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From the GM

GENERAL MANAGER DAVE O'DWYER REFLECTS ON THE PAST FEW MONTHS AT NEW ACLAND.

Despite the ramp down of operations, it has been a busy few months at New Acland.

In this newsletter you'll hear about the continued success of Acland Pastoral Company, which is only going from strength to strength. This is in part due to our world class rehabilitation practices, which allow us to provide lush grazing land for our cattle.

New Hope Group remains committed to supporting the Oakey and broader Darling Downs community. We are proud to have recently been involved in a number of school-based programs, which taught students about the resources industry and tips for life after school.

The New Acland team has also made donations to the Oakey Show Society, Toowoomba Riding for the Disabled, Protea Place and Bottletree Family Day

Care. We feel fortunate to be able to give back to the local community

The State Government's continued inaction regarding NAC03 has meant we've had to say goodbye to hardworking, valued team members including Greg King. 'Kingy' spent nearly two decades at New Acland, and we wish him the very best for his next chapter.

There's no doubt New Acland's transition towards care and maintenance has taken its toll, however, I'd like to thank our team members past and present for their resilience, and the local community who continues to support us.

Dave O'Dwyer
New Acland Mine General Manager

Farewell Kingy

CELEBRATING 19 YEARS AT NEW ACLAND

As Project Superintendent, Kingy played an instrumental role in the construction and implementation of New Acland's Coal Handling and Processing Plant, as well as the Wetalla Pipeline.

With 19 years of experience at site, he earned the reputation as a walking, talking encyclopaedia on all things Acland.

New Acland Mine General Manager, Dave O'Dwyer said Kingy will be sorely missed.

"We wish Kingy all the best for his next chapter," Dave said.





Steeped in history

THE NEW ACLAND TEAM RECENTLY UNCOVERED REMNANTS OF THE OLD ACLAND UNDERGROUNDS IN WEST PIT.

Mining has been at the heart of the Acland and Oakey communities for more than a century.

Recently, the team at New Acland uncovered a section the old Oakey Underground Mine, exposing an extensive network of tunnels.

New Acland General Manager, Dave O'Dwyer said maps of the original undergrounds were used as a guide as they removed coal from the area.

"We have to be very careful when we're mining near the undergrounds," Dave said.

"We use a light digger to take off the top layer, and then bring in an excavator to dig out the tunnels."

Coal product recovered from the area was screened twice before going through the wash plant.

"There tends to be more picks, timber, shovels and the like in these areas, and they can cause damage if they go through the wash plant machines," Dave said.

Some above-ground infrastructure from the former mine can also be seen around New Acland.

Welcome to the world of work

PAYING IT FORWARD

Oakey State High School's year 10 students are starting to think about life after school, and that means preparing for work.

New Hope Group Community Liaison, Bec Meacham recently volunteered to be part of the school's 'Welcome to the World of Work' program.

The initiative sees students rotate through workshops on teamwork, workplace health and safety, resume skills and looking good in the workplace.

Oakey State High School Vocational Projects Officer, Haley Darr said the school has been fortunate to have Bec deliver sessions for the past few years.

"Bec talks to our students about what to wear, how to look and interview tips.

"She also delivers a very powerful social media message. Our students always enjoy Bec's presentation," Haley said.

The students then go on to participate in mock interviews, with Bec playing the role of the interviewer.

"Students are quite nervous coming in but they always leave with a smile on their face," Haley said.

This is Bec's third year assisting Oakey State High School with the program.

"It really is one of the best parts of my job," Bec said.

In the past few months the New Acland team also assisted Glensvale State School as part of Australian Resources Energy Group's (AMMA) Bright Future STEM Program.

The national program is designed to pique students' interest in STEM and the opportunities that exist in the Energy and Resources industries.

New Acland General Manager, Dave O'Dwyer shared his career path with the students, who enjoyed hearing about his experience working in mines overseas.

Mine Manager, Simon Ponder, and Bec Meacham also attended.





Safety first

DID YOU KNOW 15 PER CENT OF THE NEW ACLAND WORKFORCE HAVE COMPLETED A NATIONALLY ACCREDITED EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING COURSE?

New Hope Group's safety procedures are second to none, but it's important our team members know what to do when the unexpected happens.

That's why New Acland's Emergency Response Team recruits undergo monthly training.

New Acland Safety, Health, Training and Environmental Manager, Darren Andrews said the Certificate III level course covers a range of situations, including fires, vehicle extractions and vertical height rescues.

"Our commitment to emergency response is similar to that of the major airlines, who regularly fine tune their emergency protocols," Darren said.

The recruits participate in both theory and practical training components each month.

"Our members are developing life skills that are not exclusive to their working environment."

Gas leaks, vehicle accidents and blasting incidents are also among the scenarios included in the training.

"Fortunately, the team has never had to respond to a major incident on site," Darren said.

"They have however assisted members of the public and emergency services when confronted with car accidents in the local area."



Picture perfect

NEW ACLAND IS HELPING LOCAL TOTS CONNECT WITH THEIR CREATIVE SIDE.

New Acland recently donated two easels to Bottletree Family Day Care in Oakey to help encourage the little ones to enjoy creative play.

Perhaps there will be a future Sidney Nolan or Brett Whiteley amongst the group?

Everleigh sure shows promise.

A place to call home

NEW ACLAND IS PROUD TO SUPPORT PROTEA PLACE IN CARING FOR VULNERABLE WOMEN IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Protea Place provides a welcoming environment and runs several outreach programs for women who may be experiencing homelessness, disadvantage or domestic violence.

New Acland recently donated a number of household appliances, including washing machines, dryers, freezers, a microwave, fridge, and TV to support its 'Welcome Home Project'.

Protea Place Coordinator Suzy Wenitong said the project provides essential household items for women allocated housing, often after fleeing domestic violence.

"White goods are really hard to come by, so this donation is just fantastic," Suzy said.

The appliances had only been used for a short period by New Hope's Exploration team.

David Cooper from Coops Construction kindly donated his time to collect and deliver the items to Toowoomba.

New Hope also donated two laptops, which have allowed women to undertake online training and apply for jobs.

"It's allowed one of the women who has been coming here to get a job with the Census," Suzy said.

"She needed a laptop for the job.

"Now she's got an email and has learnt all the computer basics."

General Manager, Dave O'Dwyer said New Acland is proud to support an organisation contributing so much to the local community.

"Protea Place has supported more than 920 women since January. We're proud we could help in some small way," Dave said.





Enquiries & complaints

WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND OUR COMMUNITY OF SOME HELPFUL NEW ACLAND CONTACTS.

For general, non-urgent matters please call (07) 4691 3445.

For urgent safety, environmental or operations matters requiring immediate attention, please call our 24-hour community hotline on 1800 882 142.

You can also reach us by email: community@newhopegroup.com.au

To find out more, please visit: <https://newhopegroup.com.au/>



Help thy neigh-bour

ACLAND PASTORAL COMPANY RECENTLY DONATED FOUR LARGE HAY BALES TO TOOWOOMBA HORSE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION (RDA).

RDA is a not-for-profit organisation that provides safe and therapeutic horse-riding activities for people with a disability.

Acland Pastoral Company's hay donation will help RDA feed its horses for a few

months, allowing volunteers to focus on delivering a fantastic service.

The donation was delivered by New Acland's Donny Ballon and John Haywood.



APC UPDATE

ACLAND PASTORAL COMPANY (APC) CONTINUES TO ENJOY SUCCESS WITH BOTH ITS CROPPING AND CATTLE OPERATIONS.

After years of crippling drought, APC has welcomed strong winter rains this year.

New Hope Group Agricultural Manager, Tim Burgess and his team have harvested 154 hectares of dryland white sorghum silage, 132 hectares of irrigated white sorghum silage, and 435 hectares of sorghum grain.

The planting of barley and wheat has also been completed.

"It's great to see both our dryland and irrigated crops performing well. We're hopeful the wet season will bring decent rainfall as well," Tim said.

APC's partnership with Bengalla Agricultural Company (BAC) is continuing to produce strong results for New

Hope Group's cattle operations. BAC successfully fattened and sold 1,200 APC-bred weaners this year, fetching strong prices.

"Cattle prices are currently at all-time highs," Tim said.

The weaning of 1,200 calves from APC's breeder herd has also been successful, with 960 weaners recently sent to BAC for fattening.

Rehabilitated land is integral to the management of APC's cattle grazing.

"Productivity on rehabilitated land remains at least as good as unmined pastures," Tim said.



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