

2023-2024 – 6.1 – President’s Report for 9 Nov 2024

(Last updated – 9 Nov 2024)

Good morning,

2023-2024 has been a reasonably good year for HOPE, but a poor one for me due to health issues.

Before giving a summary of key matters, I wish to thank my fellow committee members Kerry Kruger (Secretary) and Miriam Sharp (Treasurer) and the entire Admin Support Team for their contributions throughout the year.

A special thanks to Anna Kula-Kaczmarek who has been helping me with the ‘corporate sponsorship’ campaign and some other admin tasks.

Summary statistics:

- 6 meetings – 4 Ordinary Meetings; 1 Special Meeting; and, of course, this 2023-24 AGM
- 12 Newsletters produced
- 16 Media Releases issued
- 3 Feature Articles circulated
- Grant application activities:
 - 1 acquitted - 16/02/24 - Submitted online acquittal of GCBF grant for Nest Boxes Project
 - 2 active:
 - 28/06/24 - Submitted grant application to Hamer Sprout Fund re: Developing a Booklet and Podcast series on male Environment Champions of the Toowoomba region
 - 15/10 - Received notification from Volunteering Queensland (VQ) that our Expression of Interest (Eoi) application was accepted; and that we should proceed to submitting a grant application for ‘governance’ training for our incoming President. → *Application submitted by Frank Ondrus, current President – HOPE Inc.*
 - 6 unsuccessful – covering 4 projects
- Volunteer movement – 15 new; and 9 ceased or lapsed!

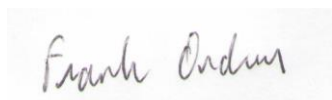
Key highlights:

- 14/11/23 Biodynamic Agriculture Australia Ltd commission – Booklet of Profiles completed and handed over on 20 Nov 2023. → *And, the podcasts series has also been completed and handed over on 22 Nov 2023.*
- 15/12 The ‘migration’ of our website has been completed. Hooray! → *I have given Yaoyao, our website administrator, the go ahead to start ‘updating’ various menu pages and sub-sections with items from August 2023 onwards.*
- 20/12 Completed review of HOPE’s Work Plan for 2023 – with 95% of activities successfully actioned
- 01/05/24 Screening of Climate Changers documentary at UniSQ, Toowoomba campus
- 21/05 Issued “thank you” certificates to volunteers
- 25/05 Attended 2023/24 Landcare Awards presentation in Toowoomba ... and, to my surprise, our nomination was short-listed in one of the 9 award categories.
- 02/06 Held a successful information stall at Logan Eco Action Festival (LEAF) event
- 18/07 Southern Cross University sociology student field placement – Jessica Nettle signed up to review “Greenwashing” issue
- 12/09 Anna has started issuing ‘Corporate Sponsorship’ requests (via admin@hopeaustralia.org.au) → *117 email requests sent (14/09)*

→ A full summary of key points of interest is detailed in the Office Manager’s Annual (summary) Report.

Lastly, I wish the incoming Management Committee and Admin Support Team all the best for 2024-2025.

Regards,



Frank Ondrus, President – HOPE Inc.