

MINUTES OF ECCO COMMITTEE MEETING FEB 13TH 2008

PRESENT: Neil Jones, Tony Smith, Jenny Smith, Steven Nugent, Colin Young, Phil Stevenson, Colin Foster, Nick King.

APOLOGIES: Margaret Weaver, Susan Sanders.

BUSINESS: Administration: Request from Nick for payment of expenses incurred from the purchase of stationary items- 100 envelopes, 1 ream of A4 copier paper, and 3 booklets of stamps. Accepted.

Post Office Box: Agreed by the meeting that ECCO apply for a Post Office box. Nick to organize.

Non Financial Members: Agreed by the meeting that non financial members be contacted concerning whether they wished to continue their membership of ECCO. Suggested by Neil that their names be retained as a list of “supporters” who could be kept up to date but not receive any official correspondence.

Letterhead: Suggested by Nick that a letterhead be adopted for official ECCO correspondence. Agreed by the meeting. Stephen to come up with a suitable letterhead.

New Membership form: Alterations to current membership form discussed. Alterations to include indication of new or renewing membership, membership of ECCO also covers optional membership of OCAN , and the new PO Box will be included for written correspondence.

Life Membership: The possibility of a section including life membership to be discussed at a future general meeting of ECCO. The committee agreed on a life membership cost of \$150, to also be discussed at a future meeting.

Additional Committee Member: The ECCO committee structure allows for an additional committee member. To seek interest for the inclusion of another committee member at the next ECCO general meeting.

Letter of thanks: Proposed by Nick that a letter of thanks be written to Jenny King and Martin Caro for the work done on the membership data base for ECCO. Nick to write thanking them.

ECCO Website: Neil and Nick to meet with Paul Carpenter to discuss the development of the ECCO website. Discussions to include obtaining a quote for the required service.

ECCO/OCAN relationship: Meeting agreed that the status quo remain, that is, that members of OCAN also must be members of ECCO, so that they are covered by insurance, and receive information which is relevant to both organizations.

ECCO objectives: Neil and Nick to look at the ECCO constitution. The meeting agreed that there is a need to review the ECCOP objectives, with a view to including a statement which includes climate change.

Ploughman's Valley: This is the third year since the Ploughman's Valley plan of management was proposed. Little progress has occurred. Neil will discuss this at the Environmental Committee on Friday.

Proposed Anglican School: Neil to contact David Williams with a view to organizing a meeting with the architect of the development to discuss environmentally sustainable possibilities for the new school.

Clean up Australia Day: March 2nd, 2008. Nick to contact Ben Keegan to volunteer the services of ECCO members to do a section of Blackman's Swamp creek.

New Hospital Site: A meeting has been organized for interested groups concerning the flora and fauna of the site. Neil to represent ECCO at this meeting, to be held at 10 am on Thursday 14th.

Baldock Stacey and Niven Building: Neil and Nick to organize a meeting with Peter Basha, the design consultant of the building to discuss the green credentials of the project.

Council Communication to the public on water issues: Nick to write to Orange city council about this issue. It was suggested by the meeting that the council communicate information about current water storage levels on at least a weekly basis in more accessible media such as local radio and the local paper. Also to suggest making the information more accessible on the council website.

Guest speaker for February meeting: John Davis has been tentatively booked for February's ECCO meeting. Nick to write a letter inviting him to the February ECCO meeting.

Botanic Gardens Precinct: Meeting decided that a letter be sent to all stakeholders to indicate ECCO's desire to initiate community engagement in the development of a concept plan for this area. Council to be included in this communication. Nick and Neil to draft letter.

Rotary Enviro Expo: To be held on the 17th and 18th of October. ECCO to organize function on the Friday night.

Local Environment Awards: To be discussed at March committee meeting.

Supporting Daroo: Appeal for the support of Daroo for next ECCO meeting.