

Office News Report – July 2015

Good morning folks,

As Charmaine stated in her editorial, there's always lots going on at the office and out in the wider community.

On the office front, Kerry (our much overloaded, but most appreciated and valuable, secretary, treasurer and website manager) and I have just completed synchronisation of the Membership Database with our Outlook e: address book; and a major upgrade of our website (www.hopeaustralia.org.au) – have a look for yourself.

We've also been busy sending out corporate sponsorship requests in an effort to gain some much needed income to defray our annual operating expenses; and to enable us to more effectively promote new projects, events and activities.

If you can spare some of your time and talents to help with committee or admin work; or even to help with fund-raising, please give the office a call on 07 4639 2135 or email office@hopeaustralia.org.au .

The 4 July community forum featured Mr Darryl Ebenezer from Queensland Water and Land Carers (QWaLC - <http://qwalc.org.au/>). Darryl gave an overview of QWaLC followed by a detailed talk on Junior Landcare. It is hoped that primary and secondary schools students, as well as scouts and girl guides, throughout Queensland will support the national "Landcare Is For Everyone" program - http://www.landcareonline.com.au/?page_id=9196 .

Planning and preparation for upcoming information displays at the Toowoomba Languages & Cultures Festival (9 Aug), U3A Seniors Expo (19 Aug) and the Youth Leading the World Congress (14-16 Sept) are progressing well. Volunteers are required to help with transporting equipment and materials to from these events, as well as staffing the display areas. Please phone the office to offer your services at one or more of these events.

Regards,

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Annual Pledge/Donation - <http://www.hopeaustralia.org.au/annual-pledgedonation/>

We invite members and supporters to consider making an annual financial contribution to help cover our operating costs of approximately \$20,500 p.a.

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

Your financial support, by way of an annual pledge or donation, will considerably help us to achieve better financial viability.

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
- Librarian – to complete the cataloguing of our resources; and to undertake weekly maintenance updates

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