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## **Ordinary Meeting Minutes**

### **Monday 9 June 2014**

### **HOPE office, 22 Vacy St, Toowoomba**

1. **Meeting commenced:** 3pm
2. **Attendees:** Frank Ondrus, Terry Ryan, Miriam Sharp, Kerry Kruger and Joy van der Wyk  
**Apologies:** Barry Miller
3. **Declarations of conflict:** Nil.
4. **Confirmation of minutes from previous meetings:**  
Minutes ordinary meeting 16 March 2014 to be accepted as a true record  
–Moved by Frank and seconded by Terry. All in favour.

No further business arising.

5. **Correspondence - incoming:**
  - Steady stream of daily e: mail correspondence – junk mail jettisoned; other correspondence vetted and on-forwarded to - specific office bearers; other key stakeholders; media; and the occasional global email to members & supporters.
  - Invitation to attend Toowoomba Languages & Cultures Festival, 10 Aug 2014. Joy has suggested that we have a stall selling soup with the proceeds going to HOPE. Will need to investigate sourcing necessary items and expenses. Frank moved that we give Joy the opportunity to do so. Seconded by Kerry. All in favour.
  - Invitation to attend U3A Seniors Expo, 20 Aug 2014. Usually a good turn-out. HOPE will participate again. Frank to arrange information display.

#### **Correspondence – outgoing:**

Mostly email office updates, general emails and media releases.

No business arising from correspondence.

6. **Office Report:**  
Highlights of last quarter's activities including outreach activities  
Updates sent to all in regular email reports  
Main activity was the Celebrating our Environment Expo. More on this later!
7. **Reports from Committee Members:**
  - a. President's Report: report on Expo – see below
  - b. Treasurer's Report: books balance – see separate sheet
  - c. Other Reports: nil

8. **Motions:** Nil

9. **General business:**
  - Report on Celebrating Our Environment Expo (4 June 2014) – Frank Ondrus:
    - Discussion of feedback. Not a good day as it was the middle of the week, perhaps a different venue. Frank stated that he was somewhat disappointed

in the assistance from USQ. Generally agreed that this event has not been well received by the general public and is not considered to be worth pursuing in the future.

- Toowoomba Languages and Cultural Festival:
  - suggestion from Joy to have a food tent selling soup & bread rolls. Joy will source the items needed and find out costs. Price suggested is \$5 for soup with a roll or \$4.50 without. Depends on the costs. Any assistance appreciated.
- Initiate “t-shirt logo” competition:
  - Charmaine Atkinson to find out costs for screen printing. Maybe we provide the t-shirts and have them printed, or we have everything done externally. Depends on costs. Perhaps include a t-shirt in membership; maybe pick three colours and have shirts made upon request. Charmaine to look at maybe a competition to design the logo. Perhaps USQ art students can assist.
- Potential projects:
  - Series of Information Sheets – Frank Ondrus & Terry Ryan. Maybe ask people for topics via facebook/website/newsletter.
  - Gardenfest - If we can get a free site (or nominal fee) we could participate again next year. Include activities/show and tell/speakers program. If we are prepared to pay for a site we can sell things as well, which would help cover costs and is good fundraising source.
- Restart promotion of “Transition Towns” – Frank Ondrus & Terry Ryan.
  - Can perhaps be included in speakers program for Gardenfest.
- Other
  - Grants: we will need grants for portable PA system, computer for Kerry, camera, display unit, colour printer.
  - Public meetings May and June cancelled, July –Clean Air Queensland, Aug – Shelly Purser. Rest of year not confirmed yet. Can include Ian Simons about keeping chickens, QCC, LETS, lady who writes the ‘spotless’ books. Need to find some more active topics to engage public more. Dec will include end of year HOPE social.

10. **Next Meeting:** 8 September 2014

11. **Close:** 5.15pm