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## MEDIA RELEASE

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## Re: HOPE receives funding for Nesting Boxes Project

Householders' Options to Protect the Environment (HOPE) Inc. is <u>thrilled</u> to announce that it has received funding from the Queensland Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) to build 150 nesting boxes for birds and other tree-dwelling animals.

"Given that recent land-clearing and deforestation in the Darling Downs region for agricultural, mining, commercial and residential purposes have led to the fragmentation of landscapes and the removal of established trees which provided nesting hollows for birds and other wildlife such as possums, HOPE is pleased to be able to donate lots of 5 nesting boxes to environment, conservation, landcare and wildlife rescue groups in the Toowoomba region", said Mr Frank Ondrus, President of HOPE Inc.

The Toowoomba West Men's Shed (TWMS) has been engaged to construct these nesting boxes over an 18-month period.

HOPE is now seeking support from the wider community, through donations of unwanted un-treated hardwood fence palings for the construction of these nesting boxes.

So, if you have any unwanted hardwood fence palings (un-treated and un-painted), please give Frank Ondrus, President of HOPE, a call on 4639 2135 or email <u>office@hopeaustralia.org.au</u> to arrange collection or delivery.

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