

## 2021-2022 – 5.2 – President’s Report for 12 Nov 2022

(Last updated – 8 November 2022)

Good morning,

The year in review!

My first thoughts were that, for obvious reasons, this past year was worse than the previous year – covid, lockdowns and isolation impacting issues related to employment, study and health (both physical and mental).

Upon reviewing the summaries of the 4 quarterly Office Manager’s reports and cross-checking the findings with the 4 Ordinary Meeting’s minutes reports, we did manage to maintain our presence in the environment sector.

Significant highlights:

- Donating unused equipment and other resources to local and regional community groups
- Accounts audited
- Resignation of Steve Cupitt, our long-time Vice-President. Steve’s departure meant we lost our main instigator of landcare/NRM projects; and our drone operator.
- Kerry Kruger stepped down from Secretary’s position
- Anna Kula and Andrew Nicholson stepped up to fill vacancies as acting Secretary and acting Vice-President respectively
- Free subscription to email hosting from MS 365 Business
- Received 12 months free access to ‘Google Ads Grant’ program
- Provided free drone fly-overs for properties at Allora and Goomburra
- Submitted grant application re 2023 Qld Women’s Week project
- Resignation of Stephanie Polinar (our website administrator) → *Replaced by new volunteer Yaoyao Jiang*
- Publication of “How to live sustainably and chemical-free” booklet

Summary figures:

- Projects / Grants
  - Grant application re: 2021 Federal Volunteer Grants program re: Cover volunteer’s fuel costs (successful)
  - Grant application re: Development of Waste Minimisation brochure (3 unsuccessful) → *to be funded privately*
  - Grant application re: Development of “How to live sustainably and chemical-free” booklet (unsuccessful) → *funded privately*
  - Eol to 2022 Federal Volunteer Grants program re: Cover volunteer’s fuel costs (unsuccessful)
  - Grant application re: 2023 Qld Women’s Week project (1 unsuccessful, 1 successful)
  - Grant application re: Nest Boxes for Wildlife (2 pending)
  - Project: Weeds Forum (proposal only)
- 4 Ordinary Meetings plus AGM
- Attended 19 non-HOPE meetings (both physical & ZOOM)
- 12 Newsletters issued
- 26 Media releases issued
- 26 Feature articles issued (HOPE members and guests)
- Volunteer movement: 32 recruited - 18 active, 18 departed and 9 MIA
- Social media followers
  - Facebook – 1,109
  - Twitter – 1,439
  - Instagram - 110
  - LinkedIn - 187

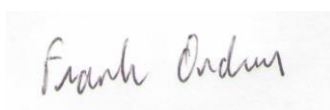
Obvious shortcomings:

- Decreasing membership
- Low 'follow / like' numbers across our 4 social media platforms
- Loss of key personnel
- Low attendance at meetings

I'd like to thank the Management Committee and the Admin Support Team for their efforts maintaining a good standard of delivery with our monthly newsletters, social media postings, media releases and feature articles. Also, maintenance of information on our website has been promptly and professionally handled. A huge thanks to all volunteers for their ongoing commitment and efforts in helping us promote 'responsible and sustainable stewardship of the environment.

I wish the incoming Management Committee and Admin Support Team all the best for 2022-2023.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank Ondrus". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

Frank Ondrus, President – HOPE Inc.

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