

ECCO COMMITTEE MINUTES 14TH MAY 2008

PRESENT: Margaret Weaver, Nick King, Neil Jones, Phil Stephenson, Stephen Nugent, Colin Foster, Tony Smith.

APOLOGIES: Colin Young, Susan Sanders, Jenny Smith

GENERAL BUSINESS: New Stamps: ECCO now has two new stamps which have been inscribed with all of ECCO's contact details. They are currently in the possession of Nick and Phil.

ECCO logo: The ECCO logo designed by Stephen Nugent has been well received, and has been adopted as a letterhead for all official ECCO correspondence.

ECCO website: The ECCO website is still inoperable. Neil Jones to consult with ECCO's website designer concerning problems with website functioning.

Baldock, Stacey and Niven Building: A class 1 application to the Land and Environment Court has been made by Savage Enterprises against Orange City Council's refusal to grant a development application for the above building. A conciliation conference has been set down to commence at **11.30am on May 23rd 2008, beginning with a site inspection of the site in question, and then following in the Council chambers.** This conference is open to members of the public, although members of the public are not able to participate. Council's legal representatives may invite those parties who have written submissions to give evidence. ECCO has a written submission against this application. Members familiar with ECCO's submission will be in attendance.

Trees at Bloomfield: Another development application will be submitted concerning the location of the Forensic Unit. The ECCO submission on this matter will be taken into consideration then.

Trees at William Maker Drive: ECCO to attempt yet again to meet with representatives from Orange City Council to discuss the retention of mature eucalypts currently growing on the corner of William Maker Drive and the Northern Distributor.

Parks Campaign: Thanks to the letterbox drop organized by Peter West, Orange City Council has received many letters objecting to the sell off of thirteen of Orange's parks as proposed by the Insite report into Orange's recreational needs. The next step in this process will be public consultation concerning feedback on the Insite report.

Neil Jones to make enquiries about ECCO's role in expanding community involvement concerning the maintenance and management of neighbourhood parks.

Nashdale Meeting Concerning Lake Canobolas: A representative from ECCO was invited to address this meeting, which was about the use of water from Lake Canobolas to augment Orange's water supply. ECCO put forward a motion to the meeting that Orange city Council, rather than constructing a pipeline for the purpose of taking water from Lake Canobolas, use the time and resources allocated for the purpose of further exploring Orange's potential

for stormwater harvesting. This motion was accepted by the meeting. ECCO to write to council to seek clarification as to whether Orange City Council intends to proceed with their plan to extract water from Lake Canobolas, and if so, what strategy will they be using. Four are suggested in the report.

ECCO General meeting May 28th: To be held at **the function room at the Gladstone Hotel, commencing 7.30.** This meeting will be devoted to the theme of **Sustainable Housing: BASIX and Beyond.** Guest speaker will be Mark Hodges from Orange City Council, who will be presenting on BASIX. Neil to contact the Australian Building Association to obtain another speaker for the night. Members and the general public to be circulated concerning further details. This meeting will be devoted entirely to speakers' presentations and discussion arising therefrom.

Any questions and queries about BASIX to be given to Nick for Mark's consideration by **next Wednesday, May 21st.**

Orange City Council's Draft Management Plan: ECCO committee members and members who are interested in contributing to a possible submission to Orange City Council's Draft management Plan and Orange City Council's Draft Storm water Management Plan to meet next week at a date to be determined. Important to point out positive aspects of the plans.

World Environment Day: 5th June 2008. Neil to research World Environment Day to obtain information concerning possible activities. ECCO to donate trees to the value of \$100 to be planted at a site negotiated with Nigel Hobden, Orange City Council's Presentation Officer. Schools to be contacted about World Environment Day with a view to their possible involvement in planting the trees.

ECCO Environment Awards: A special meeting will be convened to discuss these awards.

Letter to Federal Minister for Climate Change: A letter composed by ECCO/OCAN member, Brian Phillips to be drafted, circulated to members and endorsed by the ECCO committee. This letter will express concern about the pressure the fossil fuel industry is putting on Government for favoured treatment when it comes to reducing carbon output, as well as concerns about the trading emissions scheme.

Important dates to remember: Wednesday 28th May : ECCO general meeting to be held at the Gladstone Hotel commencing 7.30

Thursday 5th June. OCAN committee meeting. 7.30. 148 Matthews Avenue.

Tuesday 3rd June: Daroo Urban Landcare meeting.

Nick King