



Householders' Options to Protect the Environment Inc.

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Minutes of 1st Ordinary Meeting – Saturday, 9 November 2024

Venue: HOPE office, 22 Vacy St, Toowoomba | Time: 10.30am (approx.)

(Last updated – 11 November 2024)

HOPE Australia is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: 2023-24 AGM & 2024-2025 1st Ordinary Meeting | Time: Nov 9, 2024 10:00 AM Brisbane

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2448320576?pwd=ay9PUUhDSTBSM2cxV3BNUGdtclEydz09&omn=83257385149>

1. Meeting commenced at 10.50am

2. Introductions, attendees, apologies and morning tea and a light lunch provided

a. Attendees:

- i. Physical: Frank Ondrus (Office Manager), Kerry Kruger (Secretary), Miriam Sharp (Treasurer) and Anna Kula-Kaczmarek (President)
- ii. ZOOM: Andrew Nicholson, Charmaine Turnbull and Taelum Slijderink

a. Apologies: Jerry Coleby-Williams, Mark Whitelegg, Ahri Tallon (DDEC), Jenny Withnall (DDEC) & Janet Bishop

b. Proxy votes: Nil

3. Treasurer's Report:

Opening balance as at 31 October 2024 = \$3,384.82

4. General business

- o Carried forward items from September 'Ordinary Meeting' (refer to attached minutes)
 - o Anna to 'track' progress of issues noted in Strategic Plan; as well the progress of current and proposed projects
 - o Lizzie Pennington to review and 'update' Ecological Footprint PPT
 - o Ben Sparshott to provide 'drone' flyovers for 2 of Toowoomba's escarpment parks
- o Carried forward items from last Quarterly Report (refer to attachment)
 - o Issued letters to State and Territory governments requesting information on their respective abandoned mines policies and actions to remediate those mines – Samy Leyton assisting with this endeavour
- o Projects current and proposed
 - o Current:
 - o Grant application with Hamer Sprout Fund to publish a booklet of profiles on male Environmental Champions of the Toowoomba region
 - o Grant application with Volunteering Queensland (Strong and Resilient Communities – Community Support) to undertake 'The Governance Foundations for Not-for-Profit Directors' training provided by Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD)
 - o Special Report on the Circular Economy – being undertaken by Callum Fisher
 - o Special Report on Pest Plants and Animals – being undertaken by Lizzie Pennington.; and reviewed by the Invasive Species Council
 - o Jessica Nettle, Southern Cross University, sociology student placement researching "Greenwashing"
 - o ZOOM interview Jerry Coleby-Williams – being undertaken by Anna Kula-Kaczmarek sometime in the New Year

- Issued letters to Australian universities and Local Government Authorities (LGAs) requesting information about their respective environmental policies and practices; climate change initiatives; and support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) → *Responses are trickling in.*
 - Universities – 13 responses received from a total of 42
 - State and Territory LGA associations – 5 responses received from 8 associations
 - LGAs: ACT = 3/7; NSW = 16/128; NT = 2/8; QLD = 18/76; SA = 10/69; TAS = 3/29; VIC = 27/79; and WA = 17/139
- Proposed:
 - Purchase 2 HP laptops) individual or combined application to Qld GCBF grant
 - Upgrading our website) OR via a “Go Fund Me” platform (see Kerry’s information on file)
 - Andrew’s ‘podcast’ proposal (see attached paperwork) → *Circulate cover letter and Andrew’s full proposal to our membership inviting feedback and support for this major undertaking.*
- Extra items from Frank
 - Invitation to IPEN SEA hub → *Yes. Send email reply (09/11/24)*
- Extra items from Anna
 - Priorities for 2025
 - Google analytics to analyse demographics of our followers and interactions
 - Consult to increase our engagement/outreach with followers/volunteers
 - Explore income stream options - Containers for Change, advertising and sponsorship

5. Meeting schedule for 2025

- 8 Feb Ordinary Meeting
- 14 June Ordinary Meeting
- 13 Sept Ordinary Meeting
- 8 Nov Annual General Meeting; followed by 1st Ordinary Meeting of 2025-2026 Management Committee

6. Next ordinary meeting – 8 February 2025

7. Meeting closed at 12.15pm



Anna Kula-Kaczmarek (President)



Kerry Kruger (Secretary)

11 November 2024