

MINUTES OF ECCO COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 11, 2009

PRESENT: Colin Young, Brian Phillips, Colin Foster, Nick King, Neil Jones

APOLOGIES: Tony Smith, Jenny Smith, Susan Sanders, Stephen Nugent, Yvette Black, Peter West, Phil Stephenson.

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Note: There was no committee meeting in October.

Issues arising: ECCO Environment Awards, Rotary Enviro Expo, Walk against Warming, possible movie premiere. All issues to be dealt with in more detail later in the meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Walk against Warming: ECCO has been given official permission from the relevant authorities to conduct the Walk against Warming down Summer Street on December 12. There remains to be organised:

- *Speakers for the event.
- *Organization of a petition to be signed on the day.
- *Contacting the Climate Action Movement concerning a theme, slogan etc.
- *Encouraging participating organizations to identify themselves.
- *The Walk against Warming flyer to be electronically circulated to members, who are encouraged to print off copies and distribute them.
- * Schools to be contacted, requesting time at assemblies, and for information about the Walk against Warming to be included in the schools' newsletter.

Walk against Warming flyers to be distributed at this Saturday's Farmers Market, and the Saturday of the 12th.

The media to be contacted concerning the event on Monday, November 30.

Movie Premiere: The Australia Cinema was contacted by ECCO members concerning a movie premiere of "the Age of Stupid". It was not possible to organise the event for the preferred date. To be revisited early in the New Year.

Orange Community Radio: ECCO has been approached by Orange Community Radio, offering an hour slot for ECCO to present a program on environmental issues. It was agreed that currently we do not have the capacity to do this, but there may be members who have the time and the interest to pursue this. **Could any member who has an interest in pursuing this possibility, contact ECCO on our Gmail.**

ECCO Environmental Awards: There have been some possible recipients identified. Neil and Brian to approach them.

Thank You letters: Nick to write thank you letters to the members of the public who opened their houses and gardens for the ECCO Enviro tour. Also letters of thanks to Jenny from Central Tablelands water and Wayne Beattie from Orange City Council for their presentation on water at the ECCO public meeting on the subject.

Rotary Enviro Expo: There will be a planning meeting for the Rotary Enviro Expo on December 1 at 6.30. ECCO to commit to supporting the Enviro Expo in 2010. ECCO representatives to attend the meeting.

Orange City Council Water Security Report: To be received on November 19. Will be available for member's scrutiny after that date on the council website. ECCO to organise a public meeting to discuss this report. The public meeting will be the next general meeting on November 25.

ECCO WEBSITE: Our ECCO website will be launched at the abovementioned public meeting on November 25. Our website is www.eccoorange.org.au

Proliferation of dual occupancy: Concern has been expressed about the proliferation of dual occupancy in established residential areas. ECCO to support the ruling that all blocks designated for dual occupancy should be clearly identified on the development plan. It was decided that David Fenton be invited to address a future ECCO meeting on his proposed new development for "empty nesters", an exciting new concept in residential development.

Oleander Park Development: Neil to make contact with Central Tablelands Housing concerning access to Oleander Park for the residents.

Orange Showground: Representative of ECCO to attend a presentation workshop for stakeholders on November 16 at 7pm.

Carbon Conversations: Members of ECCO are invited to an informal discussion about their household energy use. The proposed date of this discussion will be December 2, commencing 7.30 at 126 Coronation Drive. Brian will be providing more information to members on this issue, and it will be discussed at the ECCO meeting on November 25.

Hub Submission: Neil to complete the HUB submission. To be circulated to the membership for comment.

Bicycle repair: Information about a website from a bike users group concerning donation and repair of bicycles was received from an ECCO member. Any member interested in this to contact ECCO. The information to be passed onto the Bike Users Group. The website is info@westernsydneycyclingnetwork.com.au

Glenroi School Kitchen Garden Project: Neil to email membership concerning a request for volunteers for this project.

Next ECCO Meeting: Wednesday, November 25 at the ELF, commencing 7.30

Nick King Secretary.