

MINUTES OF ECCO MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING SEPT 27TH 2006

PRESENT: Neil Jones, Colin Foster, Margaret Weaver, Nick King, Stephen Nugent, Michael Hort, Phillip Stephenson, John Blackwood, Colin Young.

APOLOGIES: Susan Sanders, Alan Winkworth, Kerry Cochrane, Janet Price, Tony Smith.

BUSINESS: Nick updated meeting re proposed address by Alison Russel, which she will be giving at the next general meeting on the 25th of October. The address will concern the Significant Landscape Project which she is co-coordinating for Orange.

Nick was also to approach Council re. the forthcoming DCP OF Ploughman's Hill and the possibility of the Southern Distributor going down Ploughman's Lane. Council currently not in a position to respond. Will contact Nick in November. There should be information available for the next General meeting.

Neil reported that the ECCO Website is progressing, and should be up and running by the next general meeting.

John Blackwood addressed the meeting concerning the Orange Design Group, who is involved, and its aims and objectives, which were concerned with the creation of a practical example of a more environmentally friendly alternative to current approaches to urban development.

Discussion ensued as to how ECCO could support the Orange Design Group and how best to follow up the Murcutt seminar. Suggestions included approaching someone who has expertise in alternative urban design who is prepared to share a platform with an Orange Council representative to discuss urban design and development. Neil to further investigate this approach.

Proposed by Stephen Nugent that ECCO organise a theater party for the screening of the film "An inconvenient Truth". This film to be screened on 2nd November at the Australia Cinema. Further details concerning the organization of the event to be discussed at a meeting at Neil's place on Wednesday October 11 th .

The ongoing issue of the development of the Orange Health Campus and its impact on the existing native vegetation is currently in abeyance. Future submissions can be made. A letter concerning this has been sent to the General Manager by Nick at the request of the committee.

Submissions have been called for on the draft plan of management for Ploughman's Valley. A public hearing has been arranged for the hearing of submissions which Neil will attend.

A letter has been received from council in relation to ECCO's submission to the Council Management plan. Read and tabled.

A copy of Council planning Assessment Procedures was also tabled.

Proposed by Neil the ECCO access council papers. They can be provided on request at the Council counter.

Neil to ring council concerning Climate Action grants

Brochures concerning the Orange Community Permaculture gardens were tabled by Stephen Nugent . Members of ECCO are encouraged to become involved in this project.

Meeting closed 9.30. Next meeting will be a General Meeting on October 25th,