

MINUTES OF MEETING

New Acland Coal Community Reference Group

Date:	15 February 2024
Time:	5.30pm to 7.10pm
Location:	Oakey RSL
Member Attendees:	Helen Bawden – Teams Matthew Boyd Maree Schurle Andrew Langton David Totenhofer Graham Cooke (Chairperson)
New Hope Group Representatives:	David O'Dwyer – General Manager (GM) Grant Atchinson –General Manager Projects (GMP) Bec Meacham – Senior Community Landholder Advisor (SCLA) Linda Sexton – Community Liaison Officer (CLO) Melanie Williamson – Community Business Support Officer (CBSO)
Apologies	Lindsay Evans Hayley Darr Shelley Burns Graham Turner Belinda Hess Mick Kruger

Agenda item	Discussion
Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee Chair opened meeting at 5.45pm.
Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners and Elders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee Chair Acknowledged Traditional custodians and Pioneers of the land on which we meet.
Sign on Sheet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee Chair welcomed all present to please sign in on Sign on Sheet
Adoption of previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee Chair adoption of minutes of 12 October 2023 – True and correct and all action items completed. Moved by Matthew Boyd carried by Helen Bawden.
New Acland Coal Mine Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM provided an update on NAC Mine. GM advised Land Court date has been postponed until later in the year. GM advised operations will start in new Willaroo pit upon completion of Lagoon Creek Crossing.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM advised operations will be adhering to conditions set out in the Progressive Rehabilitation and Closure Plan (PRCP). • GM highlighted priority of safety on site and safety messaging to all staff and contractors. • GM reported night shift trial completed. • GM reported NAC currently have access to additional train capacity to port. • GM anticipated need for additional fitters and operators in line with changing the ramp up profile and looking forward to introducing traineeships and opportunities for career pathways soon. • Current financial year goal is 900,000 tonnes with coal prices and exchange rates remaining good.
<p>NAC Projects Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM Projects provide an update on NAC Mine Projects with 8 major projects to the value of \$459m planned to be completed over three financial years. • GM Projects advised incremental investment decisions are made balancing critical path projects with a level of uncertainty with the land court proceedings. • GM Projects shared drone footage of the Lagoon Creek Crossing project which has invested over \$1.3M into the local economy and over sixteen local businesses have assisted with the project.
<p>Overview of Progressive Rehabilitation and Closure Plan (PRCP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM provided an overview of changes to the way mining rehabilitation is managed in Queensland with resource projects now required to develop a PRCP. • GM advised NAC continues to work closely with Acland Pastoral Co. Pty Ltd, to ensure land can be used for agricultural purposes as soon as possible after mining. • GM acknowledged ongoing land management works are being completed, including weed and pest management. • GM confirmed the Community team will conduct consultation with the Community Reference Group (CRG), landholders, community groups and the wider community in relation to the PRCP. • Community consultation will include platforms such as email and community meet ups and updates, with feedback to be collated by the community team. • GM confirmed the value of community feedback for the PRCP and future land management.

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NAC Community Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCLA provided information to the CRG in the March round of the Community Investment Fund. • SCLA provided an update to the CRG on recent successful Sponsorship Program applications. • SCLA provided an update on planned Community Catch Ups in districts responding to feedback from the community and attendance of the Community Team at Cooyar, Oakey and Goombungee-Haden Shows in 2024. • SCLA provided briefing on works being undertaken in relation to the Community Consultation around the PRCP.
Update from CRG members and Community Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jondaryan reported no flood events experienced at the end of 2023 with Jondaryan Rural Fire Brigade busy with activations. • Kulpi reported reduced fire threat with recent rains, ongoing need for volunteers at Rural Fire Brigade, a successful Australia day event, hall committee planning events, school currently has good enrolments and that there are some new residents in town. • Oakey reported Oakey Community Care meeting had successful first meet up for 2024. Member continues with membership of RADA. Chairperson congratulated member on Antonio Disability Award. • Oakey Hospital reported vacancies in Aged Care facility, change in medical model now operating 8am-5pm and on call with a sharing of medical practitioners. Gardens redevelopment project completed in Aged Care area. Reminder COVID-19 still prevalent and encouraging care as entering winter season and encouraged vaccinations. • Jondaryan Woolshed reported a successful New Years Eve event with over 1000 visitors on Australia day. Now holding events the last week of every month. Upcoming event to note is the August 2025 National Historical Machinery Association (NHMA) National Rally and Steaming under the Southern Cross Event. Oakey Community Bus is seeing an average 4/5 passengers twice weekly.
Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting closed 7pm.
Next Meeting:	Next meeting date 11 April 2024 (will include Community Investment Fund assessments for March 2024 applications.

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