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Re: It's Time to Join Us: Help Update HOPE's Waste Minimisation brochure

Householders' Options to Protect the Environment (HOPE) Inc. is inviting community members across Australia to help refresh and strengthen its *"Advice to Help You Minimise Waste and Conserve Resources"* brochure. Since the brochure was first released in March 2023, many new recycling and waste minimisation opportunities have emerged, and HOPE plans to capture these positive developments with the help of the people it serves.

HOPE believes that meaningful change often begins with everyday actions and shared ideas. Individuals, families, schools, community groups and businesses are encouraged to contribute their insights, experiences and local knowledge. Whether it is a new recycling initiative in their council area, a take-back program they've discovered, or suggestions for improving the clarity and usefulness of the brochure, every contribution has the potential to help others live more sustainably.



One notable development since 2023 is the development of Pharmacycle's (<https://www.pharmacycle.com.au/>) Blister Pack Recycling Program, which offers Australians a simple way to recycle hard-to-process medication packaging. While only a few national pharmacy chains are formally participating at present, HOPE encourages residents to gently advocate for their local pharmacy or retailer to join the program, helping ensure that more blister packs are

recycled into valuable materials instead of ending up in landfill.

HOPE Office Manager **Frank Ondrus** noted that community involvement is essential to creating a resource that truly reflects the needs and opportunities available to households today.

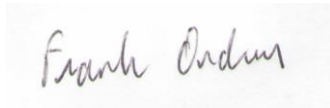
"Our aim is to provide households with clear and useful guidance they can rely on. As new waste reduction programs continue to appear, it is important that our brochure reflects these changes. We warmly welcome contributions from the community to help strengthen the next edition," Mr Ondrus said.

"Advocating for responsible and sustainable stewardship of the environment"

Residents are invited to share their suggestions and feedback by emailing office@hopeaustralia.org.au .

The current brochure is available online for reference at [HOPE Australia Protect the Environment: HOPE](#).

HOPE thanks the community for its ongoing support and welcomes the opportunity to work together on this important update.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Frank Ondrus", on a light-colored rectangular background.

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