

HOPE e:news bulletin – Monday, 30 June 2008

Hello everyone,

School holidays have started again. A great time to get the kids into the garden, or to take them on an inspiring nature walk! We need to introduce nature in all its amazing facets to the next generations in order to preserve this precious world. Not just for our kids, but also for their children after them. We would all like to give them the same opportunities that we have, wouldn't we? To help you out we have a library full of information that has lots of things especially for children. Give us a ring for some more ideas for school projects or for the holidays. For those of you travelling, take care on the roads and be safe!!

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Office news

HOPE in action!

An information display featuring the *Seeds of Change* posters and *Earth Charter* material has been set up at the Clifton library for one month (16 June – 14 July). The display will then be sent to the Millmerran library, also for a month. If you would like to borrow the *Seeds of Change* posters, etc please call the office on (07) 4639 2135.

HOPE has been asked to be involved in the selling of the '2009 People and Planet: Social Justice and Environment Diary'. As we are required to buy 60 copies of the diary this time, we are looking for early expressions of interest in the 2009 diary. Please contact the office to register your interest.

The HOPE Website wants your input!

HOPE's members and supporters are our finest resource. Have you got some helpful hints? Have you heard about a great environmentally friendly product? Tell us! The HOPE website is always looking for useful and interesting information which can further the cause that is close to HOPE's heart, protecting the environment. If you have a Helpful Hint or two or even fifty which can help us and others to improve our contribution to a healthy and renewable environment, we want to know.

Perhaps you know about a great new (or even old) product, which supports sustainable living? We have pages dedicated to Helpful Hints and Environmentally Friendly Products and Resources, so help us to keep them fresh, useful and empowering. We'd love to hear from you! Email your messages to office@hopeaustralia.org.au and if it fits we'll publish it!

Newsletter contributions sought

We invite you to contribute to HOPE's bi-monthly newsletter, by sharing what you have found. For example: Environmentally friendly products; Helpful Hints; Interesting Websites; Book Reviews; etc.

Your personal comments may also be submitted for inclusion under such headings as: Letters to the Editor; Opinion pieces; and general interest articles (500 words max.)

Please forward items directly to the Newsletter Team at HOPEqueensland@yahoo.com.au. Deadline for editions is mid-month of every odd month - i.e. Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept & Nov.

General

Call for Submission for the Earth Charter Oneness Book 2008

Earth Charter International invites you to reflect upon moments when you have suddenly felt a deep sense of connection or oneness in your life. They are gathering personal stories and photos from people of all ages, countries, and walks of life. Selected submissions will be published in a book, to be released internationally in 2009. For full details and a video version of the Call for Submissions visit www.earthcharterinternational.org/publication.

10th Daintree Property Saved!

Another piece of the World Heritage value Daintree rainforest was been protected forever when on the 6th of May Rainforest Rescue purchased a 10th property through the Daintree Buy Back and Protect Forever Project. The property, situated on the Bailey's Creek section of Cape Tribulation Road is bounded on two sides by the Daintree National Park and prevents another housing development impacting on land that is classified as "essential habitat for the endangered Cassowary". Click here to [read more and see the property map and pictures](#).

Your [tax-deductible donation](#) can help us save the Daintree forever.

Rainforest Rescue is a not for profit organisation committed to saving our rainforests for current and future generations. Rainforest Rescue creates opportunities for individuals, families, philanthropists and philanthropic trusts, businesses and corporations to finance successful projects that protect and restore our dwindling rainforests.

Projects involve rainforest [restoration](#), [research](#) aimed at improving rainforest restoration and conservation, the [property purchase](#) and [protection](#). Rainforest Rescue's Mission: To save our rainforests for current and future generations.

Protect the world's forests

Let's protect the world's forests in the 'next Kyoto'! Take part in the campaign of the Wilderness Society. Go to <http://www.wilderness.org.au>

ACF's Climate Change campaign

Join ACF's campaign to persuade our leaders to take the necessary steps to avoid dangerous climate change. Go to http://www.acfonline.org.au/stf/default.asp?stf_main_id=47&eid=1864810

Resources

From the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA):

Your Home Renovator's Guide

Your Home Renovator's Guide was launched on World Environment Day 2008. It was developed in partnership with the Victorian Building Commission and Sustainability Victoria, other State Governments, the Centre for Design at RMIT and the Institute for Sustainable Futures at UTS and the Australian Government. *Your Home* Renovator's Guide deals specifically with sustainable renovation ideas for the home and combines environmental sustainability with style and value for money. As well as renovations, the *Your Home* Renovator's Guide also highlights general sustainable ideas for the home, such as energy efficiency solutions; appliances and lighting. *Your Home* Renovator's Guide is an independent guide to improving your home. It expands the *Your Home* suite of products into the market of home renovations, an area of significant demand but an area where little independent advice on sustainability was available. Website Reference: www.yourhome.gov.au/renovatorsguide

Climate Change resources

As the conversation about Climate Change moves to strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, have a look at the online presentation from the Climate Change Boot Camp held by the Environmental Institute of Australia and New Zealand (EIANZ) at <http://www.eianzseq.org/Boot%20Camp/Boot%20Camp.htm>

Online Energy Calculator

This is an initiative of the Dept Mines and Energy, Qld, to help consumers estimate the costs of their household electricity use and to find out ways to save money on energy bills. The energy calculator can be accessed at www.eoq.com.au.

Updates on upcoming events

National Tree Day 27 July 2008

National Tree Day is a community environment event designed to develop the relationship that residents and communities have with their local natural spaces. National Tree Day encourages local beautification, promotes biodiversity, and activates individuals and groups to take positive steps to protect their environment at a local level. Now in its 13th year, National Tree Day has successfully mobilised more than 1.8 million volunteers to plant almost 12 million native trees and shrubs around the country. This year National Tree Day will be held on **Sunday 27 July** with Schools Tree Day on Friday 25 July. For more information, please call the National Tree Day Hotline on 1300 88 5000 or visit

www.treeday.planetark.org

Positions Vacant

HOPE is in need of volunteers who can help in the following areas:

- Admin assistance – including literature review; commenting on reports; and helping to organise events and displays
- Publications Team – including production of newsletter; information sheets; etc
- Media Team – preparing media releases; event notices; and community announcements
- Membership Officer – handling members' enquiries; recruitment; and dealing with Mutual Support partnership program
- Marketing & Public Relations
- Issue Campaigners – Climate Change; and Genetically Modified Organisms
- Media Monitors

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, 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 HOPEqueensland@yahoo.com.au or phone (07) 4639 2135.

Library and Office hours

HOPE's library resources will now be available at the following times:

- Monday, 1pm-5pm
- Wednesday, 9am-1pm
- Friday, 1pm-5pm
- or by appointment.

The library hours have been extended to facilitate access to these resources, and we would like to invite anyone to make use of this service. Teachers in particular may find this useful. There are books, journals, magazines, videos and CDs – a full list of titles is available by emailing the HOPE office at hopequeensland@yahoo.com.au .

Remember, you CAN make a difference!

Think before you print! 1 ream of paper = 6% of a tree and 5.4 kg CO₂ in the atmosphere; 3 sheets of A4 paper = 1 litre of water

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