

TRM Earth Care Working Group

Minutes. Meeting 17 August 2020, ZOOM 2:30 PM, Janice & Steve Blakeney, Meeting Convenors

Welcome

Present at this Meeting: Jan Blakeney, Maxine Barry

Apologies: Karen, Steve

Recognition of Indigenous Landowners

I/We acknowledge and pay respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal people as the traditional and original owners, and continuing custodians of this land on which we gather today and acknowledge Elders – past, present and emerging.

For Reflection

*“ We do not own the world, and its riches are not ours to dispose of at will. Show a loving consideration for all creatures, and seek to maintain the beauty and variety of the world. Work to ensure that our increasing power over nature is used responsibly, with reverence for life. Rejoice in the splendour of God’s continuing creation.” **Advice and Queries 6.42***

Vision Statement “ Earth Care Working Group will work to discern, bear witness and act on our convictions to halt the degradation of the earth.”

Reports:

- 1. TRM Committees now have ZOOM account access through secretariat**
- 2. Recurring TRM Earth Care Working Group Meetings will have the following access codes: Meeting ID 961 3967 0405, Passcode 953409**
- 3. Humane Society International is calling for support for their White Paper, sent to 188 countries, detailing science linking wildlife markets to zoonotic diseases The Director General of the WHO has called for governments to rigorously enforce bans on the sale of wildlife for food. *Action; Society of Friends members may sign an on line petition calling on government to end the wildlife trade at hsi.org.au/wildlifetrade. ECGW will forward to RM a request to add the Society’s support to the HSI by also signing the on line petition.***

Continuing Business: “Active Hope” Vision Statements and “Goals” have been listed and circulated with previous Minutes.

Next steps are

- 1. “Identify what is needed for actions to happen”**

ACTION:

To lobby local and state governments to foster community gardens and communal composting. MLC Josh Willie has been approached for statement of a policy on school gardens. Maxine will investigate what state government policies may exist in support of the above. List will be forwarded to TRM Earthcare page with a call for members to contact local embers with queries.

ACTION: Action to Protect wildlife from exploitation:

<https://action.hsi.org.au/page/57773/action/1?ea.tracking.id=jul-2020-nl>

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ACTION:Recognise the contribution of human population growth as a basic cause of climate change and habitat destruction.

- **ECWG will forward to RM request the Society of Friends to review where it stands in its acknowledgment of humanity's role in overburdening the planet's resources, ignoring the rights of other living things and creating inequities amongst the world's poorest nations in terms of resource use. (CF "A Friends Witness ion Population" Earth Care Witness publication 2019, Albany California USA. www.QuakerEarthcare.org.)**
- **QPLC support to be sought regarding the recommendations from the Commission for the Human Future (pdf file on TRM Earthcare web page) as reviewed by QUNO (Quaker United Nations Office) with a view to monitoring the UN's actions (or inactions) and opportunities for recommended legislation. For a discussion of solutions see <https://overpopulation-project.com/solutions/>**

2. "Create Statements (Vows/pledges) to commit into action TBC next meeting

Closing Reflection

Next Meeting 21 Sept 2020, 2:30 PM on ZOOM

