

MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

SERVING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

In 2012 HOPE worldwide Australia established HOPE 'reps' in participating Churches of Christ to coordinate service projects for the local community. Over the years, hundreds of volunteers across the South Pacific and Australia (SPA) Region have engaged in serving their communities, following Jesus' example of caring for the poor. It is also good to reflect that the Bible has nearly 3000 verses refering to poverty and social justice.

HOPE Reps in Brisbane

James and Deb Macauley have been serving as HOPE reps in Brisbane for the last 7 years. They have mobilised volunteers from the Brisbane Church of Christ to give their time and resources to serve the local community. This has given rise to blood donations, clothing for refugees, dissemination of flood disaster relief information and financial aid supporting essential health and education programs in Papua New Guinea and Fiji.



James & Deb Macaulay, Brisbane HOPE Reps



James & Deb raising funds for priority programs in Papua New Guinea and Fiji

Deb has a passion for Transcultural Mental Health & Racial Equity and completed a PHD thesis, titled "The Role of Spirituality, Religion and Traditional Healing As Preventative Factors In Transcultural Mental Health Care". In 2022, along with two work colleagues, she received the prestigious International Racial Equity Leadership Award in recognition of leadership and persistence in the pursuit of racial justice.

James runs an exploration company focussed on finding deposits of Critical Minerals and precious metals with the aim of providing cleaner and more sustainable options for future energy needs. He also has a passion for equity with a particular focus on support for households struggling under the weight of the rising cost of living.

Community Appreciation

Over the years, James and Deb have received many cards and letters of thanks from individuals and organisations that have benefited from the service of volunteers. This includes World Wellness Health and Sisters Inside.





On Behalf of HOPE *worldwide* Australia, I would like to thank James and Deb for their work as HOPE reps and the inspiration they provide to us all to show greater compassion to the vulnerable and distressed.

Please support our current appeal, assisting vulnerable communities in Papua New Guinea and Fiji.



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