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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting, Saturday, 9 February 2019

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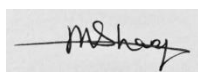
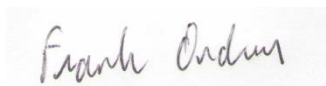
Venue: HOPE office, 22 Vacy St, Toowoomba

1. Meeting commenced at 10.10am
 - a. Attendees: Frank Ondrus, Miriam Sharp and Steve Cupitt
 - b. Apologies: Charmaine Turnbull, Stephen Warburton, Barry Miller, Sasha Adams, Terry Ryan and Ellen Wheeler
2. Declaration(s) of Conflict - Nil
- 3a. Confirmation of minutes from Ordinary Meeting of 10 November 2018
→ Mover by Steve, seconded by Miriam
- 3b. Business arising – Steve Cupitt, our Vice-President, is also the consultant we will be using to undertake our landcare projects
- 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.
 - Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC) Environment Grants Application forms → Frank and Steve attended council grants workshop (20/1) and have an eligible project to submit
 - Queensland Water and Land Carers (QWaLC) Annual Survey → Frank and Miriam to submit online (9/2)
 - Invitation to speak to Toowoomba Flexi-School students on 26 Feb about waste minimisation
- 4b. Correspondence –outgoing
 - See email & hard-copy folders
 - As tabled
- 4c. Business arising from correspondence - Nil
5. Reports
 - President's Report - as per Office Manager's quarterly report (available on request)
 - Secretary's Report
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Opening balance as at 26 October 2018 = \$2,967.89
 - Transactions for quarter (see attachment)
 - Closing balance as at 29 January 2019 = \$2,485.07
 - Other reports
 - Volunteers – steady stream of applications, assignments allocated, but tasks not being done
 - Website – Stephen is currently off-sick with the flu, so maintenance has curtailed for the time being
6. General business
 - Carried forward items

- Application to Federal Government for Listing on Register of Environmental Organisations
- Grant application to Federal Government's Volunteer program for a new computer
- Support for Place You Love (PYL) Alliance initiatives → Frank and others
- Promotion of UN Sustainable Development Goals – by Gillian Tait
- Campaigns to support leading up to Federal Election
 - The Places You Love (PYL) Alliance and Australian Panel of Experts in Environmental Law's (APEEL) call for a new Generation of National Environmental Laws;
 - The International Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) – including HOPE's national petition urging the immediate signing of the United Nations (UN) Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).
 - The call for a bipartisan approach to developing a national "Climate Policy".
 - Other possibilities
 - Promote the work of International POPs (Persistent Organic Pollutant) Elimination Network (IPEN) - <https://ipen.org/> and National Toxics Network (NTN) - <https://ntn.org.au/>
 - Promote HOPE's "Waste Hierarchy" chart in combination with efforts to encourage greater reprocessing of secondary waste materials (see Mariana's article on developing a circular economy for Australia)
- Admin activities (see notes from previous meeting's minutes) – No discussion
- Suggestions for 2019 projects, campaigns, petitions, events and activities
 - Steve's landcare projects
 - Logan Eco Action Festival (LEAF) - usually last Sunday in May → Yes, *Miriam and Frank, with possible assistance from Steve. World Environment Day (WED) theme for 2019 is 'Beat Plastic Pollution'.*
- Regular annual on-going tasks:
 - Review & comment on state & national government discussion papers
 - ➔ *Refer to HOPE researchers, academics and consultants on file*
 - Promote key "Environmental Observance" events (see calendar)
 - ➔ *Still trying to recruit suitably experienced media officers to assist*
- Develop a 5year Strategic Plan ... The Future of HOPE! (see notes from previous meeting's minutes)
 - ➔ *Awaiting decision from Federal Government regarding our application for listing on the Register of Environmental Organisations*

7. Next ordinary meeting – 8 June 2019

8. Meeting closed at 11.10am.

Secretary/Treasurer – Miriam Sharp

President – Frank Ondrus