

HOPE News – May 2017

Report on National Youth Week event – Open Day at Redwood Park, Toowoomba, 8 April 2017



On Saturday 8 April, HOPE and Friends of the Escarpment Parks (Toowoomba) jointly hosted an Open Day at Redwood Park, Toowoomba. Our theme for this FREE community event was "Youth Engagement in Landcare".

The weather was glorious, the site well-laid out and the 100+ visitors thoroughly enjoyed the program of activities provided – with keen interest the bird walk, information session on plants of the dry rainforest, basket weaving using exotic cats claw creeper and the Nature Journaling workshops.

The free lunch-time bbq was also greatly appreciated.

(A full report of the event will be available shortly on our website.)

Report on 2nd Community Forum – Maintaining Regional Heritage Values, Saturday 22 April 2017

"Maintaining Regional Heritage Values" was the theme of HOPE's 2nd community forum held on Saturday 22 April at the Toowoomba City Library.

Eleanor Cullen, a member of the National Trust of Australia (Qld) and a founding member of Toowoomba Regional Council's Heritage Advisory Committee gave an overview of the National Trust and the role of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

Peter Cullen spoke on the use of tombstone tours, radio talks and research in identifying and promoting heritage values.

Eleanor and Peter then jointly spoke on their involvement in the Toowoomba Open House project.

Hugh Krenske, President of Friends of the Escarpment Parks (FEP) Toowoomba Inc., spoke on efforts to preserve the 'Eagle's Nest Swagmen's Camp' (which was set-up during the Great Depression in the 1930's).

Finally, Paul Herbert, Chairman of the Toowoomba Festival of Rail, explored the value of the railway and its precinct (all heritage listed) to the Darling Downs and Queensland.



Peter and Eleanor Cullen



Hugh Krenske



Paul Herbert

A message from HOPE

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Currently, our income is derived from project grants, fund-raising, corporate sponsorship and donations, but falls well short of our requirements.

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, 20 May --- Talk on Native Bees; followed by Picnic Social

10am Talk on Native Bees by Nev Hunt, Southern Beekeepers' Association

140 Carroll Road, Hodgson Vale (turn left off New England Hwy into Mally Rd, then right into Carroll Rd)

12noon Picnic social at Lions Park (Hodgsonvale Rest Area) – please BYO food & drink (and chair)

Invite to Logan Eco Action Festival, Sunday 28 May --- Griffith University – Logan Campus



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- Secretary – is elected to the Management Committee for 12 months. The principal roles of the Secretary are to ensure that adequate Management Committee Papers are prepared and circulated prior to the Management Committee Meeting and that appropriate minutes are prepared which include the decisions and reasons for those decisions
- Treasurer – will be elected to the Management Committee for a period of 12 months. The role of the Treasurer is to be responsible for the financial supervision of HOPE Inc. to allow the Committee to provide good governance. The Treasurer is responsible to regularly report on HOPE's financial status to both the Committee and the HOPE Inc. members
- Admin support – various tasks from helping with internet research, article writing, media support and staffing of information displays, etc. at community events
- State Liaison Officers to be responsible for promoting HOPE in their jurisdictions
- Newsletter Team to solicit and/or write articles – with the editor compiling the newsletter
- Media Team to prepare media releases, community service announcements, date claimers, etc.; and to assist with research and writing (feature) articles

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