



NACO3 UPDATE

NEW ACLAND WORKERS HAVE RALLIED WITH THE Oakey COMMUNITY IN A LAST-DITCH EFFORT TO SECURE STAGE 3 APPROVALS.

One week out from the state election, New Hope workers joined with members of the Oakey community to send a strong message to Annastacia Palaszczuk.

More than 300 people turned out to rally for the approval of New Acland Stage 3, including local Maree Scheurele.

"I know this is an eleventh-hour thing, but we don't give up without a fight," Ms Scheurele said.

New Hope Chief Operating Officer Andrew Boyd said Labor's continued inaction is astounding amidst a campaign centred on job creation.

"We are fully committed to stage 3, we want to see it go ahead, we want it approved for another 20 years."

The New Hope Group has welcomed the backing of the LNP, who have committed to processing approvals immediately if they win the October 31 election.

Fellow mine worker, Jack Trenaman drove 600 kilometers from Rockhampton to Oakey attend the rally and to show his support.

"The coal and ag sectors work hand in hand throughout Queensland easily, and they do it even easier when there's no politics involved," Mr Trenaman said.

The shovel-ready project will create 187 new jobs within the first six months, 487 new jobs within 18 months and inject \$7 billion into the Queensland economy.

THE NEXT GENERATION OF MINING

THE NEW HOPE GROUP IS PROUD TO SUPPORT SCHOOL STEM PROGRAMS, SPARKING STUDENTS' CURIOSITY IN THE RESOURCES SECTOR.

Many Oakey students have grown up with an awareness of the New Acland Mine, but few understand the intricacies of exactly what is involved in keeping it running. Recently they had a chance to dig a little deeper when the Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy's 'Unearthed' workshop returned to Oakey State High School.

New Hope's Michael Riley said the workshop is a chance for young people to learn about what is involved in starting a mine, extracting coal, and rehabilitating a site.

"Our staff always look forward to sharing their career experiences and how they transitioned from school to a resources sector pathway," Mr Riley said.

"We know these workshops help encourage students to continue to pursue STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) subjects into years 11 and 12, so that they are equipped to take on further education for the resources sector."

Through interactive activities the students learnt about the chemical processes that turn ore into a usable product.

Oakey State High School Principal, Danny Keenan said the hands-on demonstrations are invaluable in making students' classroom lessons come to life.

"They highlight the great careers that can result from STEM studies in their hometown," Mr Keenan said.

Recently, New Acland's Dave O'Dwyer, Simon Ponder and Bec Meacham also found themselves back in the classroom. Attending STEM programs hosted by the Australian Mines and Metals Association (AMMA) at Harlaxton and Toowoomba North State Schools, they helped facilitate activities for grade 4, 5 and 6 students.

Mr O'Dwyer said one activity involved students "mining" a chocolate chip biscuit, with the chocolate chips representing the natural resources. They were encouraged to dig carefully, as they were tasked with rehabilitating the land (their biscuit) with icing at the end.

"It was great to see how enthusiastic the students were, although I think they were pretty keen to eat the natural resources," Mr O'Dwyer said.



LENDING A HAND

ACLAND PASTORAL COMPANY HAS PRESENTED LIFELINE DARLING DOWNS WITH \$700 FROM LAST YEAR'S FUNDRAISING EFFORTS.

Darling Downs Lifeline CEO, Derek Tuffield said he was very grateful for the donation, which will be used to fund youth services around the Oakey area.

"The money has been earmarked for emergency use, so when important projects come up, we can organise funding straight away," Mr Tuffield said.

Lifeline is determined to keep the money in the Oakey community, and will soon be meeting with local supporters to discuss where it is most needed.

Mr Tuffield also said he enjoyed chatting to Tim Burgess about some of the great work Acland Pastoral Company has been doing recently.



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KOALA CARE

OAKEY URBAN LANDCARE VOLUNTEERS WILL BE ABLE TO BETTER MAINTAIN THEIR NEWLY DEVELOPED KOALA CORRIDOR, THANKS TO A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE NEW ACLAND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND.

The funding support has allowed Oakey Urban Landcare to purchase a new zero turn mower, which will be used to maintain approximately 20 hectares of land along the Koala Corridor. The Corridor was established to promote and protect the growth of native flora and fauna. Together the North East Downs and Oakey Urban Landcare groups hope this will see a gradual increase in the local koala population.

STEERING AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

OAKEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WELCOME TWO NEW ADDITIONS.

Two Angus steers are now settling into their new home, after being acquired with a donation from the Acland Pastoral Company. Weighing 220 kilograms each, they are a rather large addition to the school's Agriculture Department. The steers will be used for the students' studies and will also be shown at Farmfest and several country shows in 2021.



HIGHFIELDS KINDY KIDS TO REST EASY

HIGHFIELDS & DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION HAVE PUT A DONATION FROM THE NEW ACLAND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND TO GOOD USE.

The kindergarten will now be able to purchase 48 new Kesco We Play Rest beds. The easy stacking beds will ensure the little ones can optimize their learning by achieving quality rest throughout the day. Staff member Jenny Berry said staff were very excited to see the new beds arrive.

"We'd had the existing beds for many years, and for both safety and comfort we really needed new ones, Ms Berry said.

"We are really grateful to the New Hope Group for the generous donation."



NEW LEASE ON LIFE

IN JUST A FEW MONTHS LUSH GRAZING LAND HAS TAKEN THE PLACE OF A WORKING MINE SITE.

For years New Acland has been living proof that mining and agriculture can co-exist, operating productively side by side. The Oakey site now boasts more than 350 hectares of rehabilitated land, an area exceeding 300 Suncorp Stadiums.

This year staff at New Acland have been working with the Acland Pastoral Company (APC) to give new life to a former section of the mine.

APC's Tim Burgess said the landscape has been radically transformed in a matter of months.

"Some of our 2,000 head of cattle are now happily grazing on the rehabilitated land - there's been no complaints from them," Mr Burgess said.

Scientific grazing trials over five years have shown the performance of cattle on rehabilitated land is at least as good as those on equivalent unmined pastures in the area.

New Acland General Manager, Dave O'Dwyer said land rehabilitation makes environmental and business sense.

"The environment continues to be a big focus at New Hope," Mr O'Dwyer said.

In the last financial year, 59 hectares of land was rehabilitated at New Acland.

THE MAN BEHIND THE BEAST

STEWART MILLIS WAS A BAKER AND ARBORIST BEFORE HE FOUND HIMSELF AT NEW ACLAND. HE'S NOW BEEN DRIVING DUMP TRUCKS FOR THIRTEEN YEARS - AND HE HASN'T LOOKED BACK.

Stewart Millis recalls the first time he sat behind the wheel of one of New Acland's mammoth dump trucks.

"When you first do it it's pretty daunting, but it becomes second nature," Stewart said.

Standing nearly six metres tall and more than six metres wide, learning to navigate the CAT 785C was no small feat.

Replacing a single tyre on these machines requires an investment of \$25,000. Running costs alone are nearly \$200 per hour.

After thirteen years behind the controls, Stewart said he now feels at home at New Acland.

"It's just been great all round. I've got some really good mates here."

A resume drop to the New Acland site office landed him the job.

"I was just looking for a change, so I figured why not?"

It is a stark contrast from his former life as an arborist and baker, but Stewart said he loves the flexibility of working for New Hope.

Truck 310 was the first vehicle Stewart ever drove at New Acland. Now it is sitting idle in the Palaszczuk line.

"I just hope we can keep on working."



TOOLS OF THE TRADE

TRAINEES WILL NOW BE BETTER EQUIPPED FOR HANDS-ON LEARNING, THANKS TO A DONATION FROM NEW ACLAND.

New Acland Mine recently donated an engine, wiring harness, pumps and valves to students at Dalby TAFE. The items will help students further their learning through practical experience.

