

ECCO COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 11, 2010

Present: Neil Jones, Phil Stevenson, Nick King, Peter West

Apologies: Stephen Nugent, Haidee Nelson, Yvette Black, Brian Phillips, Susan Sanders

Agenda Items:

- **Food Inc. Cinema Party:** The membership has been emailed with the Food Inc. poster, and has been asked to pass on the information to their contacts.
- 100 tickets have been printed. Collins Books (Book City) have been approached to sell tickets. Members are asked to direct enquiries about the purchase of tickets to Collins books , Neil Jones (0419 224 461) or Nick King (63 62 6827).
- The ABC has been contacted by Neil concerning the promotion of the film.
- The Central Western Daily has also been contacted for a future promotion article.
- This Saturday's Earth First article will be a review and promotion of the film
- Tony Smith and Nick King will organise catering.
- Cath. Thompson has agreed to distribute flyers advertising the film at this Saturday's Farmers' market.
- Orange Photo news has agreed to run an article promoting the film next week.

Bloomfield Bushland update: Minutes of the meeting of this group which last met on Friday, August 6 are attached. Nick King is the ECCO representative on this group.

Proposed reassessment of meeting times and format:

It is proposed that:

- All future meetings to take place at the Environmental Learning Facility.
- A night for meeting other than Wednesday night be considered as it may be inconvenient for many. (Monday or Tuesday nights appear more popular.)
- Bimonthly general meetings incorporating general business beginning earlier (7pm for 7.30). One hour general business, after which a proposed open forum where members are encouraged to bring up issues of environmental concern.
- Time set aside for social interaction over refreshments.
- Bimonthly public meetings involving a guest speaker.

To be discussed further at the next ECCO general meeting.

Publicity Officer: There is a need for ECCO to have a publicity officer. Any member who feels that they would like to fill that role please step forward.

Orange Showground: The committee reaffirmed ECCO's opposition to the sale of community land, as expressed in its 2009 submission on this issue. Further discussion of the subject will be required at the next general meeting.

Woolworths Shopping Trolley Deposit System: The fact that Woolworths have agreed to a shopping trolley deposit system noted. ECCO to think of a way to commend Woolworths for their decision, and to encourage Harris Farm Market to do the same.

Water Restrictions: A response was required from ECCO concerning the proposed lessening of water restrictions due to the improvement in Orange's water storage levels after the recent rain. The committee did not support the lifting of restrictions at this time. To be discussed at a general meeting.

Rotary Environmental Sustainable Week: Nick King to represent ECCO at the launch of the Rotary Environmental Sustainable Week (September 11-18) at the new trade skills centre on Forest Road. ECCO's contribution to the week will be the organization of a tour of local sites which recognise the efforts of individuals and organisations in the area of sustainability.

Important future ECCO event: ECCO members are urged to support the forthcoming cinema party featuring the film Food Inc. This is a major fundraiser for us, providing resources for such programs as the ECCO Environment Awards and donations of trees to schools for National Tree Day. Please circulate your email and warm bodied contacts with details of this film, to be screened this coming Sunday August 22 at the Odeon Cinema, commencing 5.00pm.

Nick King Secretary.