

FACTSHEET

New Acland Community Investment Fund

About the Fund

New Hope Group currently contributes substantial support each year to community-based organisations in the region surrounding New Acland Coal Mine, such as local schools and sporting clubs, community groups and centres, health and aged care organisations, regional industry associations, charities, festivals and events.

The New Acland Community Investment Fund (the Fund) aims to further assist not-for-profit community groups and organisations with grants of between \$5,000.00 and \$15,000.00. New Hope Group will consider applications for amounts outside these parameters that meet all of the Community Investment Fund criteria. The maximum amount available for each grant will be at New Hope Group's discretion and will be considered on the merits of each application and the Fund's annual budget.

The Fund is part of New Hope Group and the New Acland Coal Mine's on-going commitment to community investment and development, providing further opportunity to give back to the communities in which we live and work. It is designed to deliver measurable benefit to a broad range of people and with a strong focus on community development programs.

The New Acland Community Reference Group plays a significant role in the administration of the Fund by assessing applications and making recommendations to New Hope Group on appropriate community development initiatives for support.

Application Rounds

Applications to the Fund are welcome at any time, to allow for the seasonal demands of some organisations. Requests will be reviewed twice each year. The dates of the two funding rounds are:

- **Funding Round 1:** Applications close on 30 March annually for funding allocated to initiatives that are expected to commence between 1 July and 31 December of that year.
- **Funding Round 2:** Applications close on 30 September annually for funding allocated to initiatives that are expected to commence between 1 January and 30 June of the following year.

All applications must be received by 5pm on the due date. Application Forms and details about submission options are available at website www.aclandproject.com.au.

Eligibility

Community groups and not-for-profit organisations that provide benefits to the communities surrounding the New Acland Coal Mine (the Mine) are invited to apply. This includes projects and organisations in the local government area (LGA) of Toowoomba Regional Council. Preference will be given to local communities within the vicinity of the Mine.

Suitable Initiatives

Applications should focus on New Hope's priorities for investment:

- education, training, capacity building and youth support
- community safety, health and welfare
- sport and recreation
- environment and sustainability
- history and cultural heritage

Projects that are not suitable

Funding will generally not be allocated to applications where funds are to be used for:

- initiatives where the benefit is focussed outside the Toowoomba Regional Council area
- private business and commercial activities
- religious activity or events – however religious organisations are welcome to apply for community projects
- any gambling purposes or activity associated with gambling
- a recurring organisational expense
- debt retirement
- projects usually wholly funded by government
- Native Title matters
- issues relating to legal processes
- initiatives that may create a real or potential conflict of interest due to connections between the requester and an employee of New Hope Group, a relative of an employee, a public official or a relative of a public official.

How to submit an application

There are three steps to making an application to the New Acland Community Investment Fund:

Step 1 - Read the Application Guidelines

Step 2 - Complete the Application Form

Step 3 - Submit the Application Form with all relevant attachments.

The Community Investment Application Guidelines and Application Form can be viewed and downloaded from the Acland Project website at www.aclandproject.com.au.

Applications can be submitted via email or in hard copy to:

Post

New Acland Community Investment Fund
New Hope Group
PO Box 47
Ipswich QLD 4305

In person

New Hope Community Information Centre
90/88 Campbell Street
OAKLEY QLD 4401

Email

community@newhopegroup.com.au

Applications should be accompanied by relevant attachments as required in the Application Form. Applications made without a completed Application Form cannot be considered.

