**HOPE Office News --- July 2019**

*Good afternoon folks,*

*Highlights from June included the holding of our quarterly Ordinary Meeting (08/06); and the completion of our “Drone Surveys of 2 Creeks in Toowoomba Regional Council’s catchment” project (20/06).*

*As the financial year come to a close, Miriam and I will prepare the accounts for auditing.*

*The ‘Business Activity Statement (BAS)” form has not arrived yet from the Australian Tax office (ATO), so we’ll be handing the accounts and BAS form over to our accountant later this month.*

*On Monday 22 July, we will be having a “community conversation on climate change” presented by Ms. Janet Bishop, a supporter of the Climate for Change group (*[*www.climateforchange.org.au*](http://www.climateforchange.org.au)*) at the HOPE office from 10am to 12noon.*

*A formal invitation will be issued by email to Toowoomba locals later this week.*

*Regards,*

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

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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:**

* Social Media volunteers to develop and maintain the online presence of HOPE Australia (currently Facebook and Twitter)
* 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

**Advertising Rates**

HOPE is keen to raise some much-needed revenue through the introduction of paid advertising in our newsletter.

At this stage, we are offering a 15cm x 4cm sized ‘strip’ adverts for $30 + $3 GST per edition; OR $300 + $30 GST for a full year.

If interested, please send your advert to office@hopeaustralia.org.au and your payment to HOPE Inc., PO Box 6118 – Clifford Gardens, Toowoomba QLD 4350.

(Direct debit banking details available on request.)