

MINUTES OF ECCO COMMITTEE MEETING, OCTOBER 13 2010

Present: Jenny Smith, Tony Smith, Nick King, Brian Phillips, Neil Jones, Peter West, Susan Sanders

Apologies: Colin Foster, Stephen Nugent, Yvette Black

Correspondence:

- Letter from Rotary Club of Orange Inc. thanking ECCO for its support of its recent Orange Sustainable Living Week Project. Nick to write to the participants in the ECCO House and Garden tour, thanking them for their generosity in opening their homes and gardens for public inspection.
- Letter from St. Mary's Primary School outlining the activities of their Kinder to yr6 environmental group. The meeting agreed that this group be considered as a possible recipient for an ECCO environmental award. Nick to contact the school requesting a visit by ECCO members to inspect the work of the group.
- Email from Colin Bower expressing concern about the environmental impact of the constructed wetland at Somerset Park. Neil and Nick to arrange a meeting with Colin to discuss this.

Membership: A reminder to members who intend to renew their membership, but have not yet done so.

General Business:

- **Orange Field Naturalist and Conservation Society Biodiversity Discovery Day:** ECCO's role in supporting this event will be providing a stand promoting ECCO, and ECCO members being available throughout the day (Sunday, October 17). Nick to set up ECCO stand at 8.30. Volunteers to assist throughout the day are Col. Foster, Jan and Brian Phillips, Jenny Vere and Nick King. Any member wishing to assist contact Nick on nking126@gmail.com or ring 63 62 6827. The program for the day has been emailed to the membership.
- **Next ECCO general meeting.** To be held as a public meeting at the ELF on Wednesday, October 27, commencing 7.30. The meeting will be addressed by Diana Kureen, from the Central West Catchment Management Authority. The topic for her presentation will be Water and Urban Design. More information to follow.
- **Botanic Gardens Master Plan:** The draft copy of the botanic Gardens Master Plan will be available for discussion. ECCO will provide a response. To be a topic for discussion at the next ECCO committee meeting to be held on November 10. Friends of the Gardens to discuss this document at their next committee meeting.

- **Earth First:** ECCO would like to acknowledge Haidee Nelson's wonderful job of co-ordinating the Earth First column in the Central Western Daily. She will be unable to continue to do this after the end of November. ECCO is seeking a volunteer among the membership to take over this role. Any member wishing to do so, please contact either Nick or Neil.
- **Orange Photo News:** ECCO to aim for an opportunity to promote a positive image of ECCO activities at least once a month in this publication. Nick and Tony to organise an article for the return of the Japanese snipe to Ploughman's Valley.
- **Glenroi School Kitchen Garden Program:** Members are reminded that there will be regular working bees at Glenroi Primary School each Friday, commencing at 1.45, going to 3.00PM. This Friday we will be planting a variety of seedlings for spring and summer.
- **Major Botanic Gardens Presentation:** There will be a presentation by Tim Entwistle on the world's major botanic gardens at the West Room of the Orange Art Gallery this Friday, commencing at 6pm.
- **Sustainability 2011 meeting:** Representatives of ECCO to attend a meeting to plan this event at 4pm Thursday 14th October. Information about the progress of this event will be communicated to the membership.
- **100% renewable energy campaign:** Nick and Brian to liaise with Lindsay Soutar of the Climate Action Movement to develop a summary of the data collected nationally from the survey conducted on this issue.
- **Natural Burials:** Brian and Nick met for a second time with Mark Hodges from Orange City Council on the subject of natural burials. Mark has indicated that land may be set aside in the Orange cemetery for natural burials. Further discussion to be progressed through the appropriate council committee.

Nick King Secretary.