



**NEW HOPE  
GROUP**

**NEW ACLAND  
COMMUNITY UPDATE**

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# RURAL SAFETY NEW FOCUS FOR PARTNERS

**NEW HOPE GROUP AND LIFEFLIGHT HAVE ENTERED INTO A NEW PARTNERSHIP PROJECT AIMED AT IMPROVING RURAL HEALTH AND SAFETY IN FARMING COMMUNITIES AROUND NEW ACLAND MINE.**

The two-year project will focus on boosting education and awareness around rural safety practices and fostering a better understanding of common rural incidents.

New Acland General Manager David Vink said he was surprised to learn that in the previous financial year LifeFlight rescued 31 people from farms in the Oakey area and that while this statistic included both medical emergencies and serious accidents there seems to remain a real need for information.

“This project gives the local community, as well as those involved with the mine, an opportunity to learn from LifeFlight’s expertise in rural safety and will help to deliver safer outcomes for local farming operations”, David said.

“Safety is the mining industry and New Hope’s number one priority and a core value of the Company so we’re really passionate about bringing this project to the local communities around New Acland Mine.

“LifeFlight is best known for responding to medical emergencies but its staff have a great deal of knowledge about preventing injury and what to do in an emergency to lessen the severity of injuries when they do occur.

“The part of the project we’re most looking forward to is bringing together different parts of our community to talk about best practice and how we can learn about rural health and safety from each other.”

LifeFlight’s Toowoomba Base Manager Andrew Riches said LifeFlight had been responding to rural medical emergencies on the Downs and in the South-West for the past 10 years giving them an excellent understanding of the most common incidents in the area.

“Our mission is to save lives and serve the community and we believe this project will provide education on the issues that affect these communities most,” Andrew said.

“The project will deliver five safety education workshops on topic areas like machinery and equipment, animal safety and vehicle and motorbike safety.

“Many of the incidents we respond to could have less serious consequences or could be prevented so this project is a great opportunity to start conversations in our community about how to keep ourselves, and the people around us, safe.”

In addition to the rural health and safety project, the New Hope partnership will also provide financial support to LifeFlight’s air-medical service to ensure the local rural community has access to a high level of care in emergency situations.



LifeFlight chopper at New Acland Mine

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New Hope's Naomi Tonscheck (far right) at St Monica's Primary School supporting the Cancer Council in delivering the health-focused QUEST program to students



New Hope employees helping out in the garden at Oakey Hospital



New Acland employee Aaron Titmarsh performing on the New Hope float at the Oakey Santa Fair in December

## RESEARCH HONES IN ON LOCAL PRIORITIES

**NEW RESEARCH IDENTIFYING AND EXPLORING HOW BEST TO STRENGTHEN THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESILIENCE OF TOWNS AROUND NEW ACLAND MINE WILL HELP LOCALS TO BUILD A STRONG FUTURE FOR THE AREA.**

The research, funded by New Hope and undertaken by social planning company Elliott Whiteing, investigated the needs and wants of local communities and identified six key development themes.

New Hope Group's Senior Community Advisor Helen Williams said the six themes will shape the company's investment programs moving forward.

"Working with the community to complete this research means we can ensure our investment programs are targeted at what is important to the community, and therefore deliver better outcomes for the area," Helen said.

"The strength of this research comes from the community's participation so we're really grateful to the people who took the time to participate in the survey, and the workshops and interviews."

The six development themes revealed by the research include: local skill development across industries; indigenous community and economic programs; community infrastructure; support for local business and entrepreneurship; community health; and environmental health.

"New Hope recognises that being an active member of the community means

going beyond providing employment and training opportunities and should also include supporting the development and long term viability of the area post-mining," Helen said.

"This deeper understanding of what is important to our community means we can support people building a strong and positive future for the area, work that will last well after mining has finished."

The Elliott Whiteing research report is available on the Acland Project website at <http://www.aclandproject.com.au/content/community>

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### FRIENDS OF NEW ACLAND

Have you visited the Friends of New Acland Mine community Facebook page? It's a dedicated community space for local business owners, community members, mine employees and families to show their support for the mine.

[facebook.com/friendsofnewaclandmine](https://facebook.com/friendsofnewaclandmine)



Oakey AP&R's Judy Byers with New Hope's Naomi Tonscheck and Mark Algate from Mark Algate Painting at Greenwood Hall

## A FRESH NEW LOOK FOR GREENWOOD HALL

THE OAKLEY AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL & RODEO SOCIETY (OAKLEY AP&R SOCIETY) HAS REVITALISED GREENWOOD HALL WITH A NEW COAT OF PAINT USING FUNDING FROM NEW HOPE'S COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND.

The Society says the new paint job will increase the usability of the hall and help to maintain the important community asset. Over 110 years of operation, the Oakey AP&R Society has tirelessly promoted local industry through events like

the Oakey Agricultural Show and Beef Classic.

For more information contact Judy on 0409 062 442 or email [oakeyshowsociety@gmail.com](mailto:oakeyshowsociety@gmail.com)  
For hall bookings contact Alma on (07) 4691 1319.



Goombungee State School Principal Skye Gabler and New Hope's Naomi Tonscheck with students in the school pool

## EAT. SWIM. SLEEP. REPEAT!

THE GOOMBUNGEE STATE SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION HAVE INSTALLED A NEW THERMAL POOL BLANKET THANKS TO A GRANT FROM NEW HOPE'S COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND.

The blanket will combat evaporation in warmer months and retain water temperature in cooler weather.

The P&C is focused on serving their growing swimming community including baby and toddler groups, small group swimming lessons, school

children, recreational swimmers and adult lap swimmers.

For more information about pool opening hours for recreational swimming or swimming lessons, please contact Cory Grice on 0429 501 271 or the school office on (07) 4612 6888.

## APPLY TO THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND

NEW HOPE'S COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND (CIF) AIMS TO ASSIST NOT-FOR-PROFIT COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS TO SUPPORT THEIR COMMUNITY-BASED INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS, WHICH DEVELOP LONG-TERM OUTCOMES FOR THE COMMUNITIES AROUND NEW ACLAND MINE.

Applications for Funding Round 2 close on 30 September. For further information about the CIF, and to download an application form, please visit the New Acland website at [www.aclandproject.com.au/content/community](http://www.aclandproject.com.au/content/community)

## ENQUIRIES, CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

YOU CAN LODGE YOUR ENQUIRIES, CONCERNS OR COMPLAINTS REGARDING NEW ACLAND MINE AND THE STAGE 3 PROJECT IN A NUMBER OF WAYS:

### Call:

1800 882 142 – your call will be answered during business hours, or you can leave your return call details outside of business hours;

### Email:

[community@newhopegroup.com.au](mailto:community@newhopegroup.com.au)

### Visit:

The New Hope Community Information Centre at 90/88 Campbell Street, Oakey.

We are always happy to hear from you.

## OAKEY COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE

NEW HOPE'S COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE IS THE BEST PLACE TO GO FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT NEW ACLAND MINE AND THE NEW ACLAND REVISED STAGE 3 PROJECT.

### The centre is open on:

Mondays from 9am to 5pm

Tuesdays from 9am to 1pm

Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1pm to 5pm

Closed on Fridays

If you are unable to visit the centre during those hours, we are happy to organise an alternative time to meet or speak with you. You can call the Information Centre (07) 4691 3445.



Hydrogeologists recording data of a bore

## WORKING TOGETHER ON GROUNDWATER

**NEW HOPE GROUP HAS BEEN WORKING WITH LOCAL LANDHOLDERS TO IMPROVE THE UNDERSTANDING OF GROUNDWATER AROUND NEW ACLAND MINE.**

The Bore Baseline Assessment Program, which assesses current groundwater levels and quality at properties around New Acland Mine, is well on the way to reaching its half way mark.

The program has been designed to develop an understanding and provide a baseline of current groundwater levels and water quality on those surrounding properties.

New Hope also operates 42 monitoring bores in and around New Acland Mine to track groundwater on a daily and monthly basis.

For more information on the Bore Baseline Assessment Program please contact Naomi Tonscheck at the New Hope Information Centre in Oakey on (07) 4691 3445.

## LOCAL CONTRACTOR AWARDED ROAD UPGRADE WORKS

**LOCALLY BASED CIVIL CONSTRUCTION FIRM *OSTWALD BROS* HAS BEGUN WORK ON ROAD UPGRADES AT NEW ACLAND MINE.**

Approximately 30 jobs have been created to deliver safer intersections and improved access to the northern part of the mine.

Work will take place at two separate locations along the Oakey – Cooyar Road and include construction of a new entry point into the New Acland Mine site, as well as an upgrade of the Langes Road and Oakey – Cooyar Road intersection.

Work is expected to be completed in June. For more information, please contact the Community Information Office.

Ostwald Bros began operations in Dalby in 1990 and have since grown into a successful integrated services provider with a locally based workforce.

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*New Hope has prepared this newsletter to keep the community informed about the New Acland mine operations and initiatives.*

