

## **MINUTES OF ECCO MEETING 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2007**

**PRESENT:** Margaret Weaver, John Haile, Tony Smith, Jenny Smith, Jenny Pierce, Geoff Morrow, Brett Rosser, Keith Curry, Rosemary Curry, Trevor Gazzard, Meg Brannigan, Jenny Holloway, Tony Davidson, Sandra Robinson, Owen Robinson, Susan Sanders, Robert Alford, Anne Alford, Debra Brennan, Dave, Bob Hill, Stephen Nugent, Phil Stephenson, Neil Jones, Nick King .The names of some of those present may be inadvertently omitted. My apologies if this is so.

**APOLOGIES:** David Williams, Ian Pierce, Rod Holcombe

**Mayor's address:** Neil reported that John Davis is unable to address November's meeting about his vision for Orange. He will however, be available to speak to an ECCO meeting early in the New Year.

**Official endorsement of OCAN:** Moved Margaret Weaver, seconded Tony Smith that the formation of Orange Climate Action Now (OCAN) be officially recognized as a subcommittee of ECCO and the aims and objectives circulate among those present be accepted as its aims and objectives. Moved Margaret Weaver, seconded Tony Smith. Carried. Moved Michael Horth, seconded Susan Sanders that OCAN be recognized as a separate group under the auspices of ECCO. Carried.

**HUB Submission:** As agreed at the October meeting. A submission to be sent objecting to the use of prime arable land to be used as a waste disposal site. Subsequently written and sent.

**Lot 5 Classification:** Submission sent by Neil on behalf of ECCO opposing the classification of Lot 5 Kearney's Drive. All ECCO members urged to express their opposition through writing letters to the paper, lobby councilors and above all to be present at the council meeting on December the 6<sup>th</sup> when this issue is to be debated in Council.

**Power line:** Neil and Phil met with a Geolyse representative re the environmental assessment of the routing of the power line from the botanic Gardens to Molong Road. The power line will be underground so that the view will not be compromised. No trees will be removed.

**Council Address:** Chris Devitt, the Chief Engineer from Orange City Council addressed the meeting on water issues affecting Orange. He covered such topics as integrated water management, water restrictions, impacts of climate change, ground water, sewerage, storm water harvesting, water treatment, constructed wetlands.

Chris thanked by Neil on behalf of those present. Meeting closed. Members and supporters reminded that the next meeting will include a Christmas get together on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at a venue to be announced. (Now at Ibis wines from 6 o'clock).

**OCCAN UPDATE:** Members of the OCCAN committee and interested ECCO members met on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. The meeting resolved to research topics relevant to climate change. Anyone who has any ideas on any of the topics listed below can communicate them by contacting Nick King at [nking@126.com.au](mailto:nking@126.com.au), or ring him on 63 62 6827.

Members and the topics they have elected to research:

Robert Alford	Energy
Nick King	Food and marketing
Cathy Carroll	Vegetation sequestration
Megan Bryan	Health
Brian Phillips	Building design
Neil Jones	Water
Michael Horth	Agriculture
Steven Nugent	Transport and fuel