

MINUTES OF ECCO COMMITTEE MEETING SEPT 10TH 2008

PRESENT: Jenny Smith, Tony Smith, Colin Young, Phil. Stephenson, Neil Jones, Nick King.

APOLOGIES: Susan Sanders, Steven Nugent, Yvette Black, Peter West

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Russel Turner concerning the forensic unit at the new base hospital. Building to go ahead, involving the removal of the disputed trees. ECCO to make sure that those involved in building the hospital honor their promise to replace the removed vegetation with appropriate native trees and shrubs.

Letter from Michael McFadden of Orange City Council concerning the removal of trees from William Maker Drive. ECCO to respond, encouraging Council to make every effort to retain the one remaining tree.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Rotary Environment Expo: To be conducted on Friday and Saturday, 17th and 18th of October, 2008 at the Orange Function Centre. The Rotary co-coordinator is John Mills. Representatives from ECCO (Nick King, Phil Stephenson and Neil Jones) to meet with John Mills on Monday, 15th September at 3.30 to discuss the organization of the expo and ECCO's contribution to it. It is understood that ECCO will assist with running a function at the Function Centre on Friday night, where the ECCO Environment Awards will be launched.

ECCO Environment Awards: Supported by the CWD. Can use the Earth First Column once a month to publicize the winner of the awards. Awards to consist of an ECCO Environmental Award and an OCAN Climate Action Award. The nature of the awards presented to be discussed. Agreed that ECCO committee members be ineligible to enter.

Guest Speaker for next General Meeting: Graeme Dunstan to be approached to address the next general meeting of ECCO, to be held on September 24th. Graeme to address the meeting on the issue of water pollution, in particular the dangers of cyanide. Nick to contact Graeme.

Volunteer workers on the proposed Park watch scheme. Tony Smith has contacted ECCO's insurers, who informed him that ECCO's policy covers volunteers in such activities as outdoor work in parks. It would be easier for volunteers to work under ECCO's policy than undergo the process necessary to fulfill Council insurance requirements.

Baldock Stacey and Niven Building: ECCO to contact Council re. progress on this issue.

Glenroi Kitchen Garden Program: ECCO has been approached to support the kitchen garden program which has commenced at Glenroi Heights Public School. Members of ECCO have met with the Deputy Principal and have agreed to support

the school with this project. A future meeting to consider the possibility of donating some money to this project , as well as volunteer time by members who are in a position to assist with setting up this project.

Community Garden at Cootes Estate: There will be a working bee at the abovementioned community garden at a date to be announced. Members to be circulated with this information when it becomes available. (Now available-2pm Thursday 25th September.)

Nick King
Secretary