



Householders' Options to Protect the Environment Inc.

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting – Saturday, 9 September 2023

(Last updated – 14 September 2023)

Venue: HOPE office, 22 Vacy St, Toowoomba | Time: 10.00am

1. **Meeting** commenced at 10.05am
2. **Introductions, attendees, apologies and morning tea provided**
 - a. Attendees:
 - i. Physical: Frank Ondrus, Miriam Sharp, Kerry Kruger
 - ii. ZOOM: Anna Kula
 - iii. Proxy votes: Charmaine Turnbull's proxy vote assigned Frank Ondrus
 - b. Apologies: Rod Pitcher, Gabriel Malandu, Charmaine Turnbull
3. **Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting, 10 June 2023**
 - o Nil business arising. → *Moved by Miriam Sharp, seconded by Anna Kula. Agreed by all present.*
4. **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.

 - As tabled
5. **Correspondence – outgoing**
 - o As tabled
6. **Office Manager's report**
 - o As tabled
7. **Treasurer's Report**

Opening balance as at 31 May 2023 (date of Transaction file) = \$11,962.25

 - a) HOPE General Account balance as at 31 Aug 2023 = \$7,716.44
 - b) HOPE Public Fund account balance as at 31 Aug 2023 = \$200.91

Total balance as at 31 Aug 2023 (a + b) = \$7,917.35

Accounts activity

HOPE General Account:

- 06/07/2023 Pay QCC membership renewal for 2023-2024 \$33
- 11/07/2023 Received funds from HOPE Public Fund \$400

HOPE Public Fund

- 06/07/2023 Transfer funds to HOPE General Account \$400
- 29/07/2023 Received donation from A. Nicholson \$180

8. Reports on completed, current and proposed projects, events, campaigns and activities

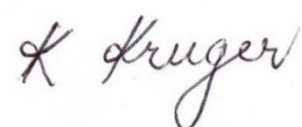
- Completed projects, etc.
 - 2023 Qld Women's Week project → *Acquittal report submitted 20 June 2023. "Inspiring stories from Environmental Champions" booklet of profiles and podcast series now available online*
- Current projects, etc.
 - Special Report on Food Security (Fiona Berry – Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney)
 - Special Report on Circular Economy (now being handled by Jigna Ghosh)
 - Nesting Boxes project - The Toowoomba West Man's Shed (TWMS) have constructed 60 nest boxes so far - with 56 having already been distributed to landcare groups and animal carers in the Toowoomba region
 - ➔ *Orders for 65 additional nest boxes placed with TWMS.*
 - ➔ *Frank to enquire of Land for Wildlife participants re their nest box requirements*
 - We have been commissioned by Biodynamic Agriculture Australia Ltd to develop promotional material consisting of a "booklet of profiles" and a series of podcasts
 - Website hosting transfer; and conversion to WordPress
- Proposed webinars, etc. (several of which may be held in conjunction with the 2024 Sustainable Living Festival)
 - Promotion of Transition Towns concept and current activities here in Australia – partnership between HOPE and Transition (Towns) Australia
 - Promotion of Saul Griffith's "The Big Switch" and Electrify 2515 project - partnership between HOPE, Renew Toowoomba, UniSQ and Saul Griffith/Electrify 2515
 - Presentation by Dr Geoffrey Woolcock, UniSQ, on the work of [Australian National Development Index - ANDI](#)
 - Presentation by Mark Diesendorf and Rod Taylor re "Path to a Sustainable Civilisation" key matters
 - Presentation by Michelle Maloney re the work of [Home - Australian Earth Laws Alliance](#)
 - Presentation by Roland Sapsford re the work of [Climate and Health Alliance \(caha.org.au\)](#)
 - Presentation by Morag Gamble re the work of [Permaculture Education Institute - courses, masterclasses & more](#)
 - Presentation by [Home - Sustainable Population Australia](#)

9. General business

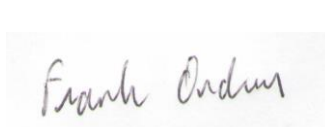
- Fund-raising to cover operating expenses (see [HOPE Australia Protect the Environment: Donations page](#))
- Grant opportunities:
 - Queensland Community Foundation – for a professional refresh of our website
 - national Volunteer Grant program - purchase 2 additional laptops
- Any other items from the floor?
 - Anna has offered to write an article on the TWMS involvement in our nest box project; and how projects like ours help with the general well-being and mental health of the TWMS members
 - Containers for Change – encourage our members and supporters to donate their 'monies' to our group via link at **Containers for Change: HOPE Inc** | Member number: C11107170
 - Social media statistics as 9 Sept 2023
 - Facebook = 1121 | Instagram = 118 | LinkedIn = 217 | Twitter / X = 1375

10. Next ordinary meeting – 11 November 2023

11. Meeting closed at 11am



Secretary – Kerry Kruger



President – Frank Ondrus

10 September 2023