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Minutes of 1st Ordinary Meeting for 2016-2017

Date: Saturday, 12 November 2016

Venue: HOPE office, 22 Vacy Street, Toowoomba

Time: 11.00am

Meeting opened at 10.55am.

1. Introductions, attendees, apologies and morning tea and lunch provided
 - a. Attendees: Frank Ondrus, Sue Higgins, Steve Cupitt, Andrew Nicholson, Janet Bishop, Anjan Roy and Miriam Sharp
 - b. Apologies: Sheena Gillman (Qld PtBA), Jerry Coleby-Williams (our patron), Steve Gribble, David Shipp, Tom Cole, Joy van der Wyk, Charmaine Turnbull, Kerry Kruger and Barry Miller
 - c. Proxy votes: Votes from David Shipp, Charmaine Turnbull, Joy van der Wyk and Kerry Kruger held by Frank Ondrus
2. Declaration(s) of Conflict – Nil
3. Confirmation of minutes from Ordinary Meeting of 10 September 2016
Moved Sue, seconded Steve. Agreed by all.
4. Business arising
 - a. Film night proposed by Sue did not go ahead due to insufficient numbers.
 - b. Steve has been successful in obtaining approval for the water quality monitoring in the Killarney region.
5. Correspondence
 - a. Incoming - Steady stream of daily e: mail correspondence – junk mail jettisoned; other correspondence vetted and on-forwarded to - specific office bearers; other key stakeholders; media; and the occasional global email to members & supporters.
 - b. Outgoing - See email & hard-copy folders
 - c. Business arising from correspondence – Nil
6. Reports
 - a. President's Report –Welcome to the new 2016-2017 committee.
 - b. Secretary's Report
 - i) Write to Westpac re new bank account signatories – requires copy of AGM minutes and “notice of Authority – Amendment” form
 - ii) Submit 'Associated Incorporated Renewal Form & payment – requires copy of 2016 AGM minutes and 2015-2016 audited accounts
 - c. Treasurer's Report
 - i) Opening balance as at 31 October 2016 = \$3,678.24
 - ii) Review of draft budget for 2016-2017 (see attachment)
 - iii) comment sought on Income and Expenses line items

7. General business

a. Items carried forward from 2015-2016

- i) Funding applications for equipment and projects to CGBF for replacement & new computer, office & display equipment
- ii) Corporate Sponsorship (on-going)
- iii) Anjan's attendance at Pathways to Economic Sustainability conference, 28-29 Nov 2016 (cost \$300)

b. Calendar of events for 2017 (see www.environment.gov.au/search/site/events%20calendar)
Select key events to participate in; and/or events to endorse and promote only

c. Ordinary Meetings schedule for 2017

- 11 February Ordinary meeting
- 10 June Ordinary Meeting
- 9 September Ordinary Meeting
- 11 November AGM for 2016-2017
- 11 November 1st Ordinary meeting for 2017-2018

d. Proposed Community Forum program

DATE	START TIME	END TIME	THEME	SPEAKER(S)
18 Feb			An Introduction to Organic Gardening Organic Pest Control - Non-toxic preparations for insect & disease control Healthy soils, healthy plants ... it's that simple!	Mike Wells, TAFE Horticulture Peter Macqueen, TAFE Horticulture Colin Purnell, Earthlife Pty Ltd
15 Apr			The Value of Heritage to Queensland (and the Darling Downs)	Qld Heritage Council, Stephanie Keays Gail Lipke
17 June			Going Solar – On/Off Grid with battery storage	Terry Davis & Michael Reiken, Excel Solar
19 Aug			An Overview of Condamine Alliance (NRM / Landcare) - beginnings, current achievements and future plans	Various staff
21 Oct			An afternoon with Jerry Coleby-Williams	Jerry Coleby-Williams

e. Community events to support through provision of information display:

Toowoomba Language & Cultures Festival and U3A Toowoomba's Seniors Expo (both in August)

f. Available funding sources

- i) Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) grants -- Round 91 for equipment such as computers, office furniture, etc.
- ii) 2016 round of the Federal Government Volunteer Grants funding program Equipment
- iii) Queensland Government Community Sustainability Action grants -- Round 1 – Conservation Series of Energy Efficiency /Going Solar information sessions -- presenters include Excel Solar, Office of Electrical Safety & Bendigo Bank - Green Loans
(Source suitable information sheets; and donation of CFLs (compact fluorescent lightbulbs from Bunnings and/or company brand names such as Arlec, Nelson, Click, HPM, Phillips, Photo Equipment Australia (PES)
- iv) RADF (Regional Arts Development Fund) – 2017-2018
Major project - Andrew Nicholson's Environmental Art-Science Project (see attachment)
Minor project – Environmental Art Competition for secondary schools
Recycled Art workshops – Reverse Garbage (Bris) – quote on file

g. Possible projects

- i) PCYC – National Youth Week (April)
- ii) Youth Engagement in Landcare (aka Volunteering for the Environment) – in partnership with Condamine Alliance (Pamela Benton)
- iii) Nature Journaling workshop with Paula Peters – with support from friends of the Escarpment Parks (FEP), Toowoomba Bird Observers, Toowoomba Bush-walkers and Toowoomba Field Naturalists, Geoff Sharp – spot-lighting

h. Condamine Alliance proposals by Steve Cupitt – with some involvement by HOPE

Managing MNES through knowledge Occurrence Matrix
MNES Grazing Management Trial EOI Form
QNRM Pest and Weed Activities - Feral Deer
QNRM Water Quality Activities

8. Social activities

- a. Christmas social – dinner at the City Golf Club, Monday 5th December – 6.30 pm
- b. 2017 suggestions
 - i) Picnics at Cooby Dam, Ravensbourne National Park
 - ii) BBQ at Highfields Pioneer Village & Museum
 - iii) A night at the Repertory Theatre, Empire Theatre or USQ Artworx
 - iv) Suggestions from members welcome

Next ordinary meeting – 11 Feb 2017

Meeting closed at 11.55am and was followed by lunch.