

Office News Report --- April 2017

Good morning folks,

Householders' Options to Protect the Environment (HOPE) Inc. and Friends of the Escarpment Parks (FEP) Toowoomba are working together to host an Open Day at Redwood Park, Toowoomba on Saturday, 8 April 2017.

This event is part of 2017 National Youth Week activities; and "this project is supported by Condamine Alliance, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme."

The day includes a program of short walks, information displays, a free lunch-time sausage sizzle and two x 2hour Nature Journaling workshops delivered by Dr Paula Peeters.

The Nature Journaling workshops are free to attend, however expressions of interest in attending the open day; and registrations for the workshops are essential, to assist with logistics and catering arrangements.

We invite the general public and secondary school aged youth to attend the open day; with the hope that they will consider "volunteering for the environment" by joining one of the participating environment/conservation or Landcare groups present on the day or in the near future.

For any general enquiries about the open day, please contact Friends of the Escarpment Parks on mobile" 0418 748 282.

For enquiries and registration for either of the Nature Journaling workshops, please contact the HOPE office by phoning 4639 2135 or emailing office@hopeaustralia.org.au .

Regards,

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A message to HOPE members and friends

As you are aware, HOPE is a national community-based not-for-profit environment organisation committed to providing Australians with information, advice and contacts to help them live more sustainably. We believe that if everyone does a little, it adds up to a lot!

HOPE's principal aims are to minimize waste and to conserve energy and resources by:

- 1) Raising awareness – letting the whole community know about the issues
- 2) Education – giving people suggestions on how to tackle these issues
- 3) Showing – providing practical information on how easily our aims can be achieved

Through the group's staging of events, campaigns, media activities and participation in various community events, we are able to provide you with helpful information about green alternatives.

What can you do as a member or friend?

1. Start making small changes at home to reduce your impact on the environment
2. Share the information you learn with family, friends and your community
3. Support HOPE events, if you live near by
4. Support our member organisations' events, if they are in your area

We are always in need of active volunteers!

HOPE does not receive administrative funding. We are reliant on sponsorship, donations, fund-raising and lots of in-kind support. If you can volunteer some of your time to HOPE, your efforts will be appreciated.

If you live locally, you can help us with events, with the running of the HOPE office, or even be on our committee!

HOPE produces a monthly newsletter, and welcomes contributions of articles covering environmental issues or green innovations that could be included in our publication. Our staff are volunteers with limited time available for research, so if you have a 'pet' topic that you have researched, and would like it promoted through HOPE's member network, this is another great way to help.

If you would like to contact us for further information or to volunteer some time, please reply to office@hopeaustralia.org.au .