

PLAY TIME AT JONDARYAN

Students of Jondaryan State School will have even more space to play thanks to a \$10,000 grant from the New Hope Community Investment Fund.

The school's Business Manager, Cora Grundy said even though the school had a good existing playground, it was time to expand.

"We thought it would be nice to expand and enhance it so that our students have some new items to stimulate them both physically and socially," Cora said.

"The improved playground will also be available to the children who attend the Jondy Playgroup held on Wednesday afternoons.

"New Hope Group has been very supportive throughout the years and the community has welcomed their contribution to our small country school."

In 2022 the school will be celebrating its 150th anniversary and they are looking forward to holding an event to showcase their wonderful environment.



Jondaryan State School playground getting some well deserved additions



NHG Community and APC staff delivering hay to some very happy volunteers (and horses) at Toowoomba Horse Riding for the Disabled

FEEDING THE FOUR-LEGGED

ACLAND PASTORAL COMPANY (APC) RECENTLY HANDED THE TOOWOOMBA HORSE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED GROUP A LIFELINE IN THE FORM OF FOUR BALES OF OATEN HAY.

The group's volunteers provide an extraordinary experience for children with disabilities and operate solely through donations on land leased from the Toowoomba Regional Council.

Riding for the Disabled horse manager and coach, Willi Singleton said the group was very grateful to receive four large bales of hay.

"It came at a stage where the drought had seriously affected the grazing and there was a desperate lack of feed for livestock all around the region," Willi said.

"Our horses range in age from 12 to 35 years old with the oldest being Bobcat.

With older animals one of the biggest expenses is vet bills, so being able to save money on feed is a great help."

During the drought, RDA had found it very difficult to source hay and what they could find was extremely expensive.

They approached New Hope requesting any assistance available and that's when Tim Burgess at APC stepped in and offered some suitable hay.

Willie said the hay was of much greater value than a straight financial donation.

"We are all very grateful to Tim and the APC team for their assistance with this donation," Willie said.

"It will really help keep our 10 horses healthy and fed, allowing our 40 students to keep enjoying their riding activities."

The hay was delivered by two APC staff, Matt Parker and Chloe Howlett.



Oakey Show

New Hope Group's community team, including Harvey the dump truck, attended this year's Oakey Show providing plenty of entertainment and fun for the community. New Hope sponsored Ranger Nick and his Camp Oven Cooking demonstrations filled with heritage and traditional recipes, and Reptile Kingdom, an animal display that teaches about Australian wildlife. Acland Pastoral Company donated hay for prizes in the cattle show.

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



NEW ACLAND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER
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LET'S GET QUEENSLAND WORKING

NEW HOPE GROUP HAS BEEN INUNDATED WITH REGISTRATIONS FROM HARD WORKING QUEENSLANDERS WHO WOULD LOVE A JOB AT NEW ACLAND STAGE 3.

In less than a fortnight, more than 5,000 Queenslanders registered their interest via the New Hope website.

The unprecedented interest follows a commitment by New Hope Group to fast-track jobs creation at New Acland Mine if Stage 3 is approved by the Queensland Government.

New Acland Stage 3, a 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.

New Hope Chief Operating Officer Andrew Boyd said the COVID-19 situation means jobs creation in regional Queensland has never been more important.

"We've been inundated with registrations, with more than 60 per cent of submissions coming from people living in regional Queensland," Mr Boyd said.

"The interest proves there is a thirst for quality, well paid and long-term resources jobs in regional Queensland and New Hope has 487 jobs ready to go.

"Hundreds of people from the Darling Downs region have registered their interest in a job at New Acland Mine Stage 3, including 941 Toowoomba residents

and 237 people from Ipswich, however, there's been plenty of submissions from other parts of the State.

"We've received 1,270 registrations from people residing in Brisbane and the Gold Coast, while nine per cent (345) of all submissions have come from the Sunshine Coast.

"Miners, truck drivers, engineers, electricians, operators, administration staff and mechanics living further north have also reached out, including 152 people from Bundaberg, 176 from Rockhampton, 144 from Mackay, 147 from Townsville and 130 from Cairns."

Mr Boyd said New Hope Group has proudly stood alongside the Darling Downs community for the past 18 years.

"We've been extremely fortunate to be part of the Darling Downs community for almost two decades and we want that to continue for at least another 15 years," Mr Boyd said.

"Local workers have been the bread and butter of New Acland Mine and that won't change moving forward."

Mr Boyd said New Acland Stage 3 will deliver certainty of supply to the company's domestic customers,

who support more than 14,000 workers throughout Queensland.

"The Premier is encouraging her Ministers to investigate accelerated works programs so regional Queensland can power forward and create as many jobs as possible when the COVID-19 restrictions are eased," Mr Boyd said.

"There is absolutely no reason why the State Government cannot approve New Acland Stage 3 today.

"We have 487 jobs ready to go and all the State Government has to do is approve New Acland Stage 3."



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Old hoops at St Monica's basketball court



New hoops at St Monica's basketball court

SLAM DUNK FOR ST MONICA'S

THE STUDENTS AT ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL IN OAKEY WILL BE ENJOYING A NEW BASKETBALL COURT WHEN THEY GET BACK TO SCHOOL, THANKS TO A \$12,500 INJECTION FROM THE NEW HOPE GROUP COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND.

The funds were used to replace the original floor-based basketball hoops with roof mounted backboards that are in line with Level 3 FIBA Standards and Education QLD State Schools Basketball Standards.

St Monica's Principal, Luke Barratt said the application for funding was a joint effort from the St Monica's P&F and the Filipino Australian Community in Oakey.

"We would like to thank New Hope Group for the contribution of funds through the New Hope Community Investment Fund," Luke said.

"These funds and investment in community groups are very welcome and are essential for not-for-profit organisations,

allowing us to provide quality facilities and the best resources for our school and wider community. The local Filipino community also regularly uses the court for social and competitive basketball.

"The improved facilities will help foster the expansion of basketball as a sport in Oakey. Having easily operated backboards that can be moved out of the way when necessary will also enhance the flexible use of the hall for school sports activities, functions, and community gatherings."

The opening ceremony was attended by New Acland Mine General Manager Dave O'Dwyer and Grant Higgs and Jenny Haywood from the Oakey Community office.



Bowenville Cricket Club getting ready for another season of country cricket. (photo courtesy of Bowenville Cricket Club)



Kulpi Hall's new ramp providing better access for the all members of the community

KEEPING COUNTRY CRICKET ALIVE

BOWENVILLE CRICKET CLUB MEMBERS WILL HAVE NEW FACILITIES WHEN THE NEW SEASON KICKS OFF LATER THIS YEAR.

The club has received a grant of \$7,800 from the New Hope Community Investment Fund to do a series of upgrades to the club.

The money will be used to relocate and repair the toilet block, as well as concrete works for the clubhouse and toilet block facility.

The key objective is to encourage club growth and promote a safer environment for club members and visitors to enjoy.

Club President, Jason Lee said the upgraded existing clubhouse and toilet facilities will go a long way to attract players and families to join the club and attend home games.

"The club was grateful for the funds," Jason said. "New Hope Group is helping to keep country cricket alive."

KEEPING KULPI CONNECTED

THE KULPI PUBLIC HALL HAS UNDERGONE A MASSIVE RENOVATION THANKS TO A \$60,000 GRANT FROM THE NEW HOPE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

Bec Murphy, the hall's President said the addition of a new entrance with disabled ramp and a disabled toilet has made the hall user friendly for all community members.

"It was becoming increasingly difficult for many of our older community members to access the hall," Bec said.

"Installing the new access ramp and a major renovation to include a new disability access restroom has enabled more of the local community to attend social functions at the hall, promoting community relationships."

"This fantastic project would not have been possible without the kind and generous support from New Hope. This will ensure our hall remains a valuable asset for our region long into the future."



SOCIAL DISTANCING AT NEW ACLAND

NEW ACLAND'S SAFETY, HEALTH, TRAINING & ENVIRONMENT MANAGER, DARREN ANDREWS HAS BEEN HARD AT WORK MAKING SURE CREWS AT THE SITE REMAIN SAFE AND HEALTHY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Darren said he was proud of the resilience New Hope's workforce has shown throughout these trying times.

"The care and compassion the crews have shown each other has been amazing and makes me extremely proud to be a part of the New Hope team," Darren said.

"Consistent with our approach over the past months, New Hope will continue to make responsible and measured decisions to protect the ongoing health and wellbeing of team members and to help minimise the threat of COVID-19 entering a New Hope site."

Darren said the site had implemented a host of proactive measures including:

- COVID-19 infection control training;
- restricting the number of persons permitted in rooms at any one time;
- installing COVID-19 signage;
- installing hand washing instructions in all ablution blocks (20 seconds with soap and water);
- issuing personal hand sanitizer to all team members;
- making PPE/disposable gloves available to all team members;
- installing hand sanitizer stations at multiple locations;
- increasing cleaning and disinfecting at all high traffic touch points, including desks, tables, benches, ablutions, etc.;
- making disinfectant available in all equipment and light vehicles;
- implementing a policy requiring vehicles and equipment to be thoroughly cleaned with disinfectant before and after each team member operates;
- holding prestart/toolbox meetings in open-air locations to accommodate social distancing precautions;
- encouraging video conference meetings;
- suspending hot seating arrangements (includes no operating through crib breaks); and
- enforcing social distancing measures at crib breaks.

Darren said for the foreseeable future, only essential workers will be permitted entry to New Hope sites, including the Brisbane head-office.

"However, with the relaxing of some restrictions by the Queensland State Government, there may be some freedom of movement between sites," Darren said.

"This will, of course, only be for essential business travel and only on the approval of our mine manager."

New Hope will continue to adhere to recommendations handed down by the National Cabinet, including strict quarantine measures for staff who have recently returned from overseas or have been in contact with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19.

TOOWOOMBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEW ACLAND MINE TOUR

Newly appointed Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce CEO, Todd Rohl recently visited the New Acland Mine with two of his team, Deb Robinson and Louise Blowers.

The visit had special significance for Todd as his father was the second last manager of the old Acland underground mine.



Todd Rohl relives some childhood memories around the Acland Underground Colliery No. 2