

## HOPE News --- January 2019

Good morning,

Welcome to 2019!! I hope you all had an enjoyable break over the Christmas – New Year period.

The office computer started ‘powering down’ regularly, so I took it to Colmac Computers on 20 December for “a service”.

Our next scheduled quarterly Ordinary Meeting is on Saturday 9 February, commencing at 10am, at our place, 22 Vacy Street, Toowoomba.

I'd like you to think about possible projects, events, activities and issues you would like us to focus on in 2019 – noting that we are already committed to promoting:

- The Places You Love (PYL) Alliance and Australian Panel of Experts in Environmental Law's (APEEL) call for a new Generation of National Environmental Laws;
- United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); and
- International Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) – including HOPE's national petition urging the immediate signing of the United Nations (UN) Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).

Please send through your suggestions by 31 January for consolidation into the February meeting's agenda.

I'd also like to know how each of you are progressing with your respective assignments.

Lastly, we welcome new members Fiyomi Pigera (admin volunteer), Laure Ponnusawmy (researcher (WA)) and Mariana Marabini (researcher (Qld)).

Regards,

Frank Ondrus, President / Office Manager – HOPE Inc., ph 07 4639 2135

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## Campaign and support suggestions needed

Are you aware of any upcoming environmental or sustainability campaigns – big or small? HOPE wants to get behind the right campaigns and projects as much as we can. If you know of a local project in your community, or an environmental campaign that people might have heard of but aren't sure how to help, please let us know. We can use our existing channels – our newsletter, social media, website and word of mouth – to show our support. If there is a particular theme or topic you are passionate about or want to hear more of, please also let us know – original ideas are always welcome too!

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## Volunteers needed

More active volunteers – both local and remote (i.e. online) – are required to help us maintain our level of activity. Volunteers are needed to help with projects, events and display activities, as well as general admin duties and media/publications work. We invite members and supporters to step up and volunteer some time and talents to help share the workload. Current vacancies include: Researchers; Media Officers; Publications Team members; and Newsletter Editor

Please contact the office on 07 4639 2135 or email [office@hopeaustralia.org.au](mailto:office@hopeaustralia.org.au) to offer your assistance.

A fair portion of the above work would ideally be done by locals (i.e. in the Toowoomba area) because the HOPE office is in Toowoomba. However, quite a bit of the literature review, research, media and publications activity can be done via email. If you have a little bit of time to help us in any way, then contact the HOPE office on email [office@hopeaustralia.org.au](mailto:office@hopeaustralia.org.au) or phone (07) 4639 2135.

### Current volunteer positions available are:

- Researchers – required to review and comment on a range of discussion papers, policy documents and reports provided by government departments, business and industry organisations and NGOs.
  - Media Officers – required to write media releases, event notices, date claimers and design promotional flyers/posters for projects, campaigns, events and activities
  - Publications Team members – required to write information articles for our newsletter; website summaries; and assist with the development of PowerPoint presentations and information sheets
  - Newsletter Editor – required to write and/or source articles and other items for compilation into monthly E: News Bulletin
  - Website Content Maintenance Assistant – required to perform weekly updates and routine maintenance as provided by Office Manager
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