

ECCO Committee Meeting Wednesday 13, 2010

PRESENT: Phil Stephenson, Colin Young, Brian Phillips, Tony Smith, Peter West, Neil Jones, Stephen Nugent, Nick King

APOLOGIES: Susan Sanders, Yvette Black, Colin Foster, Jenny Smith

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Cadia Mine: The proposition that a working group be formed to look at issues concerned with the monitoring of the conditions associated with the Cadia East extension will be discussed at the next general meeting. An important point raised by John Kellet, from BCANN in Bathurst is the mine's use of energy.

Orange Photo news: ECCO has been given the opportunity to contribute an environmental column for Orange Photo News every 4 to 5 weeks. It was agreed that ECCO should accept this invitation, and that Peter West should follow up with relevant Photo news personnel concerning details.

Theatre Party: ECCO to negotiate a theatre party of ECCO members and friends to attend a Wednesday night screening of "Bran New Dae," Neil to follow up with management of the new Odeon cinema. Details to follow.

2010 calendar: Peter West to co-ordinate an ECCO 2010 calendar of events. A draft to be prepared for the January general meeting.

2010 ECCO issues: Members are invited to contribute to a list of issues which need to be addressed by ECCO and OCAN in 2010. The concept of forming working groups to address these issues will also be discussed.

Clean up Australia Day. Sunday, March 7 2010. Peter West to co-ordinate. To work with the Tidy Towns committee. Need to identify and register sites and to organise a media campaign involving the general community.

Earth First: Peter to continue to co-ordinate the Earth First column. Ideas and volunteers to contribute will be sought.

ECCO pamphlet: A pamphlet for public distribution will be developed in 2010, the purpose of which will be to further advertise and raise the profile of ECCO within the general community.

Media contact: ECCO to pursue a proactive policy of media contact. We need to spread the load as far as media contact is concerned. If working groups are formed, the members of the group will be encouraged to work with media concerning the issue on which they are working.

Carbon Conversations: The concept of carbon conversations to be discussed at the January general meeting.

Orange Showground: ECCO to step back, as the issue of selling off the Orange Showground is no longer on Council's agenda.

Earth Hour: Earth Hour will be observed on March 27 this year. How we will participate will be discussed at the January general meeting.

January general Meeting: The January ECCO general meeting will be held at the Environmental Learning Facility on January 27 commencing at 7.30 pm. To be advertised in the Central Western Daily the Saturday prior to the 27th.

Nick King Secretary