

# CRG MINUTES OF MEETING

## New Acland Coal Community Reference Group

<b>Date:</b>	12 October 2023
<b>Time:</b>	5.30pm to 7.00pm
<b>Location:</b>	Oakey RSL
<b>Member Attendees:</b>	Graham Turner (New member) Shelley Burns (New member) Matthew Boyd (New member on Teams) Helen Bawden (Returning member on Teams) Haley Darr (Returning member) Mick Krugher (New member) Lindsay Evans (Returning member)
<b>New Hope Group Representatives:</b>	David O'Dwyer – General Manager (GM) Bec Meacham – Senior Community Landholder Advisor (SCLA) Linda Sexton – Community Liaison Officer (CLO)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Graham Cooke (Chairperson) David Totenhofer (New member) Andrew Langton (Returning member) Peter Wharton (New member) Belinda Hess (Returning member)

### Agenda item                      Discussion

<b>Meeting Introduction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the absence of the CRG Chairperson, GM NAC opened meeting at 5.40 pm</li> </ul>
<b>Adoption of previous minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GM – minutes of 17th August 2023 – True and correct</li> <li>Moved by Helen Bawden</li> <li>Carried</li> </ul>
<b>CRG Members and Membership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GM welcomed new and returning members</li> <li>CRG members introduction representing districts of Jondaryan, Kulpi, Oakey and Highfields and representing community groups, education, health, agriculture, environment, local business, and residents.</li> <li>GM referred to updated <i>Terms of Reference</i> which was accepted by all CRG members present at the meeting.</li> <li>GM confirmed purpose of CRG membership and key role in sharing information on happenings in communities and advisory on CIF applications to ensure inclusive coverage of all districts</li> </ul>

<b>New Acland Coal Mine Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GM provided an update on NAC Mine with significant milestones being achieved - September 2023 saw first coal being mined with first rail transport to port in October 2023. Transportation overseas from port expected in November 2023. Employment growth continues with current intake 30-35 employees. NAC projects progressing well.</li> <li>• GM provide update on APC around harvesting, feral pest management and ongoing environment and weed management activities</li> <li>• GM advised no set date for Land Court at this time.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Investment Fund (CIF) Applications Assessment and Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCLA introduction to Community Investment Fund and Sponsorship programs including CIF Guidelines with request for any Conflict of Interest, to be declared by members</li> <li>• First CIF applications assessment since 2020</li> <li>• 8 CIF applications received with 5 successful CIF applications approved.</li> <li>• Consensus received to carry over \$10K towards the March 2024 round</li> <li>• Next steps to contact successful applicants with invitation to morning tea in recognition of successful projects and benefit to community</li> </ul>
<b>Update from Community Groups</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jondaryan cemetery &amp; community gardens projects progressing</li> <li>• Kulpi Rural Fire Brigade membership increasing, requested for shared NAC contact list, upcoming NAC Community Catch Up at hall, Kulpi Hall working bee, school has new water bore, Wurst Festival successful with increased attendance, toilets earmarked 5-10 years improvement.</li> <li>• Oakey State High School had 50 Year 12 students this year, all graduated and expected to obtain their QCE. Vocational Pathways very popular with the graduating cohort, 98% of the cohort have completed at least one VET qualification. Changeover of captains and school leaders occurring. New hall expected to be open for 2024.</li> <li>• Jondaryan Woolshed – New committee growing events and activities with caravan park now open for bookings, unlimited camping with no bookings required. Lots of plans moving forward.</li> <li>• Recognition of NAC’s support for Oakey Seniors Week event.</li> <li>• Oakey hospital – challenges around staffing with many vacancies, new garden project at nursing home looking good for residents</li> </ul>
<b>Action Items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLO to provide NAC contact lists and maps to Rural Fire Brigades</li> <li>• CLO to contact all CIF applicants to advise of their application outcome.</li> <li>• CLO to invite successful CIF applicants to morning tea in recognition of successful projects.</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting date – End of Year Function at Oakey RSL on Wednesday, 29 November 2023.</li> </ul>
<b>Meeting Close</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7.40pm</li> </ul>