

HOPE News --- January 2018

Good morning and welcome to 2018!

HOPE's year kicks off with a Planning Meeting on Saturday 13 January, commencing at 10am sharp at the home of Frank and Mary Ondrus, 22 Vacy St, Toowoomba.

With HOPE's motto being "Think Globally, Act Locally", we'll be investigating issues of concern and interest to our membership – and focussing our efforts on promoting local solutions to these matters.

Please send us your thoughts on potential issues of concern; agencies that we could partner with; and campaigns, projects and events we should endorse, support and/or participate in.

We welcome your input by Thursday 11 January.

We are also keen to undertake environment, conservation and landcare projects in our own right.

Once again, we welcome your ideas on worthwhile projects to pursue.

Admin-wise, we'll still looking for experienced volunteers to help with newsletter production and media activities. Further information on these positions are noted below.

Regards,

Frank Ondrus, Office Manager – HOPE Inc., ph 07 4639 2135

HOPE's meetings schedule

13 Jan	Planning Meeting
10 Feb	Ordinary Meeting no. 2
9 June	Ordinary Meeting no. 3
8 Sept	Ordinary Meeting no. 4
10 Nov	Annual General Meeting
10 Nov	1 st Ordinary Meeting for 2018-2019

(Meetings are held at the HOPE office, 22 Vacy St, Toowoomba, QLD)

Membership

In recent years our membership numbers have remained steady at around 650 full and associate members. The management committee is keen to increase our membership nationally and so invites you to help promote HOPE and its activities to your family, friends and work colleagues. Remember, membership to HOPE of FREE! More information on the types of membership may be found at <http://www.hopeaustralia.org.au/membership/>.

Volunteers needed

More active volunteers – both local and remote (i.e. online) – are required to help us maintain our level of activity. Volunteers are needed to help with projects, events and display activities, as well as general admin duties and media/publications work. We invite members and supporters to step up and volunteer some time and talents to help share the workload. Current vacancies include:

- Researchers – required to review and comment on a range of discussion papers, policy documents and reports provided by government departments, business and industry organisations and NGOs.
- Media Officers – required to write media releases, event notices, date claimers and design promotional flyers/posters for projects, campaigns, events and activities
- Publications Team members – required to write information articles for our newsletter; website summaries; and assist with the development of powerpoint presentations and information sheets
- Newsletter Editor – required to write and/or source articles and other items for compilation into monthly E: News Bulletin (formal Job Description available on request)

Please contact the office on 07 4639 2135 or email office@hopeaustralia.org.au to offer your assistance.

A fair portion of the above work would ideally be done by locals (i.e. in the Toowoomba area) because the HOPE office is in Toowoomba. However, quite a bit of the literature review, research, media and publications activity can be done via email. If you have a little bit of time to help us in any way, then contact the HOPE office on email office@hopeaustralia.org.au or phone (07) 4639 2135.
