



## Householders' Options to Protect the Environment Inc.

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### Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Meeting – Saturday, 13 November 2021

(Last updated – 15 November 2021)

1. Meeting commenced at 10.20am
2. Introductions, attendees, apologies and morning tea provided
  - a. Attendees:
    - i. Physical: Frank Ondrus, Miriam Sharp, Stephanie Polinar, Steve Cupitt and Kerry Kruger
    - ii. ZOOM: Regina Kimble, Charmaine Turnbull and Amandeep Kaur
  - a. Apologies: Maggie Ng, Jingjing Ye, Andrew Nicholson, Jason Dingley, Phoebe Huang, Joanne Cork and Keith Robinson
  - b. Proxy votes: Proxy votes for Andrew Nicholson, Jason Dingley and Jingjing Ye assigned to Frank Ondrus
3. General business (part 1)
  - o Carried forward grant applications
    - o Federal Government's Volunteer Grants Program for monies to cover fuel costs of volunteers
  - o Proposed projects requiring funding
    - o Development and publication of Waste Minimisation brochure
      - ➔ *Submit funding application to Ergon Energy*
    - o Broad-based "Best Practice Farm-Land Management (Steve Cupitt)
      - ➔ *Steve to provide updated proposal and possible budget (approx. \$20k)*
  - o Projects – current, proposed and lapsed
    - o See attached document -Summary 1f of current, proposed and lapsed Projects
      - ➔ *Frank read through the document and called for comment on existing projects and suggestions for 2022*
      - ➔ *More on 'Back to Basics' helpful hints – especially on reducing paper and plastic wastes.*
      - ➔ *Regina and Charmaine are progressing well with their respective reports on Food Security and Water Security*
      - ➔ *Andrew's thoughts on Podcasts; Citizen Juries and Deliberative Democracy; Limits to Growth; and Climate Change – as well revisiting earlier project proposals*
    - o Produce a booklet on the *How to live Sustainably and Chemical-Free* (Nina Stick)
    - o (Produce a booklet on female Champions of the Environment Sector (as part of 2022 Qld Women's Week Celebrations))
  - o Admin activities
    - o Social Media – increase likes/followers by inviting like-minded envNGOs to share their posts with us
      - ➔ *Endeavour to 'theme' posts on a monthly basis. Refer to UN Environmental Events Calendar; and major campaigns by our alliance partners*
      - ➔ *Look at target audience for particular types of posts*
    - o Website – needs a 'refresh' or, perhaps, a complete 'overhaul'
      - ➔ *No funds available to consider complete revamp of website. Continue with refreshing pages as time permits.*
    - o Continue seeking corporate sponsorship to help cover operating costs and to undertake new projects
      - ➔ *Undertake as a priority!*
    - o Continue to review and comment on National and State government discussion papers

4. General business (part 2)
  - Prepare and submit 'Annual Return of Association' to Office of Fair Trading (OFT) Qld
  - Pay 2 invoices
    - \$440 to Colmac Computers P/L re Email hosting transfer
    - \$40 to Colmac Computers P/L for 'fixing' Instagram link recognition on MS Edge
  - Distribute nationally Lili Greer's 'Helpful Hints – Energy Efficiency in the Home' document
  - Review Steve's "Environment Sustainability' app
  - Drone – operating instructions; registration with CASA; and insurance
  - local Toowoomba Men's Sheds have agreed to build a mixture of nest boxes (for birds and possums)
  
5. Next ordinary meeting – 12 February 2022
  
6. Meeting closed at 10.55am