

## Householders' Options to Protect the Environment Inc.

PO Box 6118 – Clifford Gardens, TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350

Ph 07 4639 2135; Email: [office@hopeaustralia.org.au](mailto:office@hopeaustralia.org.au);

Website: <http://www.hopeaustralia.org.au>

ABN 48 036 173 161

---

### Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Saturday, 9 November 2013, 11.30am

22 Vacy St, Toowoomba

*(followed by lunch at 12.30pm – BYO drinks & chairs)*

**1a. Meeting started at 11.45am**

**1b. Attendees:** Frank Ondrus, Miriam Sharp, Joy van der Wyk, Terry Ryan, Kerry Kruger and Cam Mackenzie

**1c. Apologies:** Barry Miller; Hon John McVeigh MP, Member for Toowoomba South; Trevor Watts MP, Member for Toowoomba North; and Helen Lewis

**2. Declaration(s) of Conflict - Nil**

**3a. Confirmation of minutes from previous meetings** 14 Sept 2013 - Ordinary Meeting

➔ Moved: Frank Ondrus      Seconded: Joy van der Wyk

**3b. Business arising**                      Nil

**4a. Correspondence – incoming**

- URGENT ---Invitation to provide 3 to 5 x 1hr gardening information sessions at Masters Home Improvements on Thursday evenings. We'll need to prepare a list of suitable & interesting topics & possible presenters; provide literature to attendees; and to promote the sessions.
  - Meeting at USQ on Thu 14 Nov, 3pm, to discuss requirements for next year's *Celebrating Our Environment Expo* à Frank, Terry & Kerry(?) to attend
  - Meeting in Brisbane on Sat 16 Nov to discuss issues of concern for Civil Society G20 event à Frank now unable to attend due to family commitment
  - National Day of Climate Action, 17 Nov 2013 à *Insufficient time to organise formal rally in Toowoomba. Issue media statement encouraging citizens to raise their concerns directly with local, state & federal politicians*
  - Invite to Acland's "day of action", 23 Nov à Frank available, but needs transport
  - Invite to speak with Ministers at Community Cabinet Meeting in Toowoomba on Sun 24 Nov à ask Andrew Nicholson to speak on behalf of HOPE
  - Invite to QCC's AGM on Tue 26 Nov à *Unable to attend due to local commitment. Submit apology & allocate proxy to Derec Davies, FoE*
-

#### 4b. Correspondence –outgoing

- See email & hard-copy folders

#### 4c. Business arising from correspondence Nil

#### 5a. Office Reports – highlights of last quarter’s activities – including outreach activities

#### 5b. Reports from committee members

- President’s Report - tabled report on activities engaged in 2013
  - ➔ Moved: Frank Ondrus Seconded: Joy van der Wyk
- Treasurer’s Report – Account balance as at 7 Nov 2013 = \$6,718.06
  - ➔ Moved: Joy van der Wyk Seconded: Kerry Kruger

#### 6. General Business:

- Frank to have shoulder surgery on 25 Nov. He will be on light duties for next 12 weeks
- Grants – follow up Sita Community Grant and Ergon Energy Community Fund
- QMDC’s Dirt Gloves in Schools program are looking for mentors to help the children *with gardening activities*
  - *Please promote again in e:news bulletin*
- Car-free days - arrange media release(s) and promote in e:news bulletin
- Request from Fairview Height State School to help with re-establishing a vegetable garden. It was agreed that we would maintain contact and see how we can assist them. A suggestion was made that perhaps the *Stephanie Alexander School Garden program & grant might be appropriate.*
- Prospective plans for 2014
  - i. 2014 events for consideration:
  - ii. Clean Up Australia Day (March)
  - iii. Gardenfest (May)
  - iv. Celebrating Our Environment Expo, 4 June 2014
  - v. Toowoomba Languages & Cultures Festival (August)
  - vi. U3A Seniors Expo (August)
  - vii. Weedbuster Week (1-7 Sept)
  - viii. Youth for Sustainability Forum (Sept)
  - ix. (regular) Public Meetings or workshop activities
- ***More active local volunteers needed to staff events and undertake projects and activities***
- National items – to be further considered at next meeting
- Queensland items – to be further considered at next meeting
- Local/Regional items

- PCYC market – attend more regularly; prepare roster of volunteers
- Report on establishment of new Conservation Council – still in process stage
- Youth for Sustainability Expo proposal – see Frank's notes
- TRC issues – handle as they arise; or on-forward to Residents & Ratepayers type group

**7. Next meeting** – 8 February 2013

**8. Close of meeting:** 12.35pm