

ECCO COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 13, 2009

PRESENT:Jenny Smith, Tony Smith, Nick King, Brian Phillips, Colin Young, Yvette Black, Neil Jones,

APOLOGIES: Stephen Nugent, Colin Foster, Peter West, Susan Sanders

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING of APRIL 15, 2009: Moved Jenny Smith seconded Nick King that the minutes of the above committee meeting be accepted. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

- The letter to Council sent by ECCO concerning natural burials was acknowledged . Any further communication on this matter to be dealt with by Mark Hodges. Letter to Mark requesting a meeting to discuss this issue.
- Biobag Distributers “Zuri” will be delighted to attend the Rotary Enviro Expo as exhibitors. To be put in contact with ECCO by Yvette. When contact information is available, Nick will forward it to Expo organizer.
- Other items of business arising from the above committee meeting to be dealt with in general business.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Tidy Towns Liaison:** Yvette Black attended a meeting of the Orange Tidy Towns Committee as a representative of ECCO. Yvette reports that the meeting discussed feedback from the Clean up Australia day. It was agreed that with improved communication between groups this event would be even more successful than it was this year. Yvette suggested that a preliminary meeting prior to the cleanup day involving interested groups would result in more efficient coordination. It was also suggested that prior to the event next year initiations to be sent to groups who may also be interested in participating, such as the scouts etc.
- **Shopping Trolleys:** No acknowledgement has been received concerning ECCO’s letter to Council concerning shopping trolleys. It was noted that Ladies do not have a problem with shopping trolleys due to their deposit system. Tony Smith to write to the other supermarkets in Orange on this issue with copies to Orange City Council.
- **Orange Showground:** ECCO to prepare a submission to Orange city Council concerning the future management of Orange City Showground. Need to put to the general meeting as to what is required. Nick to write the draft of the submission to put before the May general meeting for discussion.
- **Showground Futures Workshop:** There will be a workshop conducted by user and interested organizations at the ELF at a date to be determined, concerning the future management of the Showground, and the numbers are

limited to two participants per organization. Volunteers for the workshop will be called for at the next ECCO general meeting.

- **World Environment Day Arts Competition:** Flyers delivered to all schools in the Orange District. The competition will also be advertised on ABC radio and radio 2GZ.
- Could ECCO members please promote this competition. The attached flyer will provide details. No doubt many of our talented ECCO members will contribute entries. Please see attached flyer for details of the competition. Looking forward to seeing entries from artistic, musical or poetic members.
- **Local Environment Plan:** Neil Jones reports that Orange's Local Environment Plan will be further delayed. At this point in time there is no date set for further discussion on this issue.
- **Packman garbage service:** This service no longer recycling. ECCO to seek a meeting with this organization to discuss the issue.
- **The HUB:** Need to continue to monitor. There has been a recent closed meeting of council. ECCO to monitor this situation. Future discussion will be necessary as more information on the progress of the HUB is made available.
- **Solar Hot Water Group Purchase:** There has been an offer made for ECCO members from Solar Pumping Solutions in Mudgee. The manager of this organization has offered to come to Orange to address the next ECCO general meeting on this issue.
- **Recycling at CSU:** Tony Smith to continue to investigate the recycling practices at the Orange campus of Charles Sturt University. Has received positive information so far.
- **Home Energy Champions:** Brian Phillips and Neil Jones have met with representatives of Country Energy who have agreed to conditionally sponsor ECCO's Home Energy Champions program. Country Energy to contact ECCO concerning conditions of their support. Nick, Brian and Neil plus any other interested members to meet to discuss how to attract more interest in this project.

**NEXT ECCO GENERAL MEETING ON MAY 27th AT 7.00pm at the ELF.
(note the change in time, due to colder, darker weather.)**

At this meeting there will be an address by the manager of Solar Pumping Solutions on solar energy and its effective use. More details to follow.

Nick King Secretary,