

Office News Report --- February 2016

Good evening folks,

The management committee and admin support staff have continued to show strong commitment and effort to progressing our schedule of activity.

Condamine Alliance (CA) have approved our 2nd Landcare Project which involves 2 community information workshops and 'registration and assessment' of properties to strengthen/develop habitat for wildlife. CA has also expressed support for our 3rd Landcare Project to foster youth engagement in caring for the land (more on this project later).

Preparations for our participation at the [2016 Ipswich Plant Expo, 12-13 March 2016](#) are progressing well with a full complement of volunteers available to staff the 2 day event, a large quantity and variety of literature assembled to give away to visitors, and 4 demonstration activities on offer to show how easy it is to compost, manage a worm farm, do some container gardening and taking care of chooks. HOPE major fund-raising multi-draw raffle for the year will be run in conjunction with the Plant Expo. We have over \$2,000 worth of goods to be won. Please take note of our Raffle item further down the page.

News from HOPE's quarterly Ordinary Meeting held on 13 February 2016

Our funding application to Qld's Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) was unsuccessful, so we're decided to purchase 2 news gazebos straight away for use at the Ipswich Plant Expo and to submit a fresh application for the required new and replacement computers, office furniture and equipment. Also, as the results of our funding application to the federal 2015 Volunteer Grants program won't be available until May, we're decided to go ahead and purchase 10 volunteer polo shirts for use at the Ipswich Plant Expo.

HOPE's remaining 2016 quarterly Ordinary Meetings for the year are:



Saturday, 11 June 2016	Ordinary Meeting
Saturday, 10 September 2016	Ordinary Meeting
Saturday, 12 Nov 2016	AGM, followed by 1 st Ordinary Meeting for new year

Regards,

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HOPE 2016 Fund-Raising Raffle

HOPE invites members and friends to support our major fund-raising activity for the year – a **multi-draw raffle** being held in conjunction with the 2016 Ipswich Plant Expo being held on 12-13 March at the Bundamba Turf Club, Ipswich. Funds raised will go towards defraying some of our annual operating expenses (of approx. \$25,000).

 	2016 Ipswich Plant Expo <u>multi-draw</u> Raffle Tickets are now available for sale! Approx. \$2,000 worth of prizes on offer – 10 gardening products hampers valued at \$150 each; plus books, DVDs, bird prints and a variety of vouchers. Tickets are \$2 each; or, 3 for \$5 Please contact the office on 07 4639 2135 or by email office@hopeaustralia.org.au to obtain your tickets.
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