



Householders' Options to Protect the Environment Inc.

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting, Saturday, 8 June 2019

(Last updated – 8 June 2019)

Venue: HOPE office, 22 Vacy St, Toowoomba

1. Meeting opened at 10am with morning tea and introductions
 - a. Attendees: Frank Ondrus, Miriam Sharp, Andrew Nicholson, Kerry Kruger, Terry Ryan and Janet Bishop
 - b. Apologies: Charmaine Turnbull, Steve Cupitt, Angie Mulgrew, Lea Dorrian, Joy van der Wyk, Heather McIntosh, Marie Yandog and Christina Lamb
 - c. Proxy votes: Charmaine's proxy vote allocated to Frank
2. Declaration(s) of Conflict - Nil
- 3a. Confirmation of minutes from Ordinary Meeting of 9 February 2019
➔ Moved Miriam, seconded by Frank. Agreed by all present.
- 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.
 - Report on Informa 3 in 1 Conferences, 25-26 February 2019, Sydney (by Dan Bielich)
--- Pumped Hydro Energy Storage Conference; Off Grid and Stand-Alone Power Conference; and the Commercial and Large-Scale Solar Conference
 - Report on “Biodiversity, Conservation and Australia's Environment Laws” conference, 5 March 2019 (by Sasha Adams)
 - Acquisition of 100 copies of “Weeds of Southern Queensland”
- 4b. Correspondence –outgoing
 - See email & hard-copy folders
 - As tabled/noted in other items of agenda
- 4c. Business arising from correspondence - Nil
5. Reports
 - President's Report - as per Office Manager's quarterly report (available on request)
 - Secretary's Report - Nil
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Opening balance as at 31 January 2019 = \$2,485.07
 - Transactions for quarter (see attachment)
 - Closing balance as at 30 May 2019 = \$2,446.02
 - ➔ Prepare accounts for Financial Year-End Audit and BAS (Business Activity Statement) return
 - ➔ Vote of thanks to Frank & Mary by Terry Ryan for their financial donation of \$3,000 (16 July 2018)

- Other reports - Nil

6. Motion (resubmission)

“To apply changes to clauses 45B and 45C of the constitution in accordance with Dept of Environment requirements for the management and use of HOPE’s Public Fund account” – thus re-adopting version 3.1 of the HOPE Constitution

➔ Moved by Miriam Sharp, Seconded by Frank Ondrus. Agreed by all present.

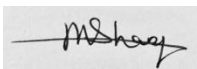
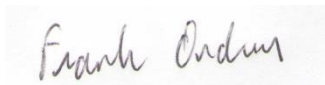
--- Submit changes and full copy of amended Constitution to Office of Fair Trading (OFT) Qld asap (see attached form)

7. General business

- Carried forward items
 - Application to Federal Government for Listing on Register of Environmental Organisations
 - Grant application to Federal Government’s Volunteer program for a new computer
- Campaigns to support leading up to Federal Election
 - The Places You Love (PYL) Alliance and Australian Panel of Experts in Environmental Law’s (APEEL) call for a new Generation of National Environmental Laws;
 - The International Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) – including HOPE’s national petition urging the immediate signing of the United Nations (UN) Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) ➔ *Less than 500 signatures collected*
 - The call for a bipartisan approach to developing a national “Climate Policy”
See also Climate and Health Alliances - <http://www.caha.org.au/> ; and “Schools Strike for Climate” - <https://www.schoolstrike4climate.com/>
- ➔ *Disappointing election result, but Places You Love (PYL) Alliance and other agencies have vowed to continue efforts to bring about positive change in environmental policy and legislation.*
- Progress report on “Drone Survey of 2 Creek areas”
- Report on National Volunteer Week “thank you” morning tea, 25 May 2019
- Report on Logan Eco Action Festival (LEAF), 26 May 2019
- Report on Qld Climate Week “plants” and information give-away
- Possible funding sources (see list) and proposed projects, events, etc.
 - Landcare grant suggestions from Steve Cupitt
 - Discussion on Deliberative Democracy – Andrew Nicholson
 - Community forum on Earth Laws (on hold)
 - Revisiting “Green Streets” by Terry Ryan
 - Discussion on “Climate for Change” initiative – Janet Bishop
- Develop a 5year Strategic Plan ... The Future of HOPE! (see notes from previous meeting’s minutes)
➔ *Held over until further notice*

8. Next ordinary meeting – 14 September 2019

9. Meeting closed at 11.30am

Secretary/Treasurer – Miriam Sharp

President – Frank Ondrus