

## Office News Report – June 2016

Good morning,

Another busy period for us at the office with the highlights being:

- Submitted GCBF funding application re Energy Efficiency Roadshow project (3/5)
- Received approval of our Federal Volunteer Grants 2015 request for HOPE volunteer polo shirts (17/5)
- 20 May -- Community forum – Exploring Earth Laws, Earth Democracy and the Rights of Nature
- Made submissions to Queensland State Government on Feed-In Tariff policy; Renewable Energy Target; and Advancing Climate Action in Queensland
- More work on Corporate Sponsorship exercise
- Assisting Ms Olivia Adams, a year 11 student at Centenary Heights SHS, with a school-wide environmental project
- 24/5 – Jingyi Sun-Miller, our newsletter editor, has stepped down due to increased work commitments
- Preparations for our information display at Logan's Eco Action Festival (5/6)
- Preparations for our quarterly Ordinary Meeting to be held on 11 June

Lastly, we still require more volunteers to assist with admin, media and promotions work. Please consider 'lending a hand' (as per advert before).

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### Expert Assistance sought with responding to Government reports

From time to time, our organisation is asked to make comment on various State and Federal government discussion papers, including draft policy and strategy documents.

As HOPE does not always have sufficient in-house expertise to properly respond to these requests, we seek support and assistance from academics, industry professionals and the like to review and comment on these government reports on our behalf.

Please add your name to our pool of 'expert' commentators.

### HOPE's Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/Householders.Options.to.Protect.the.Environment>

We are keen to make better use of our Facebook page and welcome your comments on - good news stories about the environment, useful resources, helpful hints and/or issues of concern.

Please promote our Facebook page to your colleagues, family and friends.

### HOPE's Pledge facility - <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.

### Volunteers needed

More active volunteers – both local and remote (i.e. online) – are required to help us maintain our high levels of activity. Volunteers are needed to help with projects, events and display activities, as well as general admin duties and media/publications work. We invite members and supporters to step up and volunteer some of your time and talents to help share the workload! Current vacancies include Newsletter Editor and Media Officers.

Please contact the office on 07 4639 2135 or email [office@hopeaustralia.org.au](mailto:office@hopeaustralia.org.au) to offer your assistance.

A fair portion of the above work would ideally be done by locals (i.e. in the Toowoomba area) because the HOPE office is in Toowoomba. However, quite a bit of the literature review, research, media and publications activity can be done via email. If you have a little bit of time to help us in any way, then contact the HOPE office on email [office@hopeaustralia.org.au](mailto:office@hopeaustralia.org.au) or phone (07) 4639 2135.

### HOPE Reference Library

HOPE has a good collection of library reference material – both hard-copy (books, magazines, reports, DVDs) and electronic reports and newsletters. Topics include biodiversity, climate change, energy, Govt, landcare/NRM, MDB, mining, pest plants and animals, sustainable housing, waste and water. Hard-copy material is available from office; and electronic material is available by email. If you are chasing something specific, why not give us a call on (07) 4639 2135 or send an email request to [office@hopeaustralia.org.au](mailto:office@hopeaustralia.org.au). Donations of resources always welcome. Please contact the HOPE Office, PO Box 6118 – Clifford Gardens, Toowoomba QLD 4350 or 22 Vacy Street, Toowoomba.