



Householders' Options to Protect the Environment Inc.

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HOPE News --- February 2018

Good morning,

A planning meeting was held on Saturday 13 January to discuss and, where possible, 'lock in' our activities for the year. Dates for committee meetings; proposed topics for community forums; environmental observance dates to endorse, support, promote and/or participate in; as well seeking funding/partners for potential landcare and other projects.

Our next quarterly Ordinary Meeting is scheduled for Saturday 10 February. Please review the 2018 Planned and Proposed Activities report (page 3) and provide us with your feedback and/or further suggestions by Thursday 8 February so that your comments may be included in discussions. (A meeting reminder notice will be issued separately.)

The first 3 of our community forums for 2018 have been finalised and they are:

- Tue, 1st March - Important Honey Flora, by Glen Tuck, Southern Beekeeper's Assn
- Tue, 5th April - Conservation in Africa, by Bruce Lawrie, Topknot Advisory - Rural & Environmental
- Tue, 22nd May - How restoring soil balance can help restore our environment, by Earthlife

Our volunteer recruitment efforts are paying off, with 7 people offering their assistance with research and literature review, writing articles for our newsletter and assisting with the writing of submissions to government discussion papers. We welcome Jacinta, Amy, Arian, Vineet, Kelsey, Lynne and Ishani to our ever-growing pool of admin volunteers.

Regards,

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

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 is 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.

WANTED – PHOTOCOPY PAPER

HOPE has used up its current stock of photocopy paper and we are asking our members and supporters to donate a ream or two of A4 photocopy paper. Donations of paper can be left on the table in the carport at 22 Vacy St, Toowoomba.

Alternately, cash or cheque donations can be made online at <http://www.hopeaustralia.org.au/annual-pledgedonation/> or posted to HOPE Inc., PO Box 6118 - Clifford Gardens Toowoomba QLD 4350.