

# CRG MINUTES OF MEETING

## *New Acland Coal Community Reference Group*

<b>Date:</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> August 2023
<b>Time:</b>	5.30pm to 7.10pm
<b>Location:</b>	Oakey RSL
<b>Member Attendees:</b>	Graham Cooke (Chair) Maree Scheurele Andrew Langton Helen Bawden (Teams link)
<b>New Hope Group Representatives:</b>	Dave O'Dwyer – NAC General Manager (GM) Rebecca Meacham – NAC Senior Community and Landholder Advisor (SCLA) Linda Sexton – NAC Community Liaison Officer (CLO) Melanie Williamson – NAC Business Support Officer (BSO)
<b>Apologies</b>	Glenys Bowtell Hayley Darr Belinda Hess Lindsay Evans

**Agenda item                      Discussion**

<b>Meeting Introduction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee Chair welcomed the group and thanked committee members for attending meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners and Elders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee Chair made an Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners and Elders.</li> </ul>
<b>Safety Share</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAC GM noted an increase of speed cameras and police presence on the roads within the district and encouraged people to continue to drive safely.</li> <li>General group discussion around recent bush fires in the district and the 'increased risk' associated with the ongoing dry environment.</li> </ul>
<b>New Acland Coal Mine Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAC GM provided update to group.</li> <li>NAC Stage 3 ramp-up gained certainty with the withdrawal of the Oakey Coal Actional Alliance (OCCA) stay application on 15th August 2023.</li> <li>NAC proceeding with plans to mine coal from Manning Vale East Pit with projection for first coal transportation to be in October 2023 from Jondaryan Rail Loadout Facility (JRLF).</li> <li>NAC working with rail providers on transport of coal.</li> <li>Response to tenders from local contractors and businesses has been good.</li> <li>Next intake of employees expected to take place in fourth quarter of 2023 building up to a workforce of 400 full-time roles at peak of construction.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coal prices remain steady.</li> </ul>
<b>CRG Membership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAC SCLA gave update to group.</li> <li>Identified need to call for nominations for memberships with goal to fill vacancies inclusive of a broad range of community representations.</li> <li>Agreement from group to proceed with call for nominations in September 2023.</li> </ul>
<b>NAC Community Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAC Community Information Centre in Oakey now open to the public with good community response and visitation rates.</li> <li>NAC procurement processes continue to support local suppliers.</li> <li>Community Catch Up's around district to commence in September 2023 with three-month rotation including Jondaryan, Goombungee and Kulpi.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Investment Fund (CIF)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAC SCLA gave update to the group.</li> <li>CIF to be open for applications in September 2023.</li> <li>CIF applications to be assessed by CRG in October 2023.</li> </ul>
<b>Update from Community Groups</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jondaryan is experiencing ongoing threat of bushfires with extended dry period.</li> <li>District Rural Fire Brigades facing response time challenge due to lack of volunteer numbers and volunteer availability.</li> <li>Habitat Jondaryan project gaining momentum with BioBlitz in October 2023.</li> <li>Kulpi Hall busy with functions and considering an Anzac Memorial project.</li> <li>Security still a concern for property owners within the district.</li> <li>Oakey Street Scape under way in Campbell Street.</li> <li>Oakey Carnival of Flowers float theme 'Create a Buzz'.</li> <li>Santa Fair planned for 9 December 2023.</li> <li>Seniors Week no longer supported by Toowoomba Regional Council.</li> </ul>
<b>General Business:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAC site now manned 24 hours a day.</li> <li>Discussion around next meet up, CRG nominations and CIF assessments.</li> </ul>
<b>Action Items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAC CLO to complete minutes from the meeting and send to CRG members.</li> <li>CRG membership opportunities to be advertised.</li> <li>CIF applications to be invited advertised.</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	Next meeting date 13 October 2023.