

Office News Report --- April 2015

A specially convened Executive Meeting was held on Saturday 11 April to deal with carry-forward items from the abandoned Ordinary Meeting of 14 March.

Key items dealt were:

- T-shirt logo competition – due to a lack of suitable entries, no prize was awarded. A couple of the participants showed promise and will be asked to provide further examples for a fee.
- Energy Efficiency Workshop proposal put on hold pending availability of full project funding
- HOPE Sponsorship documents approved for immediate use
- HOPE Business Plan (version 4.) forwarded to management committee and key volunteers for comment
- Community Forum program
 - 2 May – Mrs Joanne Galea from Design for Creation will give an *Introduction on Building Biology*
 - 6 June – HOPE members will share their experiences and knowledge under the theme of *Back to Basics*
 - 1 Aug – Mr Paul Donatui from National Parks Association of Queensland will speak on *the “State of the Park”*
- Gardenfest 2015 is being held at the Toowoomba Showgrounds on the weekend of 9-10 May and we have been granted a complimentary double site. HOPE will provide an information display and the following demonstration activities - compost tumbler, worm farm, square foot gardening and a chook tractor.
→ A team of volunteers is required to help with transporting materials to the site on Fri 8 May; to staff the display for 2 days; and to help with packing up. Food and drink supplied by HOPE.
Please contact the office on 4639 2135 or email office@hopeaustralia.org.au to offer your support

Positions Vacant

Due to the recent departures of key committee and admin support staff, we are in urgent need of extra personnel to fill the following vacancies:

- Vice President - duties include chairing meetings; and provide media comment projects, campaigns and general activities
 - Website Manager - maintain ‘freshness’ of website by doing regular maintenance; and sourcing new material
 - 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
 - Website Manager to keep information up-to-date
- So, if you have some spare time and talents to offer, please give the office a call on 07 4639 2135 or email office@hopeaustralia.org.au .

(We need to share the ever-increasing workload by recruiting more members and volunteers

Note: The management committee deals with policy and direction matters; and staff deal with the day to day operations. And, as we have no paid staff, management committee and volunteers are responsible for carrying out the operational tasks.)

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Office Hours

HOPE's office is open every Monday from 9am to 5pm; with the library resources available at the same time. Other times by appointment only.

Phone the office on 07 4639 2135 to signal your interest in coming along for a chat or to access the library.