media Release to be forwarded to Catherine Hull
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Item 5	<p>Continuation Plan Update – Andre du Preez (Project Manager)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The group had detailed discussion on the continuation plan including the process going forward from the Coordinator General’s announcement. The issue of the Terms of Reference will be released the first week of December and give the public opportunity to review and offer input. This will be open for public comment for a period of 9 weeks (usually 4 weeks). New Hope intends to host to Open Days to the public in Oakey, the first will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December and the second on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January. Jim and Andre outlined the monitoring that is currently conducted at Jondaryan.</li> </ul>
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Item 5	<p>Future Meeting Dates – Michael Cuthill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No meeting in December</li> <li>▪ Invitation to be sent for next meeting 4 February 2013.</li> </ul>
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Item 6	<p>Topics for future meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GJ suggested Communication Strategy – information from CRG to a wider group to gain a better understanding of the debate from opponents and employees. People’s ability to interpret and make judgement and opportunity to see if they are linked.</li> <li>• Strategic Cropping Land</li> </ul>
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Next meeting	<p>Next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.00 pm Monday 4 February 2013 – Oakey Primary School.</li> </ul>
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Meeting close	Meeting closed at: 5.10pm
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