



## Householders' Options to Protect the Environment Inc.

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## Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Meeting – Saturday, 14 November 2020

(Last updated – 17 November 2020)

### ZOOM meeting

1. Meeting commenced at 10.25am
2. Introductions, attendees, apologies
  - a. Attendees: Frank Ondrus, Miriam Sharp and Kerry Kruger (in person); and Charmaine Turnbull, Andrew Nicholson, Regina Kimble, Keith Robinson and Maria Hernandez (via ZOOM)
  - a. Apologies: Steve Cupitt and Terry Ryan
  - b. Proxy votes: Steve Cupitt and Terry Ryan's votes assigned to Frank Ondrus
3. Declaration(s) of Conflict - *Nil*
4. Guest Speaker: *Nil*
- 5a. Confirmation of minutes from Ordinary Meeting of 12 September 2020  
*Moved by Kerry Kruger and seconded by Andrew Nicholson*
- 5b. Business arising - *Nil*
- 6a. 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
- 6b. Correspondence –outgoing
  - See email & hard-copy folders
  - As tabled
- 6c. Business arising from correspondence - *Nil*
7. Reports
  - President's Report - as per Office Manager's quarterly report
  - Secretary's Report - *Nil*
  - Treasurer's Report
    - Opening balance at 3 September 2020 = \$11,949.69
    - Transactions for quarter (see attachment)
      - HOPE General account = \$11,899.04
      - HOPE Public Fund account = \$220.01
    - Closing balance as at 31 October 2020 = \$12,119.05
    - ➔ *Moved by Treasurer and seconded by Kerry Kruger*
  - Other reports - *Nil*
8. Motions - *Nil*

## 9. General business

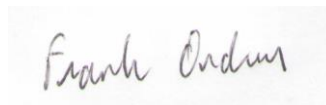
- Carried forward projects
  - Survey of several threatened fauna in Groom Electorate via funding received from national Community Environment Program (CEP) → *60% completed to date*
  - 2021 Youth Summit → *Frank to prepare summary for circulation and comment*
  - Central Queensland University (CQU) Digital Media student's assignment
- Carried forward grant applications, some multiple
  - The colour printing and laminating of 2 sets of posters - the United Nations (UN) *Sustainable Development Goals* posters; and Soka Gokkai's *Seeds of Hope and Action* posters
  - The development and publication of a Waste Minimisation brochure; and a Directory of Heritage Facilities and Key Landmarks in the Toowoomba Regional Council jurisdiction
    - ➔ *11/11/20 – Funding application to Mazda Foundation re: Heritage brochure was unsuccessful*
  - Monies to cover fuel costs of volunteers
  - Staging 2021 Youth Summit – our contribution to National Youth Week activities
- Proposed projects
  - Prepare 'in depth' reports on – Food Security (Regina Kimble); and Water Security
    - ➔ *Starting in January 2021, 6 months allocated for completion of reports*
  - See 'lapsed' projects folder
- **Development of 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
      - Increase our membership nationally – esp. active members
      - Seek more alliances/partnerships
      - Link up with more like-minded EnvNGOs
  - Provide more support for existing and proposed national environmental campaigns
    - Climate Change; Nuclear Disarmament (ICAN); Biodiversity Conservation; Landcare/NRM; Waste Management & Minimisation; Genetic Modified Organisms; and others
  - Initiate more of our own campaigns, projects and events, etc. (esp. Landcare/NRM); and/or in partnership with others
  - Provide more "Back to Basics" type information and resources via newsletter, social media and website
  - Other suggestions or "Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities or Threats" (SWOT)
    - ➔ *Redraft and circulate to Executive Committee and Admin Support Team for comment*
    - ➔ *Then circulate to members and supporters for their consideration*

- Admin activities
  - Sponsorship – refresh material and start issuing requests (Office)  
→ *Miriam has offered to review current documents*
  - Regular annual on-going tasks:
    - Review & comment on state & national government discussion papers
    - Promote key “Environmental Observance” events (see calendar)
  - General Business
    - Don’t over-reach ourselves. Do fewer activities and do them well!
    - Email members and friends re: Social Media links and invite them to follow us
    - Investigate other Podcast platforms
    - What about a HOPE LinkedIn profile?
    - More use of the term ‘advocacy’ in our general communications
    - Seek support from UQ Gatton students

10. Next ordinary meeting – 13 February 2021

11. Meeting closed at 11.20am

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Secretary – Kerry Kruger

President – Frank Ondrus