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2025-2026 – 2.1 - Office Manager's "Quarterly Report" for 14 February 2026 meeting

(Last updated –3 February 2026)

Summary of key items from sub-headings below:

- 4 Newsletters produced
- 5 Media Releases issued
- 22 Feature Articles/Reports circulated
- Grant applications:
 - successful -re: Governance training
 - unsuccessful re: Male Environmental Champions
 - 1 new – re: 2 laptops
- Volunteer movement – 15 new; and 14 lapsed

Significant office highlights:

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Newsletters:

- 01/11 HOPE Enews bulletin 2025 #11 --- November 2025
- 01/12 Issued nationally December 2025 newsletter
- 2026

01/01 Issued special edition newsletter featuring UN designated environmental observances
01/02 Issued nationally February 2026 newsletter

Media Releases:

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2026

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Feature articles:

22 - As listed in summaries attached

Partnerships/Alliances being pursued include:

- Australian Earth Laws Alliance (AELA)
 - Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC)
 - Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF)
 - Humane Society International (HSI)
 - Total Environment Centre (TEC)
 - Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA)
 - Monash Sustainable Development Institute (MSDI)
 - Australian Association of Bush Regenerators (AABR)
 - Citizens Own Renewable Energy Network Australia (CORENA) Inc.
→ *Further partnership/alliance suggestions welcome!*
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Volunteer movement:

- The good news is that we have recruited **15** new volunteers:
 - Fidelia – volunteer Researcher from WA (5/11)
 - Nelly Connor – volunteer Researcher from Vic (11/11)
 - Koghul Kughananthesuntheramm – volunteer Facebook and Instagram social media officer (NSW) – on hold due to illness
 - Jacinta Shackleton – volunteer Media Officer; and Social Media specialist who will be looking after our Facebook and Instagram accounts (Qld, 18/11)
 - Emma Moore – volunteer Researcher from WA (18/11)
 - Ashleen Kumar – volunteer Researcher from NSQ (20/11)
 - Researchers - Tennille Winter (Qld); Jessica Keegan (Vic), Arian Jain (SA), Charlotte Matimu (WA) and Adrian Tjandra (Vic)
 - 1 new volunteer media officer recruited – Annie Lam (NSW)
 - 14/01 Welcome new volunteer researcher – James Ware (Qld)
 - 15/01 Welcome new volunteer researcher – Perry Slater (NSW)
 - 17/01 Welcome new volunteer researcher – Vini Nanjappa (SA)
 - The bad news is that we have **14** lapsed volunteers
 - Amber Lin, Leyan Chen, Evgeniy Smekhov, Jason Dingley, Sue Elliott, Annalise de Kroon, Donna Barkle, Lizzie Pennington, Nishara Abdeen, Shannon Tumbridge, Abby Inciong, Patrisse Camille Punzalan, Beryl McLean, **Ashleen Kumar**
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Funding required for the following projects:

- Purchasing 2 new laptops
- Upgrading of our website

- Producing a booklet and podcast series of male Environmental Champions of our Region
 - ➔ 19/12/25 *Unsuccessful grant application to GCBF for “male Environmental Champions” project*
 - Pursuing Andrew’s “Imagining 2040: Pathways to Flourishing Futures” podcast project
 - ➔ *Further project suggestions welcome!*
 - ➔ *Undertake free trial subscription to Philanthropy Australia to ascertain scope and suitability of available grants*
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Sponsorship matters: Nil

Submissions: Nil

Account’s activity:

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Office Updates compilation of the past 3 months

12/12/2025

The office has been very busy these past few weeks dealing with:

- lots of enquiries from potential volunteers – with a further 6 failing to submit resumes, etc.;
- inducting new volunteers;
- chasing up “Missing In Action” volunteers; and
- liaising with volunteers about the progress of their respective assignments.
- The good news is that we have recruited 6 new volunteers:
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Hopefully, 2026 will be a more stable year for the entire volunteer cohort!

Enjoy the Festive Season!

Office highlights:

01/11 Issued nationally:

- HOPE Enews bulletin 2025 #11 --- November 2025
- Feature articles:
 - Plastic Polices, by Georgy Hadwen (Oct 2025)
 - Responsible Design for a Sustainable Future (Oct 2025)
 - Rob Hopkins - A Man on a Mission (Oct 2025)
 - The Art and Science of Upcycling (Oct 2025)
 - The end of coal is in sight - PPCA (Nov 2025)

06/11 Amber Lin, who has been looking after our Facebook and Instagram accounts, is stepping down due to increased work/study and health issues

07/11 Issued nationally Georgy Hadwen’s feature article on SA’s Algae Bloom issue

08/11 Help 2024-25 AGM; and 1st meeting of 2025-26 Management Committee

08/11 Volunteers stepping down – Shannon Tumbridge (Qld)

- 10/11 Launched our latest research paper: A Critical Review of International Pollutants Elimination Network (IPEN), written by Perry Bowe, HOPE researcher Qld
- 13/11 Issued nationally a composite email containing 4 documents:
 - C&D Waste in Queensland - A Review of Policy and Progress (Oct 2025)
 - Tackling the Root Causes of Climate and Ecological Crises (Nov 2025)
 - Is Net Zero Emissions Possible on a Global Scale (Oct 2025)
 - Understanding the IPCC, written by Georgy Hadwen - HOPE senior researcher WA (Oct 2025)
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12/01/2026

Welcomed to 2026!

I trust you all had a 'rewarding' break over the Festive Season.

With the office officially reopening today, I'd like to bring you up-to-date with happenings over the past few weeks.

On 18-19 December 2025, Anna, our President, attended a 2 day 'governance' training course provided by the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD)

Office duties included:

- Incoming correspondence à *key items dealt with daily*
- Volunteer matters:
 - I'm still chasing up several people who are 'missing in action'
 - 6 new volunteer researchers recruited and assignments issued - Tennille Winter (Qld); Jessica Keegan (Vic), Arian Jain (SA), Charlotte Matimu (WA) and Adrian Tjandra (Vic)
 - 1 new volunteer media officer recruited – Annie Lam (NSW)
 - Current volunteers – assignments received and several of them published
 - Lapsed volunteers – Abby Inciong (Qld) and Patrisse Camille Punzalan (Qld)

Current projects requiring funding to proceed include:

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Thanks to:

- Ben Sparshott for completing the drone flyover of Allora Mountain Reserve on 27 Nov 2025
- Fidelia for compiling the January 2026 special edition newsletter on UN Environmental Observances
- Md for laboriously completing a 'swag' of website maintenance requests
- Fidelia for producing a series of S.W.O.T. themed PPTs on our Strategic Plan's "focus areas"
- Our researchers, new and old, for their continued throughput of assignments

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- Feature articles:
 - An overview of [Beyond Zero Emissions \(BZE\)](#)
 - An overview of [Australian Association of Bush Regenerators \(AABR\)](#)
 - Greening Healthcare: How Today's Climate-Focused Clinicians Are Transforming the System
 - The definition of biosecurity and whose responsibility is it to deal with pest plants and animals

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01/02/2026

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A big thanks to all of you for your contributions.

Fidelia has completed her refresh of Andy Le Brocque's "Ecological Footprint – Steps Towards Sustainability" PPT.

Once the Plenary Session panel has been confirmed, we'll convene a ZOOM meeting to share this presentation with our members and supporters.

Our next quarterly Ordinary Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 14 February 2026.

I'd appreciate as many of you as possible attending this meeting as we have a number of key matters to discuss.

For those you attending in person, please confirm so by Wednesday, 11 February to assist with seating and catering for morning tea.

For those attending by ZOOM, the meeting details are noted below.

For those of you not able to attend, but would like your vote recorded, please assign your proxy vote to one of the three people noted below.

Topic: HOPE Inc. quarterly Ordinary Meeting | Time: Feb 14, 2026 10:00 AM Brisbane

Join Zoom Meeting:

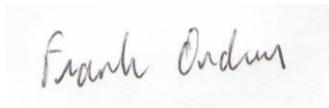
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If unable to participate in the meeting but would like your vote counted, please allocate your proxy vote to one of: *Anna Kula-Kaczmarek (President) | Miriam Sharp (Treasurer) | Frank Ondrus (Office Manager)*

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