

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECCO MAY 24TH 2006

PRESENT: Tony Smith, Margaret Weaver, Phil Stevenson, Col. Foster, Yvonne Cunningham, Neil Jones, Nick King.

APOLOGIES: Cilla Kinross, Colin Young, Susan Sanders.

BUSINESS ARISING: Brooklands Estate.. Minutes tabled re. meeting between representatives of ECCO and Council representatives. It was proposed by the meeting that a letter be sent to the Council acknowledging the above meeting, and asking if a master plan for the area had been prepared, and what plans are envisaged for the private land below the estate. If so, could a copy be made available to ECCO for comment. Also to be contained in the letter a statement seeking information re. the fate of a stand of eucalyptus remaining in the above area.

General Manager: It was agreed by those present that a letter should be sent to the General Manager thanking him for his presentation at the ECCO launch. The letter to also contain details of the composition of the committee, and meeting details.

Crown Land at the Ag. Research Institute: Proposed future plans for the above land were raised by members of ECCO with council staff. They were told that there were no plans at present.

Monitoring: It was moved that discussion be held at subsequent meetings concerning current environmental issues and the identification of groups/individuals within the organization who are willing to become involved. e.g. Brooklands Estate, water monitoring etc. Committee to identify areas.

Draft Plan of Management: A group met with Jeremy Buckingham to discuss the Orange City Council's Draft Plan of Management. Stephen Nugent has prepared a response to this plan. The proposed letter will be circulated by email for comment.

Basix : As part of the next general meeting there will be a talk about environmentally friendly building practices.

HUB Action Group: Email from Christine Mc Intosh concerning the proposed waste management site. Neil to contact her concerning addressing the next ECCO meeting.

Meeting Dates: Meetings of ECCO to be held on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

General meetings will be held bimonthly. Management committee meetings to be held monthly. A brief committee meeting will be held prior to each general meeting.

There will be three or four separate events held per year independent of meetings. Members and non-members welcome at general meetings.

Non-members may attend committee meetings by invitation.