

Office News Report --- January 2015

Good afternoon folks,

As part of our annual review, the committee and admin support staff are looking at strategies to lift our profile nationally, as well as providing more practical information and demonstration activities on sustainable living and gardening.

A series of monthly community forums will be held at the Dr Price Rooms, 6 Little St, Toowoomba, on the 1st Saturday of the month, 4pm – 6pm, from February through to November.
The program of speakers and/or demonstration activities will be available soon.

We also plan to provide information displays and/or demonstration activities at local events such as Gardenfest, Toowoomba Languages & Cultures Festival, U3A Seniors Expo and the Youth Leading the World Congress.

Offers of assistance with one or more of the above activities would be appreciated. Please contact the office on 07 4639 2135 or email office@hopeaustralia.org.au

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T-shirt Logo Competition

Householders' Options to Protect the Environment (HOPE) is looking to lift its profile and to better 'market' itself at public events; and so, we are holding a "T-shirt logo competition".

The current logo is shown below. The design may be based on HOPE's charter OR a brand new concept! The logo should be attractive – with a catchy/meaningful message.



The logo is to be 15 cm square and can be made in any medium – remembering that it will need to be digitised for future use.

Submit your entry by Saturday 31 January 2015. There is a generous cash prize of \$500 for the winner.

Please email your entry to the HOPE office at office@hopeaustralia.org.au

Advertising Rates

HOPE is keen to raise some much needed revenue through the introduction of paid advertising in our newsletter.

At this stage, we are offering business card sized adverts for \$30 + \$3 GST per edition; OR \$300 + \$30 GST for a full year.

If interested, please send your advert to office@hopeaustralia.org.au and your payment to HOPE Inc., PO Box 6118 – Clifford Gardens, Toowoomba QLD 4350.

(Direct debit banking details available on request.)

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.

THE HOPE CHARTER

HOPE encourages people to take responsibility for their relationship with the environment in their daily lives.

HOPE members and supporters have the following aims:

- to use a little as possible of energy and resources.
- to create minimal pollution, both directly and indirectly;
- to prefer, in general, renewable to non-renewable, natural to manufactured, and local to imported; and
- to support and promote 'best practice' natural resource management and landcare activities.

HOPE encourages people:

- to view environmental problems in their local, economic and global context.
- to use what is already there, making the most of existing resources, technology and community networks; and
- to create, communicate and celebrate lifestyles which reduce consumption and improve quality of life.

While **HOPE** endorses individual action, it also encourages people to act together in their local community, and in society as a whole, to further these aims.

HOPE is a non-profit organization and is not affiliated with any political party.

HOPE's partnerships/affiliations

HOPE's affiliations in Queensland

HOPE is a member group of:

- Queensland Conservation Council (QCC) <http://qldconservation.org.au>;
- Queensland Water and Land Carers (QWaLC) <http://www.qwalc.org.au>;
- Qld Protect the Bush Alliance <http://ptba.org.au>; and
- Friends of SEQ <http://www.envirobusiness.org/public/page.php?pageld=9>

HOPE's affiliations nationally

HOPE is either a member group of, signatory to, or supporter of:

- Make Poverty History (MPH) <http://www.makepovertyhistory.com.au>;
- Container Deposit Scheme – Boomerang Alliance <http://www.boomerangalliance.org.au>;
- Lock the Gate Alliance (LtGA) <http://www.lockthegate.org.au>;
- Protect the Laws that Protect the Places You Love (PYL) <http://placesyoulove.org>; and
- Transitions Towns <http://www.transitionnetwork.org>

HOPE's affiliations internationally

HOPE is a signatory to:

- International Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons (iCANw), <http://www.icanw.org>;
- The Earth Charter Initiative <http://www.earthcharterinaction.org/content>; and
- IPEN (International POPs (Persistent Organic Pollutants) Elimination Network) www.ipen.org/

If you feel that we should support other initiatives or wish to contribute to any of the above relationships, please contact the office at email office@hopeaustralia.org.au or phone 07 4639 2135.
