

Office News Report --- September 2016

The month of August flew by quickly with work on a funding application to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (Qld) for new and replacement computer and office equipment and furniture; as well as attendance at the Toowoomba Languages & Cultures Festival (14 Aug) and U3A Toowoomba's Seniors Expo (17 Aug).

A fairly full agenda of business items has been set for our quarterly **Ordinary Meeting being held on Saturday 10 September 2016 at the home of Frank & Mary Ondrus, 22 Vacy St, Toowoomba**. The meeting starts at 10am sharp – so if you're coming along, please RSVP by phoning 4639 2135 or email office@hopeaustralia.org.au to assist with seating and catering arrangements.

Reminder notice – The office is open Monday mornings from 9am - 1pm, with a cuppa at 10am. So, if you're in the neighbourhood, please drop in for a social and to hear the latest news on HOPE.

Finally, our AGM (Annual General Meeting) is scheduled for Saturday 12 November 2016. Some of our committee and admin support volunteers have indicated that they will be stepping down. Therefore, it is **your opportunity** to step up for one of these positions and help administer our great organisation.

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Report on Toowoomba Languages & Cultures Festival, 14 Aug 2016



The event was well managed with a good layout of entertainment stages, information marquees, market stalls (we were at site M15), food & drink and rest/shade areas. The weather was glorious and a large crowd was in attendance. We gave away lots of literature; had many solid enquiries; and made \$190 in donations.

Thanks to our volunteers - Guy Muller, Mary Ondrus, Anjan Kumer Dev Roy, Steve Gribble, Wayne Ole and Joy van der Wyk – who helped with set up, staffing and pack up.

Report on U3A Seniors Expo, 17 August 2016

Another well-run event by U3A Toowoomba. Congratulations to the many U3A members who helped set-up the various Expo areas. The HOPE site was in the main foyer (opposite the café & dining area) - so Expo visitors had to walk past us to get to the main hall. This meant that I was busy from the 'get go' handing out literature, fielding enquiries, (telling jokes) and raising funds for our group. All in all, it was a great day. I've already pencilled next year's event in our diary.
