

MINUTES OF ECCO COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 12 2010

PRESENT: Neil Jones, Phil Stephenson, Tony Smith, Jenny Smith, Nick King
APOLOGIES: Simon Wright, Peter West, Yvette Black, Brian Phillips, Susan Sanders

Minutes of ECCO committee meeting March 10 2010 (there being no committee meeting for April). Moved Tony Smith, seconded Neil Jones that the minutes of March 10 be accepted. Carried.

Business arising: Clean up Australia Day: Letter to be written to Clean up Australia recommending the inclusion of a sign advertising cleanup sites to be included in the supervisor's kit.

Letter to be written to Orange City Council requesting it contact New South Wales Government concerning the placing of a deposit on plastic drink containers

Letter to be written to Orange City Council concerning the continuing problem of abandoned supermarket trolleys.

Earth Hour: Letters to be written to Chad Morgan, the O'Carolyn Ensemble and John Tallis, thanking them for their musical contribution to the evening.

Moved Nick King, seconded Jenny Smith that Chad Morgan be paid \$50 for his performance.

May general meeting on groundwater: The May general meeting will consist of a public meeting about groundwater, which will take place at the Environmental Learning Facility (ELF) from 2pm to 5pm on May 26. This time has been arranged to accommodate the two speakers, one of whom will be presenting on the science of groundwater, the other to discuss its management and the legal issues surrounding this resource. It is also anticipated that a representative from Orange City Council will be available to present Orange's situation concerning groundwater.

Advertising for this event will be through the ABC, local commercial and community radio, also through the Central Western Daily. Orange industry will be contacted by letter. Nick King and Neil Jones to organise.

Refreshments to be offered after the meeting. Tony Smith to organise catering. Neil Jones to contact Ben Keegan and Sue Clark concerning permission to serve alcohol.

General Business: Orange Waste to Art Program: Currently seeking sponsorship. Has been promoted in primary, secondary schools. There is also a section for community groups and an open section. Moved Neil Jones, seconded Tony Smith, that ECCO contribute \$50 to the program. Carried.

Environmental Trust Grant: Peter West has volunteered to draft an application for an Environmental Trust grant for funding for the proposed ECCO parks program. Suggested bodies with whom ECCO can collaborate on this project are Orange City Council and Daroo Urban Land care. Part of the submission will be a request for

funding for a workshop to develop community engagement and expertise and a training program for the community. There will be a meeting to discuss this proposal at 6 Pasadena Place on Tuesday, May 18, commencing 7.30.

Water to the future program: ECCO to write letter to relevant authority concerning the budget cutback in this program.

100% Renewable Energy Campaign: ECCO to consider future involvement in this campaign after seeing the content of a proposed community survey.

Local Environment Plan: Critical areas:

Ploughman's Valley Wetland. Currently zoned residential. ECCO to submit a zoning of environmental Conservation (E2) as in 2007 submission.

Botanic Gardens triangle: Now zoned urban residential. ECCO recommends public recreation. ECCO needs to liaise with friends of the gardens concerning a future submission.

Lagoon area adjacent to Waratahs: Need to examine the current classification of this area.

Rifle range area: Currently classified as Environmental Conservation (E2).

Bloomfield driving range. Crown land. Currently zoned as open space.

Bloomfield Bushland: Targeted for asset realization by Department of Health. Currently urban residential. ECCO would like to see it reclassified as environmental management. Supported by Orange Field Naturalists. To be investigated as a cultural heritage area. ECCO also to contact Cancer Care West and the Cancer Council to seek their support for the reclassification of this site on therapeutic grounds.

Need to itemize areas and submit them to members for their consideration and invite membership input.

Future public meeting: Should there be limits placed on the growth of Orange?

Important future dates: Public meeting on Wednesday, May 26 from 2pm to 5pm at the Orange ELF. Refreshments afterwards. The subject of this meeting will be the science of groundwater and its management.

ECCO Annual General Meeting, July 28.

Nick King Secretary.