

ECCO COMMITTEE MEETING June 9 2010

Present: Neil Jones, Peter West, Yvette Black, Jenny Smith, Tony Smith, Col Foster, Phil Stephenson, Nick King

Apologies: Brian Phillips, Stephen Nugent

Business arising from minutes of May committee meeting

Clean up Australia Day: Letter received from Clean Up Australia Day administration in response to ECCO's letter re: signage. ECCO will be able to purchase signage advertising cleanup sites from the Clean up Australia. Noted for next year.

Earth Hour: Cheque for Cade Morgan, didgeridoo player for the event to be presented to by Neil Jones when contact details are available.

Public Groundwater meeting: Notes on this meeting emailed to membership. ECCO to make contact with the Groundwater research group in Wellington . ECCO to contact council concerning their recent request for a report on groundwater along with a request that the recommendations of this report be effected as soon as possible. ECCO to obtain permission for the use of the powerpoint presentation delivered at the groundwater forum. Please note that the notes on the groundwater forum constitute the minutes for the May ECCO general meeting.

Environmental Trust Grant: Orange City Council has applied for a grant along the same lines as that which was envisaged by ECCO. Agreed that ECCO support Council's grant rather than submitting a competing application.

Local Environment Plan: To be the main agenda item for June general meeting. Suggested by Tony Smith that working groups be formed to prepare appropriate submissions for each of the sites identified by ECCO as being of concern.

Bloomfield Bushland: Tony Smith to speak to the Orange Field Naturalists concerning the classification of the Bloomfield bushland site at their next meeting.

100% Renewables Campaign: Agreed that ECCO support this campaign by participating in the National Renewables Campaign survey. Nick to negotiate with management of the Orange City Centre for space to conduct a public survey.

ECCO Annual General Meeting: Originally scheduled for July 28. Date may be changed to coincide with the possibility of attendance by Bob Brown who will be in Orange around this time for a memorial tree planting for the late Peter Andren. Members will be advised about this at a later date.

Treasurer's report: Current bank balance \$611.00.

Film party fundraiser: Agreed that the possibility of a fundraising event be discussed at the ECCO June general meeting. A film party featuring the film Food Inc. was suggested.

2010 Enviro Expo: Replaced by Sustainability Week. ECCO to provide the same support as last year. ECCO stall plus tours of sustainable homes and gardens. ECCO's commitment will be on Sunday, September 19.

2011 Major Environmental event: In early planning stages. ECCO has nominated as a major interest group. To keep membership informed.

Glenroi Heights Kitchen Garden Working Bee: To be held at Glenroi Heights Primary School on Saturday, June 19. from 9am to 12 noon. Members are urged to attend as this program needs a lot of support.

Earth First: Haidee Nelson to assume the role of co-ordinator for Earth First. ECCO to approach CWD to request the inclusion of the ECCO logo on the Earth First letterhead.

Orange Photo News: Peter West to continue to co-ordinate the Orange Photonews articles from ECCO.

Community Radio: Neil Jones has been presenting on behalf of ECCO on community radio each fortnight, from 4 to 4.30 Tuesday afternoon.

Orange High School Sustainable Agriculture presentation: Neil Jones to represent ECCO at the forthcoming Orange High School recognition ceremony to be held at the Orange High School Agricultural site on Friday, June 18.

Important ECCO dates:

Next ECCO general meeting: Wednesday, June 23 at the ELF, commencing 7.30. Major item for discussion will be ECCO's response to the Local Environment plan. We urge your attendance and involvement in this response as it will require a lot of input and will be a major opus if left to only a few.

Glenroi Kitchen Garden working bee: To be held at Glenroi Heights Public School, Maxwell Avenue, Orange on Saturday, June 19 from 9am to 12 noon.

100% renewable energy survey. Members are reminded to complete and send in their previously emailed surveys. We have organised a stall to conduct a public survey at the area beside Andy's Coffee lounge on the dates Monday June 21, Tuesday, June 22, Wednesday June 23 and Saturday June 26. Volunteers willing to form a roster for those days, please contact Nick King on 63 626827, or email nking126@gmail.com .. or return to ECCO's email address ecco.orange@gmail.com

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