

ECCO COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 11, 2011

Present: Peter Baxter, Colin Young, Brian Phillips, Susan Sanders, Neil Jones, Nick King, Rod Holcombe

Apologies: Stephen Nugent, Tony Smith, Jenny Smith

Orange's parks: Follow up from the ECCO June public meeting

- Neil has been contacted by Roger Smith. Volunteers are required for a media photograph this Wednesday, July 13 for publicity for National Tree Day. Any ECCO member and/or friend who is available on the day please meet with Roger at the Ploughman's Valley wetland corner of Ploughman's Lane and Cargo Road at 11am.
- Neil to arrange a meeting with Nigel Hobden and Roger Smith to discuss how to effectively identify and involve a supportive community group for each park. ECCO to continue to identify contacts for each park. Advocates still need to be identified for the unnamed park in Elsham Avenue, Flanagan Park, Bouffler Park and Tanner Park.

Ploughman's Valley Wetlands

ECCO to organise a public meeting at Wentworth Golf Club. Suggested time to be Tuesday, August 9th. Nick to organise a letterbox drop of local residents. Also to use the Ploughman's Valley National Tree Planting day event to publicise the meeting.

100% Renewable energy update.

Members of Orange Climate Action Now and Bathurst Community Climate Action Network met with John Cobb to present him with the results of the 100% Renewable Energy Survey. Results have been previously emailed to members.

ECCO to organise speakers for the next ECCO general meeting to discuss the implications of the proposed 10 billion dollars for renewable energy for the development of renewable energy projects in the Central Tablelands precinct, particularly for Bathurst Orange and Dubbo.

ECCO's contribution to Sustainability Week Sept. 10-18

Committee members to contact possible house and garden candidates for confirmation re: availability for Sunday, September 18. Candidates will be asked to be willing to be available on the day from 10am to 4pm. List to be finalised by the August committee meeting.

South Orange Development Proposal Update:

Neil represented ECCO at the public hearing conducted by the Independent Planning Assessment Commission. As the Department of Industry and Investment land has already been zoned residential, the discussion was limited to objections to the concept plan. Neil is to seek a meeting with Andrew Gee, our local state member to discuss this issue.

*Proposed future ECCO meeting: Orange's resources and future growth. Should there be limits?

Orange Showground update:

Orange City Council has promised \$250 000 of funding for Orange Showground for the next three years. ECCO's position remains that the Showground remain as Community Land. However, the future of Orange Showground is currently uncertain.

Bathurst Orange Dubbo Climate Action Plan

Members are able to access the Bathurst Orange Dubbo Sustainability Action Plan on the Council website or request a copy of the plan at the Orange City Council office. This plan contains information about propose and current climate action initiatives undertaken by the above councils. ECCO to approach a representative of the Sustainable Action committee to speak about the climate Action Plan at the next ECCO general meeting on July 27.

Interest in a group purchase of retrofitted windows as per Orange City Council's window retrofit.

Brian to pursue more information concerning the performance of this type of window retrofit. The brand of window is Magnetite. Their website is <http://www.magnetite.com.au/Contact-Us.aspx>

Their Sydney contact details are:

Office and showroom

142a Victoria Road

Marrickville NSW 2204

Phone: (02) 9565 4070

Fax: (02) 9565 4080

Email: Sydney@magnetite.com.au

Interested ECCO members and friends contact Nick.

Follow up to Cleanup in Glenroi:

ECCO to organise another cleanup day , a tentative date being October 23.

Guest speaker for October General meeting:

Rod Holcombe has volunteered to be guest speaker at the ECCO general meeting of October 26. He will be delivering a presentation on the environmentally sensitive development of garden landscapes.

Macquarie River Pipeline:

Orange City Council has had meetings with local residents concerning the future development of this pipeline. The future of this project is unclear. Any ECCO member who wishes to obtain more information on this issue is advised to contact Chris Devitt at Orange City Council.

Natural Burials:

Brian has been in contact with Shoalhaven Council which has provided resources for natural burials and has provided a legal and administrative blueprint. Brian also reports that Canberra has set aside land for natural burials at its new cemetery site. Orange City Cemetery has also set aside land for the purpose of natural burials. Nick, Tony and Brian to seek further meetings with Mark Hodges to discuss the development of this site.

Environment awards: An ECCO environment award to be presented to Bill Josh for his Parks Alive program. Nick to organise its presentation at the Sustainability Week launch.

Next ECCO Meeting: Wednesday, July 27 at the Environmental Learning Centre, commencing 7.30pm.

Photoshoot: Ploughman's Valley Wetlands, corner of Ploughman's Lane and Cargo Road for a photoshoot to publicise National tree Day.

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