



## Householders' Options to Protect the Environment Inc.

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## Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Meeting – Saturday, 12 November 2022

Venue: HOPE office, 22 Vacy St, Toowoomba | Time: 11.00am (approx.)

### 1. Meeting commenced at 10.45am

### 2. Introductions, attendees, apologies and morning tea provided

#### a. Attendees:

- i. Physical: Frank Ondrus (President) and Kerry Kruger (acting Secretary)
  - ii. ZOOM: Janet Bishop, Andrew Nicholson, Ada Snell, Charmaine Turnbull and Keith Robinson
- b. Apologies: Maggie Ng, Miriam Sharp, Anna Kula, Sheena Gillman (PtBA), Harry Johnson, Dave Grubb (LOGI) and Diane Oxenford (BIEPA)
- c. Proxy votes: for Miriam Sharp and Anna Kula held by Frank Ondrus

### 3. General business

#### o Carried forward grant applications

- o 2023 Qld Women's Week project → *successful*
- o Nest boxes – for birds and other animals such possums (*pending*)

#### o Projects – current and proposed

- o As per attached document
  - Update on “Special Reports” program
    - o Charmaine's draft into Water Security is currently under review
    - o Food Security exercise is now being handled by Georgia Eastment; and Circular Economy exercise is now being handled by Mert Kul
  - Provision of free drone fly-overs: Friends of the Escarpment Parks (FEP) Toowoomba – Park Care groups and Redwood Park re Cats Claw Creeper infestation; Dingo Mountain Reserve (Crows Nest); and Coalbank Road Reserve (Coalbank) → *probably in January 2023*
  - Proposed “Weed” Forum – involving 3 levels of government, USQ, SQ Landscapes (March 2023 at USQ, Toowoomba Campus)
  - Proposed special edition of newsletter showcasing State & Territory Conservation Councils

#### o Admin activities

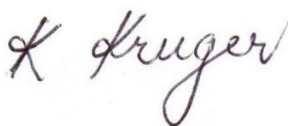
- o Thank-you letter received from Millmerran Landcare Group re Donation of shade tent (13/10/22)
- o 1<sup>st</sup> office closure period: 14 -30 Nov 2022 as Frank & Mary Ondrus will be holidaying in Tasmania
- o End of Year Social – Dinner at Club Glenvale (aka Toowoomba Hockey Club) on Tuesday, 6 December 2022 at 6.30pm
- o 2<sup>nd</sup> office closure over Christmas-New Year period: COB 23 Dec 2022 and reopening on Monday 9 January 2023
- o Social Media – increase likes/followers by inviting like-minded envNGOs to share their posts with us
- o Continue seeking corporate sponsorship to help cover operating costs and to undertake new projects
- o Continue to review and comment on National and State government discussion papers
- o Investigate options of MailChimp for our newsletter delivery; and the annual purchase of a ZOOM license for our meetings and special events

- **General feedback from meeting participants:**
  - President's report
    - Obvious shortcomings:
      - Decreasing membership
      - Low 'follow / like' numbers across our 4 social media platforms
      - Loss of key personnel
      - Low attendance at meetings
  - Keith -- social media – post more 'positive' news items
  - Ada/Andrew –advocate for better environmental protection and conservation measures
- **Development of a 5year Strategic Plan ... The Future of HOPE!**
  - As per attached document
    - Note – Frank, our President, had indicated his interest in stepping down when he turned 60. He is now 69! So, this will definitely be his last year as President.

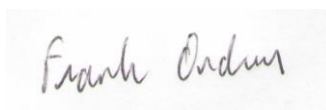
**4. Next ordinary meeting – 11 February 2023**

**5. Meeting closed at 11.15am**

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Acting Secretary – Kerry Kruger



President – Frank Ondrus

30 November 2022