

# MINUTES OF MEETING

## New Acland Coal Community Reference Group

<b>Date:</b>	11 April 2024
<b>Time:</b>	5.30pm to 7.10pm
<b>Location:</b>	Oakey RSL
<b>Member Attendees:</b>	Graham Cooke – Committee Chair Michael Krueger Haley Darr Belinda Hess Graham Turner Lindsay Evans Maree Scheuerle David Totenhofer – Teams Shelley Burns – Teams Helen Bawden - Teams
<b>New Hope Group Representatives:</b>	David O'Dwyer - General Manager (GM) Linda Sexton - Community Liaison Officer (CLO) Melanie Williamson - Business Support Officer (BSO)
<b>Apologies</b>	Matthew Boyd Andrew Langton Bec Meacham – NAC Senior Community and Landholder Advisor

Agenda item	Discussion
<b>Meeting Introduction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee Chair opened meeting at 5.40pm.</li> </ul>
<b>Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners and Elders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee Chair Acknowledged Traditional custodians and Pioneers of the land on which we meet.</li> </ul>
<b>Sign on Sheet</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee Chair welcomed all present to please sign in on Sign on Sheet.</li> </ul>
<b>Adoption of Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee Chair asked for minutes from Thursday, 15 February 2024 be passed as True and Correct.</li> <li>Moved by Maree Scheuerle, Carried by David Totenhofer, Agreed by all present</li> </ul>
<b>New Acland Coal Mine Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GM provided an update on NAC Mine.</li> <li>GM advised operations commenced in Willaroo pit with successful completion of Lagoon Creek Crossing project.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GM advised Progressive Rehabilitation and Closure Plan (PRC Plan) update with PRC Plan submission to Government due later this year.</li> <li>• GM advised progressive rehabilitation has commenced in South pit with West pit be top soiled in near future.</li> <li>• GM advised Acland Pastoral Company (APC) working with site completing a pathway near Oakey-Cooyar road for improved movement.</li> <li>• GM advised additional rail transport capacity to port continuing.</li> <li>• GM reported ramp up of employment opportunities progressing well with interviews for operators and new to industry roles occurring presently.</li> <li>• GM advised future opportunities for traineeships and work experience.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Investment Fund (CIF) Assessments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 CIF applications were received for March 2024 round.</li> <li>• 6 successful applications approved by committee consensus.</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 Woolshed reported recognition of ANZAC Day in April and celebrating Women Event in May.</li> <li>• Oakey advised Community Care Meeting to be held Tuesday 16 April.</li> <li>• Kulpi reported Hall events being planned with maintenance being completed. Reported additional heavy traffic with roadworks and flood relief works in district. Ergon power upgrades. Kulpi confirmed community support for mine continues with interest in employment.</li> <li>• Jondaryan reported the Rural Fire Service had no call outs with ongoing ease of grass fire threat. Hall Committee to hold ANZAC Day service. Some reports of feral pigs and dogs. Mixed sorghum harvest successes. General discussion in Jondaryan regarding the mine.</li> <li>• Maclagan and Quinalow reported many community groups struggling with no incoming volunteers and limited funding. Quinalow Prep-10 has 15 Ag students going to beef week with support of NAC.</li> <li>• Oakey reported Oakey State High School new hall has opened with just under 500 student numbers this year.</li> </ul>
<b>Action Items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CRG to discuss frequency of meetings at next meeting in June.</li> <li>• Meeting closed at 7.15pm</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	Thursday, 13 June 2024

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