



## Householders' Options to Protect the Environment Inc.

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## Minutes of Ordinary Meeting – Saturday, 16 June 2018

(Last updated – 20 June 2018)

**Venue: HOPE office, 22 Vacy St, Toowoomba**

**Time: 10.00am sharp!**

1. Meeting opened at 10.15am with introductions over morning tea
  - a. Attendees: Frank Ondrus, Miriam Sharp, Derek Tuffield, Barry Miller, Karen Eyre and Steve Cupitt
  - b. Apologies: Andrew Nicholson and Charmaine Turnbull
  - c. Proxy votes: Charmaine's proxy assigned to Frank
2. Declaration(s) of Conflict: - Nil
- 3a. Confirmation of minutes from Ordinary Meeting of 10 Feb 2018; and Minutes from Special General Meeting of 24 March 2018 → *Moved Steve, seconded by Frank. Agreed by all present.*
- 3b. Business arising: - Nil
- 4a. Correspondence – 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.*

  - Information on “Australian Native Stingless Bees” workshop → *Invite to Toowoomba*
  - Letters from The Grants Hub, Nexus and Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC) informing us that our grant applications were unsuccessful
  - Report on H-CAP meeting attended by Andrew Nicholson (6 Mar)
  - Report on Sustainability Education presentation to Family Day Care Provides (17 Mar)
  - Report on “BirdLife Australia” community forum (8 May)
  - E: letter advising us that our application for scholarships to attend National Volunteering Conference was unsuccessful
  - Information on 2day Introduction to Permaculture course → *Add to potential projects list*
  - Feedback from Places You Love (PYL) Alliance re Canberra conference
  - Invitation from U3A Toowoomba to attend this year's Seniors Expo → *Accepted*
  - Letter from Queensland Conservation Council (QCC) responding to various concerns raised by me in recent months
  - Request from Qld Protect the Bush Alliance seeking support on protecting Ramsar wetlands in Queensland
  - Information pack on Peak to Points Festival being held on 15 July → *As there is no undercover space available, we probably won't be attending*
  - Feedback on formation of new NRM body for Southern Queensland
  - Report on “Climate Change: Impacts and Responses” conference held 20-21 April in California, USA
    - Requested newsletter articles from approx. 30 conference presenters
  - Report on Logan Eco Action Festival (LEAF) 2018 (27 May)

#### 4b. Correspondence –outgoing

- See email & hard-copy folders
- Issued nationally email media releases - “Sustainable living with HOPE!” (21/03); “World Heritage Day, 18 Apr 2018” (01/04); and “National Sorry day, 26 May 2018” (01/05)
- Completed ‘online’ survey on Coal Seam Gas industry
- Wrote to Sulo thanking them for their donation of 100 mini bins (13/05)
- Circulated nationally email promoting BirdLife Australia’s new publication “Restoring the Balance: The Case for a New Generation of Australian Environmental Laws”
- Completed QWaLC Event Questionnaire for “BirdLife Australia community forum (08/05)

#### 4c. Business arising from correspondence: - Nil

#### 5. Reports

- President/Office Manager’s Report – Quarterly report tabled. Frank highlighted key office matters – especially problems with MS Office s/w and Outlook folders and address book; community forums held; submissions made to WA & Qld State Governments and to Federal Government; grant applications (x7); and accounts paid and donations received
- Secretary’s Report - Nil
- Treasurer’s Report
  - Opening balance as at 22 January 2018 = \$2,024.95
  - Transaction List tabled
  - Closing balance at 15 June 2018 = \$1,017.59
- Other reports - Nil

#### 6. Motions

(1) To further amend our Constitution as per latest request from Federal Dept of Environment (7 June): **Amendment to clause 45B of the HOPE constitution to better reflect the wording/requirements of the Registers Guidelines and Taxation Ruling TR 95/27 as follows:**

- Existing clause:  
“A sub-committee is established to administer the HOPE Public Fund called the HOPE Public Fund Management Committee made up of the three (3) externally nominated persons from the general community.”
- Amended clause:  
“A majority of the HOPE Public Fund Management Committee are required to be ‘responsible persons’ as defined by the Guidelines to the Register of Environmental Organisations.”

➔ Moved by Miriam, seconded by Frank. Agreed by all present.

(2) To close incorrectly named HOPE Inc. Public Fund bank account 404 951 with Westpac

➔ Moved Frank, seconded Miriam. Agreed by all present.

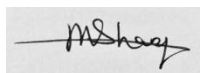
#### 7. General business

- Discussion on possible projects
  - Communications strategy - campaign of media releases; review of social media; and national marketing campaign ➔ to be discussed in more detail at next meeting
  - Explore funding options for:
    - Nature Journaling workshops – see information from Dr Paula Peeters
    - Recycled Art workshops – see information from Reverse Garbage (Brisbane)
    - Introduction to Permaculture 2day workshop by Michael Wardle
  - Barry Miller’s “Tool Library” proposal ➔ *Has merit on many fronts. Barry & Frank to develop a formal proposal*
  - Steve’s ‘using drones to survey landscapes’ project ➔ *Great idea. Steve to develop a formal proposal*
  - Andrew Nicholson’s Art-Science-Nature project ➔ *Ask Andrew to resubmit a proposal*
  - Revisit ‘backlog’ of lapsed project proposals
- Other items - Nil

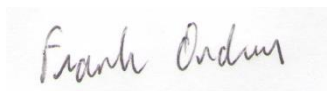
8. Next ordinary meeting – 8 September 2018

9. Meeting closed at 11.55am

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Secretary/Treasurer – Miriam Sharp

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President – Frank Ondrus