

Office News Report --- November 2015

Hello folks,

Another busy month for HOPE's management committee, office admin staff and volunteers with the major tasks being:

- on-going investigation of funding sources to undertake a number of HOPE projects - including the staging of Energy Efficiency seminars; printing of HOPE publications; and the development of more educational resources
- issued several hundred Corporate Sponsorship requests
- contributed to QCC's (Queensland Conservation Council) Environmental Roundtable discussions on 21 October
- secured funding from Condamine Alliance "to assist small holders to revegetate their properties to create habitat for wildlife"
- preparation for and hosting of the November community forum on the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) and the Basin Plan (7 Nov)
- preparation and holding of our AGM and 1st Ordinary Meeting for 2015-16 (14 Nov)
- submitted funding application to the federal government's 2015 Volunteer Grants program to purchase 40 polo t-shirts for volunteers to wear when conducting HOPE business (attending meetings, staffing information displays and demonstration activities, etc.)
- requested a donation of outdoor tables & chairs from Bunnings Warehouse

Oops! I nearly forgot. Congratulations to Shelley Purser (QMDC Education Officer) and her partner Tony on the birth of their first child Eric; and to Charmaine (our Social Media Administrator and former Newsletter Editor) and Peter Turnbull on the birth of their first child Xavier. We wish both sets of proud parents and their children well.

AGM Report

Our annual general meeting kicked off with guest speaker Steve Cupitt, Crossroads Consultancy, giving us a potted history of his 20 years plus involvement in the environment sector. Steve's personal and business philosophy of "Integrating Conservation with Production" and removing the "them" and "us" for his work activities was most inspiring.

Reports given by president Frank Ondrus and treasurer Kerry Kruger once again showed that HOPE is able to successfully undertake a range of activities with limited funding. Good management, willing volunteers and a lot of in-kind support has proven to be a "winning formulae".

Election of office bearers and admin support staff for 2015-2016

President & Office Manager)	- Frank Ondrus
Vice-President	- Steve Cupitt
Secretary/Treasurer	- Kerry Kruger
Membership Officer	- Barry Miller
Social Media Admin	- Charmaine Turnbull (nee Atkinson)
It Advisor	- David Shipp

Patron	- Jerry Coleby-Williams (with ABC's Gardening Australia television program)
Accountant/Auditor	- Robert Crosato of Crosato Country Enterprises

1st ordinary Meeting for 2015-16

This 1st meeting of the new committee was basically to inform them of carry forward projects and outstanding grant applications; to note 2016 events already committed to; and to flag potential projects and partnership for the following year or two.

Copies of the Presidents and Treasurer's reports along with the minutes of the AGM and the minutes of the 1st Ordinary Meeting of 2015-2016 will be available shortly on our website at <http://www.hopeaustralia.org.au/home/office-news/>.

Regards,

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