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MEDIA RELEASE

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RE: World Bee Day, 20 May 2020 - HOPE Inc. encourages everyone to Waggle Dance!



Householders' Options to Protect the Environment (HOPE) Inc. encourages everyone to get involved in the Global Online Waggle Dance Challenge, in the lead up to World Bee Day on 20 May 2020!

The waggle dance challenge is a fun, Australia-led, global effort to raise awareness of the importance of bees for food and the environment.

"We have seen, and continue to see, bee populations decline across the world and the need for everyone to be more aware of the impacts that this will have on our lives", says HOPE Inc. President, Frank Ondrus. Mr Ondrus adds that, while the safeguards we have in place in Australia have been

good at protecting local bees against biosecurity threats, this initiative reminds us that those safeguards are in place because we continue to recognise the importance of bees.

The goal is for 20,000 waggle dance videos from across 20+ countries to be uploaded and a selection will be published on World Bee Day. "We support any initiative where people can take responsibility to protect our environment in their everyday lives. The waggle dance challenge means people can easily get involved in building awareness and do so from their homes – it's a simple yet brilliant initiative!", says Mr Ondrus.

World Bee Day has been observed since 2018 to draw attention to the importance of bees.

If you are interested in participating, head over to www.worldbeeday.org.au/waggle/ to register and for more information.

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