



From the General Manager

Milestones galore at New Acland Mine

2023 has been a year of milestones for the entire team at New Acland Mine.

In early May, Queensland Minister for Resources, Scott Stewart visited New Acland Mine to officially open Stage 3.

The minister cut the ribbon and was unequivocal in declaring the Queensland Government's full support for the project, declaring 'We did it'.

I would like to thank Stage 3's supporters, specifically the local community, landholders, business leaders and advocates for their unwavering support of New Acland Mine over the past 16 years as we fought for the necessary approvals.

There are now more than a hundred workers on site at New Acland Mine, and three more at the newly renovated New Acland Coal Community Information Centre in Oakey, which was officially opened by Member for Condamine, Pat Weir in late June.

The Community Information Centre has long been a mainstay of Campbell Street, but closed when nearby New Acland Mine was placed into care and maintenance in March 2021. The entire team is delighted we once again have an office in Oakey.

Full approvals have also allowed the team to re-establish our sponsorship of local community groups and initiatives.

I'm thrilled to announce both the Oakey Scout Group and St Monica's Catholic Primary School, Oakey have received \$5,000 which will be spent on fundraising initiatives and robotic and STEM resources respectively.

Finally, I would like to congratulate New Hope Corporation Chairman, Robert Millner, who was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the King's Honours list.

Congratulations Rob on this amazing achievement.

Dave O'Dwyer
New Acland Mine General Manager



New Acland Mine obtains mine ramp-up certainty

OCAA WITHDRAW ITS STAY APPLICATION

The Oakey Coal Action Alliance (OCAA) has withdrawn its stay application providing New Hope Group with certainty to progress New Acland Mine's Stage 3 ramp-up plan.

The withdrawal followed discussions between both parties where New Hope Group confirmed the mining of overburden and coal from the yet to be developed Manning Vale West Pit is not expected before 1 September 2024 under the mine's existing Stage 3 ramp-up plan.

The outcome means the threat of OCAA mounting another legal challenge to delay the project has been removed for now, and allows New Hope Group to accelerate the mining activity already underway at Stage 3.

New Acland Mine General Manager, Dave O'Dwyer said the withdrawal of OCAA's stay application is a welcome outcome for the site's 100+ workers.

"Resolving the stay application with OCAA means we can start digging coal from the Manning Vale East Pit which is the first area we have been developing since the Queensland Government approved the project in October last year," Mr O'Dwyer said.

"We can also progress development of the planned adjacent Willeroo Pit and begin construction of the Lagoon Creek Crossing.

"While we have confirmed mining of overburden and coal in Manning Vale West Pit is not expected before 1 September 2024, we are able to undertake surface works, including the building of infrastructure, exploration and bore drilling on the site.

"Multiple Queensland Government Ministers, their respective departments and numerous independent experts have critically assessed and evaluated every aspect of the project and found New Acland Mine Stage 3 stacks up environmentally, socially and financially.

"OCAA's withdrawal of the stay application allows us to extract coal with certainty while also having our day in Land Court to support the Queensland Government's decision to approve Stage 3."

There are currently more than a hundred local employees on site at New Acland Mine, with the number expected to grow as a result of the stay application withdrawal.

QUEENSLAND RESOURCES MINISTER, SCOTT STEWART OFFICIALLY OPENS NEW ACLAND MINE STAGE 3

The most scrutinised and assessed resources project in Queensland history was officially opened by Queensland Minister for Resources, Scott Stewart in early May 2023.

The historic opening of New Acland Mine Stage 3, followed a 16-year approvals process, and came a month after an Independent Review affirmed the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water's decision to grant the project an Associated Water Licence.

New Hope Group CEO, Rob Bishop said the opening of Stage 3 is a defining moment for the region.

"Today is a moment of celebration for our workforce, their families, local farmers, landholders, business leaders and the local community," Mr Bishop said.

"I would like to congratulate and thank the Oakey and Darling Downs communities for standing side-by-side New Hope Group over the past 16 years.

"Today's official opening is reward for their perseverance, patience and belief.

"The Queensland Government reviewed, assessed and scrutinised this project and found it stacks up environmentally, socially and financially.

"I'm delighted the Queensland Government supported today's official opening and I would like to thank Queensland Minister for Resources, Scott Stewart for his attendance and for performing the official opening.

"With the Queensland Government's endorsement, the long-awaited expansion of operations into New Acland Mine Stage 3 is now being realised."

There are currently more than a hundred local employees on site at New Acland Mine.

At the peak of construction, there will be approximately 600 local workers at New Acland Mine. Throughout the life of the project, the permanent workforce will be approximately 400 full-time roles, made up of Darling Downs locals.



New Acland Coal Community Centre

OFFICIALLY OPENED

Member for Condamine, Pat Weir MP officially opened the newly renovated New Acland Coal Community Information Centre at Oakey in late June.

The Community Information Centre has long been a mainstay of Campbell Street, but closed when nearby New Acland Mine was placed into care and maintenance in March 2021.

New Acland Mine General Manager, Dave O'Dwyer said the reopening of the New Acland Coal Community Information Centre emphasises New Hope Group's close relationship with the local community.

"Following a two-year hiatus, we're delighted to once again have an office at Oakey," Mr O'Dwyer said.

"For years, Darling Downs locals were able to drop in and share a cup of coffee or tea with the New Acland Mine team. We're thrilled this tradition will continue.

"The Community Information Centre is a one-stop shop for local landholders and community members who are eager to discuss job and sponsorship opportunities and share information about the expansion of New Acland Mine."



Introducing the New Acland Coal Community Centre team

MEET THE TEAM

Three New Acland Mine team members will work out of the New Acland Coal Community Information Centre.

- **Rebecca Meacham** – Senior Community & Landholder Advisor
- **Linda Sexton** - Community Liaison Officer
- **Melanie Williamson** - Business Support Officer

Darling Downs locals are invited to drop in and share a cup of coffee or tea with the Community team.

New Acland Coal Community Information Centre
112 Campbell St, Oakey
07 4691 3445

Monday – Friday, 9am – 4pm



Successful sponsorship applicants

Oakey Scout Group

New Hope Group has a long and proud history of supporting the local community via a wide range of projects and partnerships which build stronger and more sustainable communities.

We're delighted to announce the Oakey Scout Group is the latest recipient of a \$5,000 sponsorship.

Thrilled Oakey Scout leader, Jacque Barnes said the financial support has come at a crucial time and will allow the troupe to explore new fundraising tactics.

The Oakey Scout Group has been part of the Oakey landscape for more than a century.

The Scout movement supports participants with physical, social, intellectual, emotional and spiritual development.

If you'd like to know more about the Oakey Scouts Group, please email gl@oakey.scoutsqld.com.au.



First blast

ANOTHER KEY MILESTONE

In early June, the team achieved a landmark milestone with the first blast occurring on the New Acland Stage 3 site.

It was the first blast on site in since 2021, when new Acland Mine was placed into care and maintenance.

Information relating to New Acland Mine's blasting activities can be found on the New Hope Group website (newhopegroup.com.au) or by visiting the New Acland Coal Community Centre.



Supplier Information Night

STANDING ROOM ONLY

Further proof the overwhelming majority of the local community, including small business owners, farmers and business leaders are delighted New Acland Stage 3 is going ahead.

In mid-May, New Hope Group held a supplier information session, with more than 100 potential suppliers in the room at the Oakey RSL Club.

Local workers, contractors and businesses will benefit to the tune of \$1B over the life of the New Acland Stage 3 project.



Officer of the Order of Australia

CONGRATULATIONS ROB

Congratulations to New Hope Corporation Chairman, Robert Millner, who was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the King's Honours list.

Remarkable individuals, like Rob are appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for distinguished service of a high degree to Australia or to humanity at large.

Rob was recognised for his distinguished service to business, to rugby union as an administrator, and to the community through philanthropic contributions.

Congratulations Rob on this amazing achievement.



Oakey Community Under 8's Day.

BACK IN THE COMMUNITY

Students and little ones from Oakey State School, St Monica's Catholic Primary School, Oakey, Little Champions Childcare Oakey and Kids Patrol Oakey Academy had the opportunity to decorate a safety helmet, dig for coal in the sand containers and dress up in PPE at the NAC tent.

The gala day attracted more than 300 people and was supported by a host of local businesses and schools including Oakey State High School, QCWA Oakey, First 5 Forever, Oakey Family Dental, Oakey Neighbourhood Watch, Oakey Police, Oakey Ambulance, Oakey Fire Brigade, Rosalie Jondaryan Rural Fire Brigade, Jondaryan Rural Fire Brigade, Oakey Junior Cricket Club, Dreamtime Games and Magic Pete.

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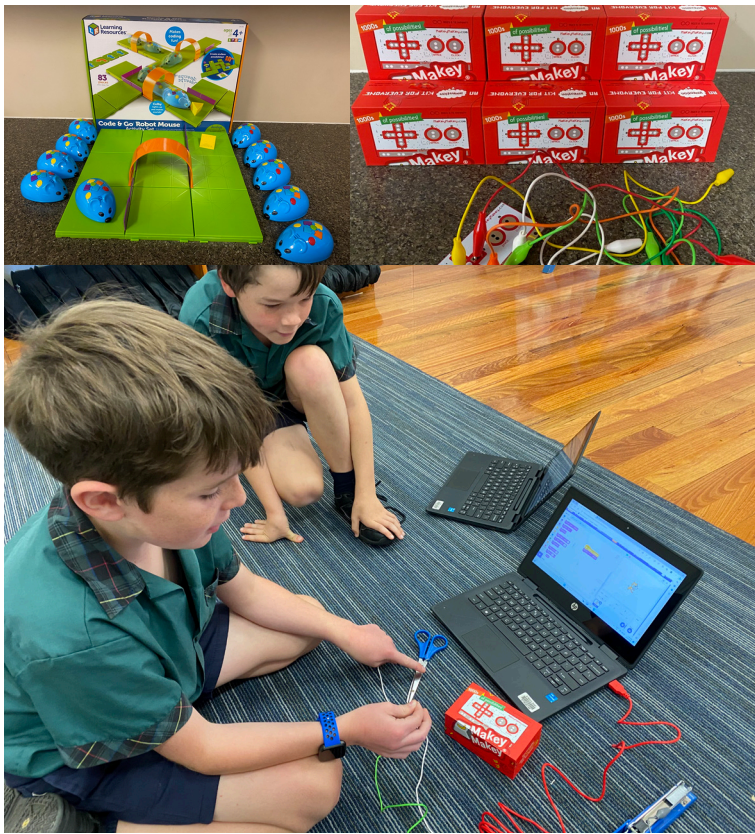
PCYC Toowoomba

Oakey Connect Project Going from Strength to Strength

A huge shout-out and congratulations to PCYC Toowoomba, including Kat and AJ who have 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.



Successful sponsorship applicants

ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, OAKEY

New Hope Group has also awarded St Monica's Catholic Primary School, Oakey a \$5,000 sponsorship.

The funds will help the school purchase a selection of robotic and STEM resources including Bee-Bots for the younger students and coding kits for the older students.

St Monica's is thrilled with the support it has received from New Hope Group. The resources will be rolled out to students in Term 3 and help encourage innovative thinking and foster creativity.



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/>



Oakey NAIDOC Week ceremony

CELEBRATING THE HISTORY AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES

In late June, representatives from New Hope Group, including Dominic O'Brien, Dave O'Dwyer, Bec Meacham, Linda Sexton and Melanie Williamson joined 400 Elders, business leaders and school children at the Federal Sporting Fields in Oakey to celebrate NAIDOC Week.

NAIDOC Week events celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The Oakey NAIDOC Week event was organised by YarnnUP, in partnership with the PCYC Oakey Connect.

The event included a Welcome to Country, a smoking ceremony, a performance by a local dance group, awards and a barbeque.