

Householders' Options to Protect the Environment Inc.

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Executive Meeting Minutes

Monday, 13 January 2014

At HOPE office, 22 Vacy St, Toowoomba

1. Meeting commenced:

7pm

- 2. Attendees:** Frank Ondrus, Miriam Sharp, Terry Ryan, Joy van der Wyk, Barry Miller and Dorothy Harold

Apologies: Kerry Kruger and David Shipp

- 3. Declarations of conflict:** Nil.

4. Confirmation of minutes from previous meeting:

→ Minutes yet to be finalised.

5. Confirmed activities:

- a. Monthly morning teas – 2nd Monday of the month, 10am at 22 Vacy St, Toowoomba (February through to December)
- b. Monthly (public) meetings – 2nd Monday of the month, 7.30pm at Dr Price Room, Little St, Toowoomba (February through to December). The following have been confirmed:

DATE	SPEAKER	(PROPOSED) TOPIC
10 February	Stephanie Keays – National Trust Qld – Toowoomba Branch (tbc)	Heritage Preservation & Conservation
10 March	1. Clem Campbell, Queensland President of United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA) 2. Ordinary Meeting	
14 April	Various speakers: - Meghan Cox – TRC Healthy Communities Officer (tbc) & others	Grow Local Campaign; Community Supported Agriculture; Community Gardens; Backyard Gardens, Container Gardening ; Other
12 May	Shelley Purser – QMDC Education Officer	Dirty Gloves program - mentor school students with gardening and projects that adhere to a Landcare ethos.

9 June	1. Guest Speaker 2. Ordinary Meeting	
14 July	Guest Speaker	
11 August	Guest Speaker	
8 September	1. Guest Speaker 2. Ordinary Meeting	
13 October	Guest Speaker	
10 November	1. Guest Speaker 2. AGM 3. Ordinary Meeting	
8 December	End of Year social	

Other ideas for topics/speakers for the monthly meetings:

- Sustainable transport (include bus users and bike users groups)
- No dig gardening; companion planting
- Terry Ryan -- Sustainable housing
- Include people from within HOPE with knowledge of/expertise in a particular field/interest. Would be good to promote these meetings as a social activity, a discussion group for likeminded people.

The meetings in March, June and September will also be an Ordinary Meeting.

c. Celebrating Our Environment Expo – Wednesday 4 June 2014, at the University of Southern Queensland

- Discussions with Alicia Logan regarding holding Expo at USQ. Joy questioned whether this is the best place/time for an expo as it is in the middle of the week. More difficult to engage people that work fulltime for example. Response: USQ will promote the event to its staff and students, which is a substantial catchment.
- Invitations to envNGO stallholders, trade exhibitors, sponsors and guest speakers will be issued shortly.
- Date & time for 1st Working Group meeting – Wednesday 15 January 2014.
- Application made to Council re grant for promotion of event and advertising through media.

d. PCYC market stall:

- Need to arrange a roster of helpers.
- Need to promote this through the newsletter, email and Facebook.
- The aim of this exercise should be to make money for HOPE. We need to try to get samples from e.g. Green Harvest that we

can sell. We can also sell some second hand goods. Fresh produce maybe not, as the markets already sell a lot of that.

e. 2nd Strategic Planning Meeting

Helen Lewis suggested that an evening week day session or two might attract more people. Will try to organise the meeting for 21st January 2014 at night. The meeting will assist Helen in preparing a business plan and sponsorship package for HOPE. Frank to distribute notes from last meeting.

6. Invitations received:

- a. Assistance required by Fairview Heights State School with re-developing a vegetable garden. Frank waiting for feedback from the school.

7. Other activities:

- a. HOPE could offer to provide gardening information sessions at Master Home Improvements – several 1hr weekly sessions on a Thursday evening. Response: for the moment it is probably too much as we have lots of other things to do. Defer for now.
- b. 2014 Environmental Events Calendar. Will promote events on the calendar through newsletter and Facebook where possible. No further action.
- c. HOPE may receive invitations to attend Gardenfest (may), Toowoomba Languages & Cultures Festival (Aug) and U3A's Seniors Expo (Aug). Response: these events have always been quite successful. We should participate where possible.
- d. Youth Leading The World (YLTW) Congress (in partnership with local NRM Educators Network). Details for the Congress to be confirmed. HOPE can provide assistance where required/possible.

8. Other items:

- a. Terry: some decisions regarding things like HOPE's participation in events should be deferred until after the next meeting with Helen Lewis. We need to confirm through that process that the proposed activities and events will contribute to HOPE furthering its potential.
- b. Update on Facebook: the items that are 'liked' mostly seem to be helpful hints. Might need to include more of those.
- c. Frank discussed some received correspondence.

9. Meeting close: 8pm

Thank you.