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A Busy Year Ahead for HOPE and our Environment

2017 promises to be a HUGE year for Householders' Options to Protect the Environment (HOPE) Inc. with activities planned at the national, Queensland and Toowoomba level.

Nationally, HOPE will be implementing a new marketing strategy to lift our profile and increase our membership.

"We will also be looking to expand our range of alliance/partnership colleagues (<http://www.hopeaustralia.org.au/about-us/partnershipsalliances-ngos/>)" said Mr Frank Ondrus, President of HOPE.

National campaigns being supported by HOPE include "Protect the (Environment) Laws that Protect the Places You Love Alliance (<http://www.placesyoulove.org/>) and GM-Free Australia Alliance - <http://www.gmfreeaustralia.org.au/gm-freeze> .

With HOPE's headquarters located in Toowoomba, Queensland, we will be working closely with our many state-wide and local colleagues to support and promote their projects, campaigns and events – as well as heavily promoting our own undertakings.

"Certainly, promoting "Volunteering for the Environment – with the sub-theme of "Youth Engagement in Landcare" is high on our agenda", said Mr. Ondrus.

Queensland Conservation Council (QCC) <http://www.queenslandconservation.org.au/> campaigns being supported this year include Nature Protection and Climate Change.

HOPE will also be promoting Queensland Water and Land Carers (QWaLC) <http://qwalc.org.au/> Green Nomad program <http://www.greennomads.com.au/> .

In Toowoomba, we are busily putting the finishing touches to:

- A series of Community Forums (to be held in February, April, June, August and October)
- Acknowledging the contribution that Darling Downs Women have made to the Environment (as part of Qld Women's Week), 11 March 2017
- Nature Journaling workshops (as part of National Youth Week), 8 April 2017

We are also investigating funding options to undertake 4 (local) landcare projects; a series of *Going Solar* information sessions; governance and administration training for community groups management committees and admin support staff; and several workshops.

For more information on HOPE, visit our website at www.hopeaustralia.org.au .

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