



From the General Manager

What a busy year jam-packed with important milestones.

Coal for Christmas has never looked so good, with site looking to fill another 35 permanent, fulltime jobs before the end of the year.

The jobs ramp-up follows first Stage 3 coal, which was mined in September and the first trainload of Stage 3 coal, which left the Jondaryan Rail Loadout Facility for Queensland Bulk Handling in the Port of Brisbane in October. The first shipment of Stage 3 coal also left Australian waters earlier this month.

Work on key infrastructure projects has begun, which will provide access to Willeroo Pit, and allow for increased

production to commence next year.

The refurbishment of the Coal Handling Processing Plant is well underway and should be completed early next year, while rebuilds of the four 789 dump trucks and ancillary equipment continue to progress.

The Land Court of Queensland is also likely to hear the Oakey Coal Action Alliance's legal challenge against the Queensland Government's decision to grant New Acland Stage 3 an Associated Water Licence next year.

The coal and jobs ramp-up at New Acland Mine has mirrored a ramp-up in our support of the local community. In the past three months we've supported

22 different schools, community groups and sporting teams, hosted three Community Catch-Ups and participated in dozens of community events. It's brilliant to be back supporting the local community so strongly.

Finally, I'd like to wish everyone a safe and joyous festive season.

I hope 2024 brings you great health, happiness and laughter.

Dave O'Dwyer
New Acland Mine General Manager

More jobs for Christmas at New Acland Stage 3



A snapshot of New Acland Mine's workforce, which is set to swell to 150 employees by Christmas.

CHRISTMAS WILL ARRIVE EARLY FOR DARLING DOWNS LOCALS, WITH NEW ACLAND MINE FILLING 35 PERMANENT, FULLTIME JOBS BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

New Acland Mine General Manager, Dave O'Dwyer said the job offers will see workforce numbers swell to more than 150 employees.

"Coal for Christmas has never looked so good," Mr O'Dwyer said.

"We're putting on talented, local operators and maintainers who want the lifestyle New Acland Mine provides.

"Over the past year, plenty of new, old faces have returned to New Acland Mine, complementing the dozens of fresh faces who make up the growing team.

"It's fantastic these workers can wave goodbye to the fly-in, fly-out lifestyle, which is common at many Queensland mines, and be home with the partners and children every single night.

"We're proud to be a leading employer in the region, by offering well-paid, local jobs to hard-working Queenslanders."



Community Catch Ups

JONDARYAN, KULPI AND GOOMBUNGEE

Community Catch Ups at Jondaryan, Kulpi and Goombungee were a huge success.

Hosted by the NAC Community team, the Community Catch Ups are an opportunity to learn about the expansion of New Acland Mine, discuss job and sponsorship opportunities and exchange information.

Residents can also ask questions about NAC's plans (over a cuppa of course).



Out and about in the community

The NAC Community team has been busy supporting the local community.

Recent events included the Peranga Police Bowls Day and the C&K Colour Fun Run in Oakey.

Team members Linda and Melanie also attended the Kulpi Under 8's Day. More than a hundred students 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 first trainload of Stage 3 coal leaving the Jondaryan Rail Loadout Facility. Pictured are representatives from New Acland Mine and Aurizon.

New Acland Mine celebrates first trainload of coal in two years

In October, New Acland Mine has achieved another major milestone, with the first trainload of Stage 3 coal leaving the Jondaryan Rail Loadout Facility.

The achievement came a month after New Hope Group extracted first coal from the Queensland Government approved Stage 3 mining area.

New Acland Mine General Manager, Dave O'Dwyer said the first trainload of Stage 3 coal was a landmark moment for the site's 100+ workers.

"The first trainload of Stage 3 coal was 16 years in the making and saw a 42-wagon train depart Jondaryan for Brisbane," Mr O'Dwyer said.

"It was another important milestone and ratifies the sustained efforts of so many workers, landholders, business owners and community leaders, who stood beside New Hope Group as we secured the necessary Stage 3 approvals from the Queensland Government.

"Monday's trainload of Stage 3 coal from Jondaryan to the Port of Brisbane was New Acland Mine's first shipment of coal in more than two years.

"Stage 3 coal will be stockpiled at the Port of Brisbane before its shipped to our international customers in Asia who value our coal."



New Acland Coal Community Investment Fund

The New Acland Coal (NAC) Community Investment Fund received eight applications in September, with five worthy recipients collectively benefiting to the tune of \$30,000.

- **Jondaryan State School** was awarded \$10,000, which will go towards a 6m x 3m Aluminium Skillion Shade Shelter;
- **C&K Oakey Community Kindergarten** was awarded \$5,000, which will help with the purchase of outdoor patio blinds;
- **Oakey Agricultural, Pastoral and Rodeo Society Inc** was awarded \$5,000, which will help fund a zero-turn ride on mower;
- **Goombungee State School** was awarded \$5,000 towards, which will be spent on two 6m x 3m and one 3m x 3m gazebos;
- **Oakey State High School P&C Association** was awarded \$5,000, which will go towards kitchen appliances for the new multipurpose hall.

The next NAC Community Investment Fund round opens in March 2024. Application forms are available from the NAC Community Centre on Campbell Street, Oakey.

NAC Community Reference Group

New Hope Group has welcomed new members to the NAC Community Reference Group (CRG)

The purpose of CRG is to provide a forum for ongoing engagement between New Acland Mine and local groups and stakeholders.

The CRG is a consultative forum that facilitates community input and provides information about New Acland Mine's operations.

The CRG consists of 12 community members from a range of stakeholder groups including, health, education, agricultural, environment, business and not-for-profit in the Jondaryan, Kulpi and MacLagan communities.



Year 12 Clontarf academy students visited New Hope Group's head office in Brisbane, delivered a presentation and networked with the entire team, including CEO Rob Bishop and Executive General Manager and Company Secretary Dominic O'Brien.

New Acland Mine – ramping up its support of the local community

New Hope Group has ramped-up its support of the local community by donating \$210,000 to 22 different schools, community groups and sporting teams over the past three months.

A snapshot of New Hope Group's sponsorship includes:

- Clontarf Foundation - \$150,000
- C&K Oakey Community Kindergarten Colour Fun Run - \$500
- Kulpi State School Bush Dance - \$1,000
- Goombungee Little Folks Golf Day - \$500
- Cooyar Campdraft - \$1,100
- Pittsworth & District Zone 4 Jerseys - \$200
- Rosalie Shire Historical Committee Ambassador (vests for annual Jacaranda Day) - \$313.00
- Friends of Jondaryan Woolshed Working Dogs Trials - \$1,000

New Hope's three-year sponsorship commitment of the Clontarf Foundation will see the Group donate \$450,000 over a three-year period.

New Acland Mine General Manager, Dave O'Dwyer said the Clontarf Foundation exists to improve the education, discipline, self-esteem, life skills and employment prospects of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men.

"New Hope Group as a long and proud history of supporting the local community via a wide range of projects and partnerships," Mr O'Dwyer said.

"The Clontarf Foundation run programs in schools across Australia and our support is focused towards the programs they operate in and around Toowoomba.

"New Hope Group and the Clontarf Foundation have a shared belief in the value of long-term investment in capacity building for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men.

"The Clontarf programme is based on values and relationships. Through informal, unstructured and fun activities, the partnership will help build relationships, break down barriers, reduce stereotyping and enable positive involvement between students and the entire New Hope Group team.

"Sponsoring and supporting local organisations and school initiatives allows us to build stronger and more sustainable communities.

"The recently re-launched New Acland Coal Community Investment Fund aims to support a wide-range of community projects and initiatives in the local area.

"If you're a local community group, sporting team, charity or school in need of support, please reach out to the team at the New Acland Coal Community Information Centre for an application form.

"Over the past 20 years, New Acland Mine has donated more than \$7 million to local community groups and provided in-kind support to countless community activities and events."

The recent sizeable sponsorship donations complement New Hope Group's \$360,000 investment in PCYC Toowoomba in 2022, so its Oakey Connect Project could continue to serve the local community.



Sponsorship snapshot

New Hope Group is thrilled to sponsor and support local community groups, charities, schools and sporting teams, like the mighty Oakey Bears Junior Touch club.

A \$5,000 donation allows NAC to be the jersey sponsor for the next three years.

A \$3,090 donation to Sailability Darling Downs will fund the purchase of a defibrillator, a first aid kit and a mainsail.

Sailability Darling Downs' mission is to provide people with disabilities the opportunity to participate in sailing in a safe, fun and supported environment. They are a world-wide non-profit organisation run entirely by volunteers.

Sailability Darling Downs is based at the Darling Downs Sailing Club at Cooby Dam, approximately 20 mins north of Toowoomba.

A \$10,000 donation will allow NAC to sponsor the 2023 Oakey Santa Fair.

The NAC Community team (aka, Santa's helpers) will attend the landmark Christmas event and help Santa with games, activities and present giveaways.



Welcome Multhana Property Services

For more than 20 years the team at New Acland Mine has proactively engaged with a wide variety of stakeholders including First Nations peoples, local landholders, neighbours, community groups, and government bodies.

We're proud to be working alongside local supplier and First Nations business Multhana Property Services.

Multhana is an Indigenous-owned and founded property services company that provides commercial cleaning and property services across South East Queensland and the Darling Downs.

In November, Multhana Managing Director, Joe Wallace met with New Acland Mine General Manager, Dave O'Dwyer and Group Purchasing & Logistics Senior Officer, Chris O'Connor.

Multhana Property Services also creates and delivers Indigenous training and employment initiatives to support reconciliation across the Indigenous community.

Enquiries & complaints

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/>





Mental Health Awareness Week

Former Brisbane Broncos captain and mental health advocate, Darius Boyd recently visited New Acland Mine as part of Mental Health Awareness Week.

The former Queensland Rugby League and Australian Kangaroos representative has been very open about his mental health challenges in the past and shared his remarkable story and some support-programs available to workers who are struggling with their mental health and wellbeing.

In total, more than 150 New Acland Mine employees and contractors attended the Safety Reset sessions, which help refocus the mining industry's attention on its number one priority - the health and safety of workers and their right to return safely home after work.

Darius Boyd during a site visit to New Acland Mine.



New Acland Mine tours

Three separate groups from Toowoomba, Highfields and Oakey toured New Acland Mine in August, October and November.

The tour started at the Oakey RSL with a presentation from the NAC Community team, before a guided onsite tour

hosted by New Acland Mine General Manager, Dave O'Dwyer.

Attendees had the opportunity to view current operations, speak with operations and technical services team members and get up close to some of the big machinery onsite.