



From the General Manager

Thank you for your unwavering support

2023 is shaping as an exceptionally busy and historic year for New Acland Mine.

In the coming months, production will begin at New Acland Stage 3 following a 16-year approvals battle.

New Acland Stage 3 is the most reviewed and scrutinised resources project in Queensland's history and I am delighted work can finally begin.

I had the privilege of extending job offers to 10 local workers just before Christmas. Those 10 are the first of hundreds of job opportunities which will

be extended to truck drivers, engineers, electricians, operators, administration staff and mechanics throughout the life of the project.

Pleasingly, I was able offer 60 operators and maintainers jobs following a series of workshops at Oakey in January. This latest round of job offers mean there will be more than a hundred employees on site at New Acland Mine by the end of March.

I would also like to thank Stage 3's supporters, specifically the local community, landholders, business

leaders and advocates for their unwavering support of New Acland Mine.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the applaud the amazing work being done by PCYC Toowoomba. The Oakey Connect Project is having a major impact on the local community and helping transform lives.

Dave O'Dwyer
New Acland Mine General Manager



New Acland Stage 3

WORK UNDERWAY AT NAC03.

The Queensland Government's decision to approve New Acland Stage 3 late last year, allowed New Hope Group to commence work on the expansion area in November 2022.

New Acland Mine General Manager, Dave O'Dwyer said work began with team members mapping out the area, surveying the mine site, hammering in key markers and using drones to capture aerals.

"It was another historic moment for the entire team at New Acland Mine and the local community," Mr O'Dwyer said.

"I was always confident the Queensland Government would approve the project, but it was special to see workers on site and New Acland Stage 3 officially underway.

"The heavy machinery is forecast to arrive on site in the coming months, however, there is a lot of planning and essential work which needs to be completed first."



New year, new jobs at New Acland Mine

WORKFORCE TO GROW TO 100 WITHIN WEEKS.

More than 60 new operators and maintainers will start work at New Acland Mine in the coming fortnight.

New Acland Mine General Manager, Dave O'Dwyer said the job offers followed the creation of a Job Assessment Centre in Oakey for potential employees.

"For five days in January, we held a series of sessions with prospective New Acland Mine employees to determine their suitability for operator and maintainer roles," Mr O'Dwyer said

"These sessions included one-on-one interviews, group activities and aptitude tests.

"Following the sessions, we extended job offers to approximately 60 operators and maintainers, who will become our initial production team.

"These job offers mean there will be more than a hundred employees on site at New Acland Mine by the end of March."

New Hope Group will reopen the Job Assessment Centre to coincide with key ramp-up milestones.

At the peak of construction there will be close to 600 local workers in site at New Acland Mine. Throughout the life of the project, the permanent workforce will be approximately 400 full-time roles.



Connecting with the community

PCYC YOUTH EVENT.

The PCYC ended 2022 with a bang, by hosting a youth event which saw more than 300 locals attend.



Expressions of interest

OVERWHELMING THIRST FOR JOBS AT NEW ACLAND MINE.

New Hope Group has received more than 1,750 expressions of interest for jobs at New Acland Mine since launching an online portal in mid-September.

New Hope Group has received 1,585 expressions of interest from workers and more than 200 expressions of interest from businesses who are eager to supply goods and services at New Acland Stage 3.

Roles:

- 1585 expressions of interest for roles at New Acland Mine.
- 889 expressions of interest from the Darling Downs.
- 1462 expressions of interest from Queensland.
- 264 expressions of interest from past New Acland Mine workers.

Interested workers can lodge an expression of interest to work at New Acland Mine via the New Hope Group website.

newhopegroup.com.au/current-expressions-of-interest/

People who have previously expressed an interest in working at New Acland Mine will receive an email when a suitable role becomes available, so they can submit a formal application.



Think the Drink

EDUCATING LOCAL STUDENTS.

New Hope Group is proud to support Oakey State High School and its 'Think the Drink' program.

The program aims to educate students on safe partying, supporting a friend in need, understanding the responsibilities of being 18 years of age and the law.

The students had presentations from Red Frogs Australia and local Sergeant, John Cook from the Queensland Police Service.



Road closures

ROADS CLOSED TO TRAFFIC

As part of the New Acland Coal Stage 3 Project there are planned road changes in the Acland area. This includes the closure of traffic on Acland Silverleigh Road, Willeroo Mine Road and Greenwood School Road. These closures are expected to come into effect on the 14 March 2023.

- Approved signage will be installed, including signs indicating accessibility to Acland township via Acland Sabine Road. Acland Sabine Road has been identified as the shortest alternative route.
- TRANSLink have advised a slight change to the regular school bus route. There will be no changes to the existing school pick up or drop off points.
- For further information, please contact New Acland Coal on 07 4691 3445 or community@newhopegroup.com.au.



PCYC update

MAKING A MASSIVE DIFFERENCE.

A huge shout-out and congratulations to PCYC Toowoomba who has been doing amazing work throughout Oakey and the Darling Downs.

New Hope Group has a long history of supporting the local community and last year donated \$360,000 to PCYC Toowoomba so its Oakey Connect Project could continue for at least the next two years.

The Oakey Connect Project helps young people between 12–24 years of age build resilience by developing skills and habits to help navigate life. A range of community-led wellbeing activities and programs will be delivered as part of the project.

The team has just employed a Community Development Officer, Oakey local, Carson Prior-Mead who will assist Oakey Connect Coordinator, Katarina Medland by delivering remarkable programs and support to the community.

In the past three months, 2,311 people have accessed services provided by the Oakey Connect Program, including:

- After school program (boxing after dark) for 12–24-year-olds which includes boxing techniques, fitness and team building activities.
- Dragonfly program for young girls who experience anxiety, depression, struggle with body image, identity, low self-esteem, past traumas, and mental health.
- Team Up programs at Oakey State High School and Oakey State School. The weekly program includes activities that aim to build resilience, emotional intelligence, conflict resolution, social competencies and skills around communication, patience, assertiveness, and problem solving.
- Brekky Club – assisting volunteers at the local primary school and serving children (5-12 years) toast with various spreads and fresh fruit.
- Working with Safer Communities, Indigenous Community Sport & Recreation Officer and Queensland Police Service to support referred students re-engage at school, or develop in a positive direction by focusing on leadership qualities.
- Working with the local high school's Indigenous worker to deliver the Beyond the Broncos program.
- Oakey Skatepark BBQ – working alongside Toowoomba Regional Council to provide a free community BBQ of sausages / bread, water every Thursday from 3-5pm.

Congratulations Oakey Connect Project on the work you are doing and the difference you are making to hundreds of local students.



Enquiries & complaints

WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND OUR COMMUNITY OF SOME HELPFUL NEW ACLAND CONTACTS.

For general, non-urgent matters please call (07) 4691 3445.

For urgent safety, environmental or operations matters requiring immediate attention, please call our 24-hour community hotline on 1800 882 142.

You can also reach us by email: community@newhopegroup.com.au

To find out more, please visit: <https://newhopegroup.com.au/>