

ECCO GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

Present: Neil Jones, Nick King, Colin Foster, Bev. Holland, Ray Miller, Tony Smith, Rod. Holcombe, Hans Juergen Grabow, ...Grabow, Peter Baxter, Simon Wright, Peter West, Jenny Vere, Tony Mc Burney, Brian Phillips, Stephen Nugent, Cilla Kinross, Grahame Sawyer, Tony's associate, unnamed man sitting on the end of the row.

Apologies: Jeannie Pearce, Carol Gill, Jenny Smith, Yvette Black, Colin Young. Moved John Gill, seconded Cilla Kinross that the apologies be accepted. Carried.

Minutes of General Meeting May 25, 2011: Moved Nick King, seconded Bev. Holland that the minutes of the general meeting of May 25 be accepted. Carried.

- Minutes of general meetings of June, July and August were public meetings featuring guest speakers. No general business conducted.

Treasurer's report for September: Moved Col. Foster, seconded Tony Smith that the September treasurer's report be accepted. Carried.

Correspondence: None.

General business: Speet's reserve: A quarter of the area off Kearney's drive will be designated public open space and be named Speet's reserve. There will be a tree planting on Tuesday, September 27, from 10am to 2pm, organized by the Orange City Council Parks Alive programme. There will also be a free barbecue.

Ploughman's Valley Wetland Support Group: Nick to follow up with Council staff concerning the future involvement of this group in the ongoing development and maintenance of the wetland.

Travelling Stock Reserves: Nick to write a submission supporting the retention of travelling stock reserves. Due September 30.

Sustainable Living Week: Simon Wright spoke about the recent successful Sustainable Living Week thanking ECCO for its involvement in the organization of the week and the organization of the ECCO House and Garden tour. Feedback from the tour suggests that next year emphasis should be placed on providing examples of affordable retrofitted homes. Congratulations to Simon for the terrific job he has done in his role as coordinator of the week.

Next ECCO meeting: Committee meeting to take place on Monday, October 10 at 38 Barrett Street, commencing 7.30. Members are reminded that all are welcome.

ECCO general meeting: The October general meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 26, at the Orange Environmental Learning Facility, commencing 7.30pm.

Speakers will be Rod Holcombe, who will be talking about environmental regeneration with particular reference to extensive projects in which he has been

involved, and Tracey Graves from Bowen Primary School who will be talking about the plans for the Bowen Cultural Garden, which is supported by ECCO.

Guest Speaker: ECCO guest speaker for the evening was Tony McBurney, Director of Integrated Design Group. Tony addressed the meeting on the topic “Sustainability, what we share and on what terms.”

Tony’s presentation was stimulating and thought provoking. It challenged our thinking about how our cities, buildings, amenity, resources and infrastructure can be better designed to be more sustainable. Emphasis was placed on how we should be designing for shared space, to minimize waste and produce more socially satisfying and sustainable outcomes. Much material for further discussion. Many thanks to Tony for his presentation.

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