



JONDARYAN RAIL LOADING FACILITY ON THE MOVE

New Hope's rail loading facility will be relocated from the outskirts of Jondaryan onto a new site within the mining lease application for New Acland, if stage three of the project is approved.

The preferred site for the proposed new rail loading facility is more than 8 kilometres northeast of Jondaryan, at the remote southern end of the new mining lease application for New Acland.

New Hope Chief Operating Officer Bruce Denney said the decision to move the facility, which will cost \$62 million, was made after many months of intensive planning and consultation.

"We have listened to the community and other stakeholders on this relocation issue," he said.

Jondaryan District Residents Association Chairman Bruce Arthur welcomed the move.

"This is great news for Jondaryan," he said. "This decision meets one of our original requests in our submission to the Coordinator General."

The proposed new rail corridor follows a similar route to the current road corridor, travelling next to the Jondaryan-Muldu Road from Jondaryan to a currently preferred site at the southern end of the proposed mining lease.

A new rail line spur would be built from a junction on the main railway line to the preferred site, where a rail loop would be constructed so coal can be loaded directly onto trains.

"If stage three of the New Acland project is approved, under our current timelines with Government, this new rail loading facility could be operating by early 2015," Mr Denney said.

Consultation with residents and the community will continue, and the proposal remains subject to evaluation by the Queensland Coordinator General.

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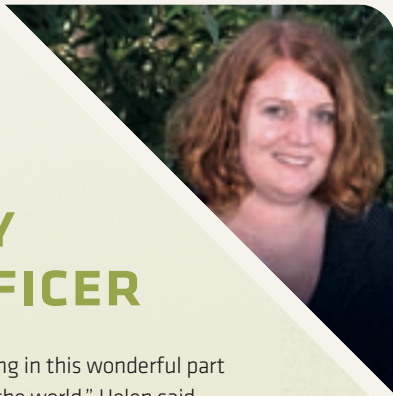
New Hope COO Bruce Denney announcing the move.

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NEW HOPE WELCOMES COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER



We are delighted to welcome Helen Williams to the New Hope team as community liaison officer.

Helen joins New Hope after a successful career in community relations and many may recognise her from her previous work with CareFlight throughout the Darling Downs.

"I've been a part of this community for many years and am so happy to be able to continue working and

living in this wonderful part of the world," Helen said.

Helen, who'll marry in Toowoomba later this year, said she hoped to strengthen relationships in the region and is looking forward to working closely with locals in the best interests of the community.

Helen will be based at New Hope's new Oakey Community Information Centre in Campbell Street.

NEW ACLAND STAGE 3 PROGRESSING

The proposed Stage 3 of the New Acland Coal mine is being assessed through the Queensland Coordinator General's office. New Hope anticipates it will submit the supplementary Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) in April 2012.

Public comment was received between November 2009 and February 2012, and the draft SEIS was lodged with the office of the Coordinator General in June 2011.

The Queensland Government requested that several areas be addressed in more detail, and these are now being compiled as part of the final SEIS documentation.

Following lodgement of this documentation, the Queensland Government will issue a copy of the SEIS to all those who commented on the EIS.

Consultation about the project will continue with the public and government agencies.

NEW HOPE BOOSTS SHOWGROUND FACILITIES

The Oakey Agricultural, Pastoral and Rodeo Society will soon be sporting a brand new amenities block at the showgrounds thanks to New Hope.

Show society president Denis Janetzki said New Hope also donated the

hall to the society a few years ago and the new amenities block would finish off the showgrounds nicely.

"This is a great thing for the show society and the community in general," Mr Janetzki said. "New Hope is so generous to

the community and this amenities block will be a great boost for the show society.

"This is going to make a big difference to the use of the hall as there has never been a disabled toilet on the grounds and it is going to help

when catering for large numbers of people.

"The existing toilets were too far away from the hall to walk to, so this is going to enhance the whole use of the grounds."

Mr Janetzki said the new amenities block will be finished mid-year.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE TAKES SHAPE

New Hope is opening its doors to the community with a permanent information centre based in the main street of Oakey.

The brand new information centre will

be dedicated to ensuring the community has ready access to up-to-date, factual information about New Acland.

It will also provide information on employment openings

at New Acland, along with opportunities for local suppliers and contractors, and information on sponsorship and donation requests.

The centre, located on Campbell Street next to

the Mitre 10 hardware store, has recently undergone a fit-out using locally-sourced tradespeople and providers.

We hope you'll take the opportunity to drop in.

CATTLE GRAZE ON REHABILITATED LAND

Scientific cattle grazing trials on rehabilitated land at New Acland have entered an exciting new phase.

The trials are being conducted by the Acland Pastoral Company (APC) in conjunction with the independent Outcross group. The Outcross group also brings additional resources through an association with the University of New England.

This latest phase of the trial will compare the performance of cattle grazing on rehabilitated land with cattle grazing on a paddock of similar pasture in an area not previously mined.

Rehabilitation work has continued right through the summer wet season and the drier months ahead will see the process of shaping of final land form and topsoil spreading accelerate.

The Acland environmental team is now busy working to improve pasture on the areas to be rehabilitated next.

APC also has a new assistant manager starting this month to help with all aspects of the pastoral company's work.

MINING STIMULATES LOCAL ECONOMY



The Darling Downs is emerging as a significant economic beneficiary of the resources sector.

Figures from the Queensland Resources Council show the economic benefits from the mining sector now reach almost every postcode in Queensland.

A 21 percent lift in resource sector spending in the Darling Downs has resulted in the sector

already accounting for 10 percent of the region's economy and 7 percent of jobs.

The QRC's update about the sector's contribution to the state for 2010-2011 confirmed the industry spends about \$25 billion throughout the state on local wages, salaries and goods and services each year.

The New Acland mine is one of the region's biggest employers

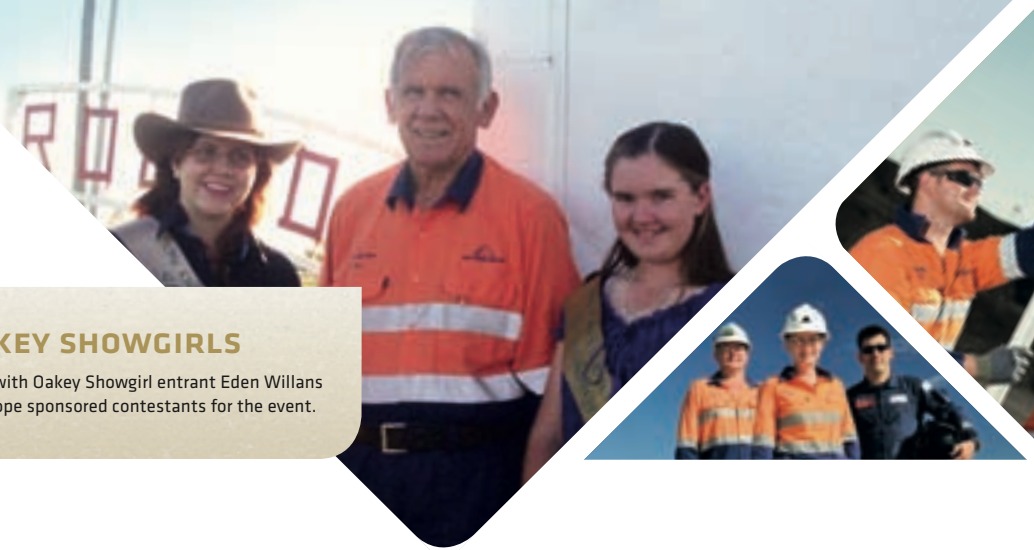
providing 300 direct jobs and thousands more indirectly. It currently pumps \$80 million into the Darling Downs economy each year.

Stage 3 of the operation would see the number of jobs increase to more than 500 at its peak and the economic benefits to the region would also significantly rise.

For more information please visit the website queenslandeconomy.com.au

NEW HOPE SUPPORTS OAKEY SHOWGIRLS

RIGHT: New Acland General Manager Jim Randell with Oakey Showgirl entrant Eden Willans and Teen Showgirl entrant Taylor Osborne. New Hope sponsored contestants for the event.



NEIGHBOURS WELCOMED TO SITE

New Hope played host to a number of the mine's neighbouring families recently.

The Neighbours Family Afternoon was a relaxed get-together which saw locals join New Hope staff and their families for a barbecue

at the New Acland site. The event included a tour of the mine's operations and a close look at Acland's specialised trucks and machinery.

Residents said they found the afternoon a good way of finding out more about New Acland's

operations in a relaxed atmosphere.

New Hope plans to hold further neighbourhood days throughout the year.

LEFT: Getting up close with some big machinery at New Acland.



RESOURCEFUL NEW ACLAND WOMEN LEAD THE WAY

New Acland has an increasing number of women in its ranks and they are doing the operation proud.

Truck operator Clare Evans, environmental officer Amanda Kilkenny

and engineer Alison Nugent have all been nominated in this year's Queensland Resources Council's Resources Awards for Women.

The awards, which provide role models

and ambassadors for the sector, were held at the QRC's International Women's Day breakfast earlier this month.

LEFT: Doing New Acland proud - Clare Evans.



TEAM WORK SUPPORTED ON AND OFF THE FIELD

New Hope believes in good teamwork so it should come as no surprise that we support our local rugby codes.

New Hope was proud to be the jersey sponsor for the Oakey Reconciliation

Red Belly Blacks who made the final in their first outing at the Indigenous Knockout Rugby League Carnival in Toowoomba last month.

New Hope also sponsors Downs Rugby's senior

representative teams for 2012, and we are also proud sponsors of the stars of the future - the Oakey Bears under 9's.

LEFT: Congratulations to the New Hope sponsored Oakey Reconciliation Red Belly Blacks.