

ECCO COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 11TH MARCH 2009

PRESENT: Neil Jones, Colin Young, Colin Foster, Tony Smith, Brian Phillips, David Williams, David Manning

APOLOGIES: Jenny Smith, Stephen Nugent

Local Environment Plan: Coming out in mid April. Members need to be organized to enable ECCO to make a co-ordinated and detailed response to this most important document. An email to be sent to enlist the support of the membership.

Clean up Australia Day: Peter West reports that Clean up Australia Day was a success with increased involvement from the public. Peter to do a breakdown of items found and to report the information to Clean up Australia. Items recovered were shopping trolleys and plastic bottles. ECCO to write to Council offering support concerning the appropriate management of shopping trolleys.

Recommendations: Nick to write to the state minister for the Environment concerning legislation on plastic bottles. Also to draft a letter to the Council concerning shopping trolleys.

Peter reports that between 50 to 60 individuals turned up to participate in Clean up Australia day with 60 bags of rubbish collected. Congratulations and thank you to Peter for his organization of this event.

Enviro Expo: Update from David Williams. Dates 18th, 19th 20th. To be held at the Function Centre and Total Park. ECCO to consider approaching ECCO/ OCAN quarterly prizewinners to make available for inspection prizewinning gardens houses etc. for the Sunday of the Enviro Expo. Also for ECCO to suggest speakers for workshops.

Enviro Expo Theme: SMART CHOICES FOR LIVING.

As last year ECCO invited to have a stand in association with WIRES, Field Naturalists.

ECCO to form a subcommittee to organize ECCO's involvement in the Enviro Expo. Subcommittee to meet in April.

Earth Hour: Nick to contact Ashley Marr from the CWD re: publicity for Earth Hour.

Energy Challenge: Suggested that Orange, Bathurst and Dubos become involved in an energy challenge-to see which of the three cities achieves the greatest energy reduction during Earth Hour. Neil to contact Chas. Mc Phial concerning the possibility of measuring this.

Earth First Program: 21st March Nick to write about Earth Hour. 28th March Peter to write about energy saving.

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 15th 2009 at 6 Pasadena Place commencing 7.30
Nick king Secretary.

