

HOPE Office News --- August 2019

Good morning folks,

July in review. What a busy period we have been experiencing at the office!

An "Art-Science-Nature" project proposal has been sent to Dr Rebecca Scollen, Head of School (creative Arts), University of Southern Queensland (USQ) for her consideration.

HOPE has invited Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC) to consider the merits of using "Deliberative Democracy" practices for future community consultation exercises.

We look forward to positive outcomes on both of the above matters.

Thank you to Andrew Nicholson for drafting both submissions.

A letter was also sent to Ms. Heckenberg, USQ, regarding a poster series by College for Indigenous Studies, Education and Research (CISER) ISE3000 Research Project 2019 and its relevance to work being undertaken by HOPE.

The planned "conversation on climate" presentation was cancelled due to insufficient registrations. Janet Bishop hopes to reschedule a similar event later in the year.

Steve Cupitt, Crossroads Rural & Environment with support from Sandy Robertson, Fauna Ecologist and Kym Campbell, Environmental Scientist have offered their combined services to help us with environmental/landcare projects.

Miriam and I submitted an online grant application to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) for a new computer system. Fingers crossed we will be successful this time around!

Our accounts have been handed over to our accountant for auditing.

Lastly, a big thanks to new volunteers – Lea, Max and Gemma who are helping with article writing; Cristiano who is producing short promotional videos on various envNGOs; and Juliette and Thomas who are assisting with posting items to our Facebook page.

Regards,

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Note: A variety of external upcoming events endorsed by HOPE may be seen on our website at <http://www.hopeaustralia.org.au/home/upcoming-events/>.

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

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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 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