

## HOPE e:news bulletin, #12 - 17 November 2008

Hello everyone,

The end of the year is approaching fast. HOPE has started winding down its activities. Our last meeting was the AGM a few weeks ago. The diary fundraiser is still ongoing, so if you would like to get one of the last copies available contact the office.

This will be the last e:news for the year. I will be away until January 5. I wish everyone a happy and safe festive season, and we'll be in touch again in 2009.

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### Office news

#### Website

Our website manager Stephen has been working hard to get the HOPE website looking fabulous. It's got everything from 'about HOPE' to 'upcoming events' to 'helpful hints' on the site. There are still some bits that are a work in progress, but be sure to check it out: <http://www.hopeaustralia.org.au> I'm sure Stephen would like some constructive feedback.

#### Annual General Meeting

Saturday 8 November we had our social/AGM with 9 members in attendance. After lunch we discussed the year, and elected office bearers for 2009. Key executive positions were filled, but there are still vacancies for membership officer, newsletter team, admin support and media. So, if you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the office. The minutes from the AGM will be available from the office shortly. Thank you to all who came to celebrate a successful year of HOPE activities.

#### HOPE Fundraiser

Our current fund-raiser is the sale of the 2009 People and Planet: A Social Justice and Environment Diary. They are for sale from the HOPE office for \$19.95 each plus \$3.50 P&H. Contact the office on (07) 4639 2135, else email [office@hopeaustralia.org.au](mailto:office@hopeaustralia.org.au) .It's a great Christmas present!

## General

### **Officeworks Superstores on the plastic ban-wagon**

From 1 December, Officeworks will not be handing out any more plastic shopping bags. Instead they will be selling durable bags for 99c. So remember to take your own bag whenever you go shopping!

### **Greenfacts**

Greenfacts is an independent non-profit organisation which provides information on health and the environment. They give clear and concise summaries of scientific reports for non-scientists:

<http://www.greenfacts.org>

### **ABC green office**

The ABC has a great website with tips and info to help curb your office's energy, transport, water and waste - plus how the ABC is reducing its own environmental footprint: <http://www.abc.net.au/greenatwork>

### **News from Global Trade Watch**

[Rethinking Globalisation](#) is a new space for people to discuss issues and ideas about globalisation, global trade and global justice; to discuss and debate how the global economic system is affecting people and the environment; and to think about how more ecologically-sustainable, democratic and people-centred economic systems might be possible.

Check out the website: <http://tradewatch.org.au/blog/>

### **Webinfo by Clare Davies**

**[www.savewater.com.au](http://www.savewater.com.au)**

This is an Australian Government website with the theme, 'saving water in agriculture'. The site includes a lot of information on relevant research and its results, agricultural products available to help save water, and other related topics.

**[www.greenharvest.com.au](http://www.greenharvest.com.au)**

This website deals with Organic Gardening Supplies, an Australian gardening company. You can order a paper edition of the Australian Organic Gardening Resource Guide and catalogue in this site. This is free, if posted to an address in Australia in this site. The new edition of the catalogue is now available. One Guide is produced each year. The website contains articles on organic pest control, organic soil improvement and a

seasonal newsletter on what to do in gardens right now. Green Harvest's online shop is fully operational and orders can be placed any time.

**[www.energy.com.au](http://www.energy.com.au)**

This organisation is committed to a 'green future' and was one of the first organizations to sell renewable energy in Australia. This website deals with energy options and services designed to make it easier to cut greenhouse emissions. It contains a lot of information on easy ways to save energy, various products, services and offers, and simple payment options.

**Office hours**

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Mondays, 1pm - 5pm

Wednesdays, 9am - 1pm

Fridays, 1pm - 5pm

or by appointment.

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