



## Householders' Options to Protect the Environment Inc.

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### Minutes of Ordinary Meeting – Wednesday, 15 June 2016

(Last updated – 19 June 2016 – initial draft by Frank and ratified by Kerry)

**Venue: HOPE office, 22 Vacy St, Toowoomba | Time: 6pm**

#### Preamble

As the majority of the executive committee and admin support staff were unavailable for the Ordinary Meeting of Saturday 11 June 2016, the President scheduled another meeting for Wednesday 15 June 2016 so that the full executive committee were able to attend and deal the set agenda.

#### Minutes of Ordinary Meeting, 15 June 2016:

1. Introductions, attendees, apologies and tea (hot soup & bread)
  - a. Attendees: Frank Ondrus, Steve Cupitt & Kerry Kruger
  - b. Apologies: Joy van der Wyk, Terry Ryan, Charmaine Turnbull & David Shipp
  - c. Proxy votes: Proxies for Charmaine & David held by Frank
2. Declaration(s) of Conflict - Nil
- 3a. Confirmation of minutes from Ordinary Meeting of 13 February 2016  
Moved by xxxx, seconded by xxxx.
- 3b. Business arising - Nil
- 4a. 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.*
  - QCC submission re Qld State Budget 2016-2017
  - Request from Olivia Adams student at Centenary Heights SHS to assist with recycling project for the school. Olivia is also a member of the TRC (Toowoomba Regional Council) Youth Council and the Queensland Youth Environment Council (hosted by Keep Queensland Beautiful (KQB)) → Frank has met with Olivia to streamline her proposal for submission to school principal
  - Invitation from DDEC (Darling Downs Environment Council) to provide a HOPE delegate to join their committee → *issue e:invitation to local HOPE members re position on DDEC committee*
- 4b. Correspondence –outgoing
  - See email & hard-copy folders
  - Submissions to Qld State Govt on Solar Feed-in Tariffs; Renewable Energy Target; and Advancing Climate Action
  - to be tabled at meeting
- 4c. Business arising from correspondence - Nil
5. Reports
  - Combined President's & Office Manager's Report
    - see summary of weekly Office Updates (attached)
    - Event & Project Reports for:
      - USQ Market Day (25/02)
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> Landcare Project – workshop 1 (20/02), workshop 2 (05/03) & report

- Ipswich Plant Expo (12-13/03) - see attached report
- ~~Nature Laws workshop (26/04)~~ → *Cancelled due to unavailability of guest speaker*
- AELA Community Forum (20/5)

- Treasurer's Report
  - Opening balance as at 23 Jan 2016 = \$5,365.06
  - Capital items purchases – 2 gazebos; compost tumbler; and 10 volunteer polo shirts
  - Payments in & out for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Landcare Projects (see attachment)
  - Closing balance as at 21 May 2016 = \$4,921.46
- Other reports - Nil

6. Motions - Nil

7. General business

- Updates on...
  - Corporate Sponsorship exercise → *Steve to approach local businesses*
  - 2<sup>st</sup> landcare project – Steve Cupitt → *Completed. Final payment to be received from CA (Condamine Alliance) and paid to Crossroads Rural & Environment. Steve to prepare article for e:newsletter*
  - Fresh GCBF funding application submitted for replacement & new computer, office & display equipment
  - 2016 Volunteer Grants program – Polo shirts for volunteers (17/11/15) → *Grant approved. \$1,056 received 9 June 2016. Frank & Mary to work out sizes and quantities of each up to 34 polo shirts in total*
  - Search for funding to stage Energy Efficiency Roadshow project → *Rewrite proposal and submit to GCBF (Round 89), 20 May 2016*
  - Unsuccessful funding application to Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC) re Building Biology workshop
  - May community forum – Dr Michelle Maloney, Australian Earth Laws Alliance (20/5)
- Proposed Community Forms/workshops (on an ad-hoc basis)
  - Helping Our Backyard Habitats – by Steve Cupitt → *Arrange several events for Spring through Summer months*
  - Let's Talk About Consumption – by AELA (Australian Earth Laws Alliance) → *Try for November 2016*
  - Other – Dave Grubb & Pam Pittaway
- Toowoomba Home Show (Oct 2016) –offer to provide speakers on a range of sustainability issues
- Transition Towns – try to re-boot interest in this concept
- C/f items
  - Marketing of HOPE nationally – any ideas?
  - Membership drive – any ideas? → *Need to recruit more active volunteers – especially for the media & publications teams. Try UQ Gatton & St Lucia campuses*
- Other business
  - Issues /projects of QWPS (Queensland Wildlife Preservation Society) Toowoomba & FEP(Friends of Escarpment Parks) Toowoomba → *Send email offering to help with their concerns and/or projects*
  - Invite from Camelia Show to have an information display → *Frank is willing to attend*

8. Next ordinary meeting – 10 Sept 2016