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President's Report for 2019-2020

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Good morning,

Despite the “COVID-19 lockdown restrictions” and the personal impacts on many of us, HOPE still managed to have another busy and productive year.

So, a big thank you to the Management Committee and our large team of admin support volunteers – some of whom ‘doubled-up’ on roles to help keep the work flowing.

I also wish to thank our many envNGO friends who continued to provide us with access to their expertise and resources. Much appreciated as always.

Now, to the year in review.

Significant highlights of the 2019-2020 year included:

- 17/12/19 Initiated an “in-house” appeal for Books & Magazines for Gatton Women’s Prison library
- 12/01/20 Issued email to QLD media outlets and Local Government Authorities (LGAs) re: Climate Emergency Declaration
- 14-15/02 Andrew’s attendance at National Climate Emergency Summit, Melbourne
- 24/02 Held a one-day Earth Laws Forum on the need for better National “Environmental Laws”
- 10/03 Issued ‘Briefing Paper and Survey on a range of environmental issues’ to candidates in upcoming Toowoomba Regional Council Election
- 07/06 Nationally, writing to all Local Government Authorities (LGAs) encouraging them to develop and adopt Climate Resilient Policies
- 20/01 Receipt of grant funding from the Qld Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) for a new computer system
- 21/04 Listing on the national Register of Environmental Organisations – yahoo!!!
- 05/07 Robert Crosato, our auditor, is retiring after the 2010-2020 financial year – so, we’ll need to find a replacement auditor for 2020-2021 and beyond
- 24/07 Received grant funding approval from the Federal Government’s “Community Environment Program (CEP)” for the “Management and Monitoring of Native Fauna” in the Groom Electorate – with the project commencing shortly thereafter
- 06/08 Commenced planning and preparation of 2021 Youth Summit being held in conjunction with National Youth Week Activities

We made submissions to:

- Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019 (x2)
- Review of the EPBC ACT (several submissions by HOPE members)

We submitted grant applications, some multiple, for:

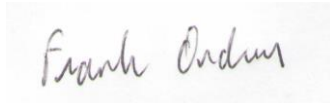
- The colour printing and laminating of the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals posters
- The development and publication of brochures on Waste Minimisation; and a Directory of Heritage Facilities and Key Landmarks in the Toowoomba Regional Council jurisdiction
- The production of a series of Podcasts on “Post COVID-19 environmental recovery options for SE Qld”
- Monies to cover fuel costs of volunteers
- 2021 Youth Summit event

Projects being undertaken and/or started this year include:

- Ongoing support for, and promotion of campaigns on Global Warming (aka Climate Change) – extremes of weather – hot & cold; Biodiversity loss through deforestation (land-clearing), mining, etc.; Pollution – land, air & water from industrial, agricultural, mining and marine activities; Over-use of GM technologies in food & fibre products without proper regulation and product labelling; and Lack of government support for signing of UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons
- Managing and Monitoring of several Native Fauna in Groom Electorate (as per CEP funding)
- Planning and preparation for 2021 Youth Summit covering issues related to the environment, social justice, animal welfare and heritage
- Development of brochures on Waste Minimisation; and Heritage Facilities and Key Landmarks in TRC jurisdiction
- Series of in-house podcasts on “Post COVID-19 actions re Environmental Protection
- Updating of HOPE promotional material by students of CQU Digital Media course
- Publication of ‘in depth’ reports on issues such as: “The importance of Food Security” and “The importance of Water Security”

In closing, I wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday break over the Christmas-New Year period.

And, I wish the incoming 2020-2021 Management Team every success in the year ahead.



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