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**NEW ACLAND
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LifeFlight's Karen Laws and New Hope Group's Helen Williams at Kulpi Pub

IMPROVED FIRST-RESPONSE CARE FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

MEMBERS OF THE RURAL COMMUNITIES AROUND NEW ACLAND MINE WILL BE BETTER PREPARED TO RESPOND TO MEDICAL EMERGENCIES THANKS TO THE INSTALLATION OF NEW COMMUNITY FIRST-AID KITS, DELIVERED THROUGH THE RURAL SAFETY PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN NEW HOPE GROUP AND LIFEFLIGHT AUSTRALIA.

Equipped with important emergency medical equipment, the kits will assist locals in delivering critical first-response care in areas that can sometimes be over 40 minutes-drive from the nearest ambulance station.

Installed in easily accessible locations like pubs and corner stores, the Community First-Aid Kits will be available freely for public use during emergency situations.

The first kit was installed at the Pioneer Hotel in Kulpi in October, with kits rolled out to Goombungee, Quinalow and Bowenville.

LifeFlight Director of Clinical Services, Dr Mark Edwards said the Community First-Aid Kits would provide an important helping hand during the critical 'golden hour' after a medical emergency.

"The hour immediately following a medical emergency is the most crucial time for survival and positive long-term outcomes for the patient," Dr Edwards said.

"It is critical patients are provided with the best care possible during this time."

"LifeFlight Australia will continue to provide professional emergency medical care to these rural communities, but before emergency services arrive, access to quality first-aid equipment could potentially save someone's life."

"The Community First-Aid Kits are stocked with colour-coded emergency equipment with simple, short instructions to help treat and stabilise patients before emergency services arrive."

"LifeFlight responded to over 30 farm-related accidents in the Darling Downs region last financial year and we believe the kits will help these local communities respond to similar accidents in the future."

New Acland Mine General Manager David Vink said the roll-out of the Community First-Aid Kits was part of a wider farm safety partnership between New Hope Group and LifeFlight Australia.

"The local farming communities around New Acland Mine are full of resilient and hard working families and we feel very passionately about bolstering their access to high-class emergency medical services," David said.

"New Acland Mine takes first-response care very seriously and we have our own Emergency Response Team that provides New Acland with highly-skilled first-responders 24 hours a day."

"This commitment to high-class first response care on the mine site encouraged us to investigate ways to deliver that same commitment to our local communities."

"Operating and living rurally means emergency response services can take longer to reach us compared to people living in urban areas but New Acland Mine is committed to helping locals provide the best first response care as possible during the wait for professional emergency response services to arrive."

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A mature female koala involved in the Acland study



Completing a check-up on a koala at the study's comparison site at Inverness



A koala involved in the study, spotted in a gum tree at Acland

ACLAND KOALAS CENTRE OF NEW RESEARCH PROGRAM

A NEW KOALA RESEARCH PROGRAM IN THE ACLAND AREA HAS BEEN TAGGING AND TRACKING THE LOCAL KOALA POPULATION OVER THE LAST SIX MONTHS.

The research program is a joint initiative between Queensland Trust for Nature and the Koala Ecology Group at the University of Queensland.

The research program uses GPS tracking collars to track koalas as they move around the local area.

A number of koalas have been observed travelling through the study zone which includes the Lagoon Creek Conservation Zone situated within the New Acland Mine lease just outside of the township of Acland.

Researchers have also recorded signs of koala activity in vegetation corridors inside the study area.

Seven adult koalas were captured and tagged inside the immediate Acland area and their tracking collars have provided researchers with comprehensive tracking data.

The tracking data shows that the Acland koalas did not travel very

far from where they were tagged, preferring to roam within the study area, largely in and around the Mine's Lagoon Creek Conservation Zone.

Two of the seven tagged koalas, known affectionately to researchers as Jemima and Nelly, are currently carrying cubs in their pouches.

New Acland Mine has provided funding and logistical support to the research program, part of which takes place on the New Acland mining lease area.

New Acland Environmental Advisor Jessica Hannigan said the mine had found the initial results of the research rewarding.

"We've invested a lot of time and energy into regenerating the Lagoon Creek site specifically for use as koala habitat so to see the local population active in that area is a great result."

"The researchers have told us to expect a lot more activity during breeding

season so it will be interesting to see how that will impact the data the research team is collecting."

The research program will continue into the new year with researchers hoping to use the data to compare the Acland koala population with koalas found elsewhere in Queensland.

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The data collected will also provide information on habitat and tree species preferences that will likely support and inform future habitat restoration and tree planting efforts.



New Hope and Oakey Bears getting ready for Legends of League

LOCALS WELCOME LEGENDS OF LEAGUE TO OAKEY

OAKEY BEARS FOOTBALL CLUB WAS AT FULL CAPACITY THIS OCTOBER WITH OVER 4,000 SPECTATORS ATTENDING THE WILDLY SUCCESSFUL LEGENDS OF LEAGUE GAME DAY.

Local Bears legends faced-off against a long list of former NRL professional players including Scott Prince, Chris Walker and Nathan Friend.

Hosted by Oakey Rugby League Club, the main event was supported by a series of other games featuring local indigenous, female and junior teams.

Club President, Darryl Williamson, said the Legends of League event included important community outreach work that took place in the three days leading up to the main event.

“The legends do a terrific job at educating kids on bullying, mental health, social media issues and why it’s important to still complete their education while pursuing sport,” Darryl said.

“Sports stars are such influential role models so it was terrific to talk to more than 500 students from across our region at schools in Oakey, Quinalow and Dalby.”

The Legends of League event kicked off with a bowls day hosted by Oakey Bowls Club which included a Meet and Greet with the Legends, followed by a gala dinner at Oakey Cultural Centre with over 450 attendees.

Special guest speakers included Collin Scott, John Hopoate and a list of current and former Oakey Bears players.

“We were really grateful to New Hope Group for coming on board as the major sponsor for the event,” Darryl said.

“We’ve got about 140 players in our club and at least 40 of those kids come from mining families so to have New Acland Mine back the event was pretty special.”

“Oakey’s had a few low kicks recently but we’ve got a fighting spirit and events like this bring us together and remind us why we love being a part of the Oakey community.”



The Legends visiting New Acland Mine



The Legends visit Oakey State School

FRIENDS OF NEW ACLAND MINE

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, have conversations and share local news and events.

 [friendsofnewaucklandmine](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofnewaucklandmine)

Oakey COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE

New Hope's Community Information Centre is the best place to go for anyone interested in finding out more about New Acland Mine and the Stage 3 Project.

The centre is open:

Mondays from 8am to 5pm

Closed on Tuesdays

Wednesdays and Thursday 1pm to 5pm

Fridays 9am to 1pm

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

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

For general, non-urgent matters please call the New Hope Community Information Centre on 07 4691 3445.

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

Email

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.

KEY FACTS ON NEW ACLAND STAGE 3 PROJECT

- New Acland Mine has been operating for the past fifteen years with no landholder being left without water as a result of mining operations
- In 2009, to minimise its reliance on groundwater, New Acland built a 47km pipeline from Toowoomba to New Acland Mine to provide the mine with recycled water for use in its mining operations
- New Hope Group only uses a portion of this recycled water, the excess is fed down Gowrie Creek for agricultural use by other local landholders
- In preparation for the Stage 3 continuation project, the Mine has been working with local landholders and third-party experts to complete bore baseline assessments on properties near the mine site
- New Acland submitted groundwater modelling for the Stage 3 Continuation Project as part of its Environmental Impact Statement in 2013 and its Additional Environmental Impact Statements in 2014
- Groundwater models provide a representation of a groundwater system and are updated as new data becomes available
- Since 2014, the Mine has collected a sizeable hydrogeological dataset and has conducted a large number of additional groundwater studies
- Using this new information, New Acland updated its groundwater model for the Stage 3 continuation Project in September 2017

SAVE REGIONAL TOWNS



It's been terrific to see so much support from our community over the last few months.

Thank you for your continued efforts.

COMMUNITY WINDOW DISPLAY

Would you like to promote your upcoming event or community organisation?

The Community Window Display at the New Hope Information Centre is the perfect place to get the word out.

The window display area is provided free of charge to local community organisations. For enquiries, please call the Information Centre on (07) 4691 3445.

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

