

ECCO MINUTES: GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 25 2006

PRESENT: Margaret Weaver, Julie Buckley, Phil Stevenson, Colin Young, Jane Passer, Nick King, Trevor Gazzard, David Williams, Jeff Tonkin, Margaret Lamerton, Michael Horth, Vicki Gilbert, Colin Foster, Susan Sanders.

APOLOGIES: Mary Turner, Marlene Farrell,

Minutes of the general meeting, August 23rd were moved for acceptance by Colin Foster, seconded by Nick King. Accepted. Moved that the resolution and President's statement concerning ECCO's position on the HUB be attached as an addendum to the above minutes.

Report from Neil Jones that the ECCO website is up and running. ECCO members encouraged to access same.

Southern Distributor and proposed amendment to the development control plan of Ploughman's Valley and Wentworth Estate subdivision to allow for smaller blocks and larger numbers of houses. It was moved that Nick King contact Paul Johnston re: the proposed development, and to invite him to address a future meeting of ECCO on this issue, which is up for consultation shortly. Moved that the relevant council; papers be placed on the website.

Murcutt visit: It was moved at the September management committee meeting that ECCO arrange a public forum on sustainable development . To be planned at a future⁴ management committee meeting.

Proposed that ECCO have a newsletter. This also to be discussed at a later meeting.

Treasurer's report: Phil reports that ECCO membership has risen to 34, with a balance of \$727.75. Moved Phil Stevenson, seconded David Williams that the treasurer's report be accepted.

Correspondence: Rick Farley Memorial Lectures. To be conducted Tuesday October 31st. Still taking bookings. Speaker Robin Williams. Topic: Inventing the Future.

Neil reported on the Public Hearing of the Ploughman's Valley Draft Plan of Management, which was attended by himself and Nick. A submission was made on behalf of and the Ploughman's Valley Wetlands Group to change the classification of the area between Glendale Crescent and the Northern Distributor from "watercourse" to "wetland." The outcome of this submission is to be announced.

The organization of the proposed premiere screening of the film "An Inconvenient Truth" by ECCO was discussed. It was decided that ECCO send complementary tickets to all members of Orange City Council.

Guest speaker Nigel Hoyden addressed the meeting on the council's Greenways plan, including a tabled list of environmental projects undertaken by council. A document on green linkages and corridors to be released for public comment.

Nigel also addressed the meeting on the Significant Landscape Project. ECCO to consider its role in promoting and supporting both issues.

Neil thanked Nigel for his presentation on behalf of ECCO members. Meeting concluded.

Next meeting of ECCO to be held on November 22nd, at 7.30 at the Environmental Learning Facility. Among the topics to be discussed are the proposed environmental awards for 2007.