



Householders' Options to Protect the Environment Inc.

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Minutes of 3rd Ordinary Meeting – Saturday, 10 June 2023

(Last updated – 13 June 2023)

Venue: HOPE office, 22 Vacy St, Toowoomba | Time: 10.00am

(Will be both a physical and ZOOM meeting. Please RSVP your attendance by Wednesday 7 May 2023.)

HOPE Australia is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: HOPE quarterly meeting | Time: Jun 10, 2023 10:00 AM Brisbane

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82068229739?pwd=dmM5NDMwOG1HTEp0Y1JQbWlNUWtqZz09>

Meeting ID: 820 6822 9739 | Passcode: 180855

1. Meeting commenced at 10.05am
2. Introductions, attendees, apologies and morning tea provided
 - a. Attendees:
 - i. Physical: Frank Ondrus, Miriam Sharp, Andrew Nicholson
 - ii. ZOOM: Anna Kula, Charmaine Turnbull
 - b. Apologies: Donnell Davis and Kerry Kruger
3. Motions: To transfer responsibility of hosting of our website and domain name registration from CLEVVI to Communications & Computer Support (CCS).
➔ *Moved by Frank Ondrus, seconded by Miriam Sharp. Agreed by all present.*
4. Confirmation of minutes of Strategic Planning Meeting, 11 Feb 2023
 - o Business arising: Nil
5. Correspondence – incoming
Steady stream of daily e: mail correspondence – junk mail jettisoned; other correspondence vetted and on-forwarded to - specific office bearers; other key stakeholders; media; and the occasional global email to members & supporters.
 - Letter from Ipswich Climate Action Group Inc. requesting our support of their petition to the City of Ipswich re various climate related matters ➔ *Office Manager signed their letter on behalf of Management Committee*
6. Correspondence – outgoing
 - o Letters of thanks sent to Bunnings Toowoomba West and BMS Mitre 10 for their respective donations of vouchers towards our Nest Boxes project
7. **Office Manager's report**
 - o As tabled
8. **Treasurer's Report**

Opening balance as at 31 October 2022 (date of Transaction file) = \$3,624.83

 - a) HOPE General Account balance as at 31 May 2023 = \$11,791.34

b) HOPE Public Fund account balance as at 28 Apr 2023 = \$170.91
Total balance as at 31 May 2023 (a + b) = \$11,962.25

June account activity:

- 15/05 -- \$250 donation to HOPE Public Fund
- 06/06 – Paid Volunteering Queensland (VQ) \$110 for HOPE's 2023-2024 membership
- Received 3 invoices from Andrew Nicholson
 - Podbean annual renewal for Eco-Social Work podcasts = \$167
 - Podbean subscription for 2023 Qld Women's Week podcasts = 164
 - Develop a series of podcasts re Qld Women's Week project = \$1,800
 - ➔ *Frank moved that the 3 accounts be approved for payment. Seconded by Miriam. Agreed by all present.*

9. Reports on completed, current and proposed projects, events, campaigns and activities

- Completed projects, etc.
 - Report on Strategic Planning meeting of 11 Feb 2023 (as per attached report)
 - Launch of "Minimise Waste and Conserve Resources" brochure (17 Mar 2023)
 - Successful forum on "Weeds in our community" (19 Apr 2023) (as per attached report)
 - Provided an Information display at World Science Festival Queensland at Cobb & Co Museum, Toowoomba (21-22 May 2023)
- Current projects, etc.
 - Special Report on Food Security (now being handled by Georgia Eastment)
 - Special Report on Circular Economy (now being handled by Jigna Ghosh)
 - 2023 Qld Women's Week project --- 1st draft of Booklet of Profiles completed; and a number of ZOOM interviews conducted
 - Nesting Boxes project --- 30 nest boxes built so far with 20 distributed to local landcare groups
 - **Special Report "Death by a thousand cuts - ..."** (by Charmaine Turnbull)
- Proposed projects, etc.
 - ~~Forum on Urban Agriculture (Toowoomba region)~~ -> Postponed to 2024 due to unavailability of 2 key local contacts
 - ~~Forum on Pest Animals (national)~~ -> Cancelled due to Pest Animals and Weeds Symposium (PAWS) event being held in Dalby on 28-31 Aug 2023
 - Forum on the Importance of Biodiversity – flora and fauna diversity (national)
 - Invite to Saul Griffith re: Rewiring Australia presentation (national) -> HOPE working with Renew Toowoomba and others to host a presentation by Saul Griffith

10. General business

- Fund-raising to cover operating expenses (see [HOPE Australia Protect the Environment: Donations page](#)) -> Office Manger to issue 'fund-raising appeal' email

11. Next ordinary meeting – 9 September 2023

12. Meeting closed at 11am.