

HOPE News --- October 2018

Good morning,

September highlights:

- 8th HOPE quarterly Ordinary Meeting with guest speaker Daniel Patava from United Nations (UN) Youth Australia (Qld division) giving an extensive overview on the work of UNYA and a proposed 1-day Youth Summit to be held in Toowoomba in 2019.
- Issued nationally, email Media Releases promoting:
 - Australia's current and future environmental laws are at risk. It's time to Act! (emailed 15/09)
 - World Parks Day, 20 Sept 2018 (emailed 17/09)
 - World Food day, 16 Oct 2018 (emailed 24/09)
 - World Habitat Day, 1 October 2018 emailed 20/09)
 - UN Treaty banning nuclear weapons takes another rapid step towards becoming international law (27/09)
- Joined newly formed Southern Queensland (SQ) Natural Resource Management (NRM) Ltd
- 17th Miriam submitted funding application to Federal Government's Volunteer Grants program for a new computer
- 20th Received formal notification from ICANw (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons) of our partnership acceptance

The office has also been undertaking tasks:

- Issue-based slogans such as "Transitioning to a Sustainable Future", "Volunteering for the Environment" and "Youth Engagement in Landcare" → **Do you have any other suggestions?**
- Membership Survey – via Survey Monkey questions (with Tim's help)
- Designing a magnetic car-sign (with Steve's help)
- Work on draft budget (with Robert's help)
- Work on template for Helpful Hints information sheet
- Work on Office Admin Guide
- Campaigners required for major issues such as Climate Change; Nuclear Disarmament (ICANw); Biodiversity Conservation; Landcare/NRM; Waste Management & Minimisation; Genetic Modified Organisms; and others → **Volunteers urgently required.**
- Rewrite of national Membership Drive media release
- Development of a 5-year Strategic Plan
- More promotion of UN Sustainable Development Goals



Vale – Janet Mackenzie,

Householders' Options to Protect the Environment (HOPE) Inc. (Australia) wishes to advise of the passing of Janet Mackenzie, our founder, on 18 September at the age of 71.

Janet was an inspirational speaker and advocate for sustainable living.

The celebration of the life of Janet Mackenzie will be held in Mansfield, Victoria on Sunday 21st of October.

Janet specifically requested donations of blood through Red Cross would be an appreciated gesture to her memory.

October highlights:

Preparation for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Saturday 8 November 2018 is well under way with reports by office bearers being drafted; and canvassing for extra volunteers to help with executive roles and admin support for 2018-2019 – with Stephen Warburton stepping up to help with website maintenance and Danial Patava assisting with social media posting.

Regards,

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