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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting – Saturday, 9 Nov 2019

(Last updated – 10 Nov 2019)

Venue: HOPE office, 22 Vacy St, Toowoomba

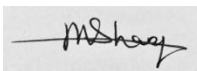
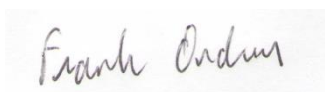
Meeting opened at 11am.

1. Introductions, attendees, apologies and morning tea provided
 - a. Attendees: Frank Ondrus, Miriam Sharp, Jayson Ello, Alina Remez and Andrew Nicholson
 - b. Apologies: Steve Cupitt, MaryLou Gittens (CCMA), Claire Bleakley (GE FREE NZ), David Janetzki (State Member for Toowoomba South), Dr John McVeigh (Federal Member for Groom), Tim Nash, Terry Ryan, Chetan Chavda, Kerry Kruger and Charmaine Turnbull
 - c. Proxy votes: Steve Cupitt and Terry Ryan votes held by Frank Ondrus
2. Declaration(s) of Conflict – Nil
- 3a. Confirmation of minutes from Ordinary Meeting of 14 Sept 2019
Moved Miriam Sharp, seconded Frank Ondrus. Agreed by all.
- 3b. Business arising – Some discussion on outgoing correspondence
- 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.
 - As tabled/noted in other items of agenda
- 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 Aug 2019 = \$3,117.70
 - Transactions for quarter (see attachment)
 - Closing balance as at 31 Oct 2019 = \$2,740.46
 - Motion – Office Manager's request for \$100 petty cash.
➔ *Moved Frank Ondrus, Seconded Miriam Sharp. Agreed by all.*
 - Other reports - Nil
6. General business
 - Carried forward items
 - Application to Federal Government for Listing on Register of Environmental Organisations – pending
➔ *Office Manger to contact REO office for application status update*

- Campaigns and/or issues to support nationally
 - 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)
 - 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/>
 - Strengthening of GMO protection laws – see GM-FREE Alliance Australia
- Grant applications
 - Qld Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) for a new desktop computer and printer
 - Tucker Foundation - Landholders driving Endangered species conservation on private lands
 - Federal 'Community Engagement Program (CEP)' - Management of *Endangered, Vulnerable and Near Threatened* (EVNT) Fauna / Flora Species in typical *Matters of National Environmental Significance* (MNES) / *Threatened Ecological Communities* (TEC) vegetation communities through knowledge – Species Likelihood of Occurrence Matrix, Property Specific Species Mgt Plans and Site Mgt Plans
- **Develop a 5year Strategic Plan ... The Future of HOPE!**
 - Goals for next 12months through to 5 years
 - Financial stability/security
 - See also Crowd Funding and GiveNow options
 - Strengthen and "up-skill" our Management Team
 - Strengthen our profile nationally
 - Seek more alliances/partnerships
 - Increase our membership nationally
 - Link up with more like-minded EnvNGOs
 - Provide more support for existing and proposed national environmental campaigns
 - Initiate more of our own campaigns, projects and events, etc.
 - Undertake more Landcare/NRM projects – ourselves and/or in partnership with others
 - Provide more "Back to Basics" type information and resources
 - Other suggestions or "Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities or Threats" (SWOT)
- Admin activities
 - Membership → Recruit more active members
 - Potential projects
 - Review list of lapsed and outstanding project proposals
 - Steve's proposed landcare projects
 - Biosecurity Forum program for Toowoomba Regional Council jurisdiction
 - Other general business items
 - End of Year Social – Monday, 2 December 2019, 6.30pm at the City Golf Club, Toowoomba

7. Next meeting – Strategic Planning meeting, 8 February 2020

Meeting closed at 11.30am with lunch.

Minutes Taker

President – Frank Ondrus