



New Acland Coal

Community Investment Fund

Application Guidelines

About

New Acland Coal 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 centers, health and aged care organisations, regional industry associations, charities, festivals and events.

The New Acland Coal (NAC) Community Investment Fund (CIF) aims to further assist not-for-profit community groups and organisations through supporting strong local sustainable projects with grants of \$5,000.00 or more. NAC will consider applications for amounts outside these parameters that meet all the CIF criteria. The maximum amount available for each grant will be at NAC's discretion and will be considered on the merits of each application and the CIF's annual budget.

The CIF 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 supports a strong focus on community development programs.

The New Acland Coal Community Reference Group (CRG) plays a significant role in the administration of the CIF by assessing applications and making recommendations to the General Manager. The General Manager, New Acland Coal, gives the final approval of successful applications with community development initiatives.

Application Rounds

There are two funding rounds per calendar year. Applications to the CIF are received by NAC at any time, to allow for the seasonal demands of some organisations, however applications are only reviewed twice a year. 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. Information on Application Forms and details about submission options are available from our Community Team.

Eligibility

Community groups and not-for-profit organisations that enable benefits to the communities surrounding the New Acland Coal Mine are invited to apply. This includes groups and organisations within the Toowoomba Region. All applicants are required to have Public Liability Insurance (minimum of \$10million) and all successful applicants will be required to provide feedback and acquittal on the outcome of their funded initiative.

Eligible Initiatives

Applications should focus on NAC's priorities for investment including:

- Education, training, capacity building and youth support
- Community safety, health and welfare
- Sport and recreation
- Environment and sustainability
- History and cultural heritage

Ineligible Initiatives

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

- Initiatives where the benefit is focused outside the Toowoomba Region area
- Private business and commercial activities
- Religious activity or events – however religious organisations are welcome to apply for community activities/events/projects
- Any gambling purposes or any activity associated with gambling
- A reoccurring 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 apply

There are three steps to making an application to the New Acland Coal 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

Applications must be accompanied by all relevant attachments as detailed in the Application Form. Incomplete applications cannot be assessed.

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

Post or In Person

New Acland Coal Community Information Centre
112 Campbell Street
Oakey Qld 4401

Email

community@newhopegroup.com.au

