

## Office News Report --- 16 May 2016

Good morning folks,

Office business has been brisk with one event cancellation and 3 others confirmed.

The *Nature Laws* workshop scheduled for 26 April has been cancelled due to the now unavailability of our guest speaker, Glen Klatovsky from Places You Love (PYL) Alliance. Dr Michelle Maloney, AELA (Australian Earth Laws Alliance) has offered to *step into the breach* and speak at our May community forum. Dr Maloney's presentation "*Exploring Earth Laws, Earth Democracy and the Rights of Nature*" will be held on Friday 20 May, from 7pm until 8.30pm, at the Toowoomba City Library meeting rooms area (level 3) with access through the carpark (level 1) off Victoria St, Toowoomba.

Our application to participate at the *2016 Logan Eco Action Festival (LEAF)* has been accepted. The event is being held on World Environment Day, **Sunday 5 June (10am-3pm), at Griffith University Logan Campus**. I've organised the literature and HOPE pull-up banners. All I need now is a volunteer to come with me (or to meet me there) to staff our display.

We've received our invitation to attend this year's Toowoomba Languages & Cultures Festival (Sunday 14 August). The site fee has increased to \$100 – which we might be able to make back in donations and/or sale of plants, etc. A small team of volunteers is required to transport equipment and materials to and from the site, as well as staff our information display. Please contact the office on 07 4639 2135 or email [office@hopeaustralia.org.au](mailto:office@hopeaustralia.org.au) to offer your support.



Our local appeal for gardening tools & equipment has finished. The goods were handed over to Warwick's St. Vincent de Paul's *Cornerstone* project on Monday 18 April. Ms Jackie Doyle was over-whelmed by the variety and quantity of tools collected.

HOPE's social get-together on Saturday 30 April was a small but vocal affair. Thanks to all who brought a plate of food to share for afternoon tea.

**Energy Efficiency Roadshow project** – A modified application has been submitted to the Queensland Government's GCBF (Gambling Community Benefit Fund) Round 89 for consideration. I've also asked Joseph Mula (who wrote our original project proposal) to refresh his proposal for submission to ExxonMobil.

**Media/Publications** – With the recent departure of several admin volunteers, we are in urgent need of volunteers to help with internet research, literature review, article writing and media support. So, if you have some spare time and/or know of someone with good writing/clerical skills please contact the office on 4639 2135 to volunteer your/their services.

**Membership** - Our national membership has remained static at 600+ for several years now. Do you have any suggestions on how we can promote HOPE more widely and effectively – and, therefore increase our membership?

On a personal note, my doctor has initiated a health care plan for me to control my diabetes, etc. If I stick to "*the plan*", maybe my overall health and fitness will improve.

Regards,

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### Positions Vacant – Media Officers

Householders' Options to Protect the Environment Inc. (HOPE) requires the services of several volunteers to assist with our media activities. The media officers will be responsible for drafting media releases, advertorials, project announcements; event notices; and articles for our e:news bulletin and other publications.

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 phone (07) 4639 2135.

Note: If we can enlist a team of 3 or 4 media officers, then their individual contribution may be as little as one item every 3-4 months.