

MINUTES OF ECCO GENERAL MEETING 22nd July 2009 at the ELF

PRESENT: Alwyn Roweth Gillian Roweth Tom Harris Sue Barry Stephen Nugent Brian Phillips Rob Hill Judy Hill Cilla Kinross Phil Stevenson

APOLOGIES: Neil Jones Nick King Peter West Yvette Black Susan Sanders

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Moved Phil Stevenson seconded Brian Phillips

BUSINESS ARISING

Showground : Phil Stevenson reported senior council staff had met with members of the Orange Showground action group yesterday to progress the formation of a master plan for future management and to attend to immediate maintenance requirements

Wetlands and stormwater Harvesting: Cilla Kinross reported that there had been no further developments on his front

Solar Hot water: Rob Hill and Stephen Nugent discussed, Not heard further from Steven Harding supplier from Mudjee

Solar electric panel rebate: Brian Phillips reported that as from next January NSW will pay 60c a unit as feed-in rebate compared to only 16c at present. In Canberra they pay 4x the standard tariff for feed -in power

CORRESPONDENCE: From Ruth Harris Borenore school applying for \$100 worth of trees to plant on National tree day. They are going as environmentally friendly as possible. Enquiries have been received from 5 schools:- Borenore Glenroi Orange Public Manildra and Molong central

Correspondence accepted: Moved Cilla Kinross Seconded Judy Hill

Treasurers Report: Income \$60 (memberships), expenses photocopying 32.74 Bank Balance \$3239.50 Moved Phil Stevenson Seconded Robert Hill -carried

Cadia East Submission: Stephen Nugent had summarized submissions relating to water energy and biodiversity and proposed that this be the basis of our sum submission. Moved Stephen Nugent Se\seconded Robert Hill Carried. There followed a general discussion on subjects including the maintenance of environmental flows in streams in both catchments . Energy consumption would be equivalent to the requirements of 100,000 homes. A gas turbine power station on site would be more efficient than coal at a distance. Country Energy should be asked o advise Cadia On biodiversity Cilla Kinross mentioned hat we should delete that part on recycling sewerage and pointed out that the ?Bent wing Bat roosts in caves rather than tree hollows. It was highly unlikely that relocation efforts would be successful. Also that we need not mention migratory birds.We need to check with Peter West.

AGM:This will be on the 26th August. We had planned o use he Parkview Hotel bi there is an unresolved problem of a double booking

Natural Burials: Brian Phillips has spoken to Stephen Forbes from Orange Funeral Services who thinks half of he Orange Cemetery would be suitable. He has had a

reply from Bathurst Council b but not from Orange. It is a Local Government issue .
At present there are four approved sites in Australia A meeting has been arranged
with Stephen Forbes at Orange Funeral Services Cameron Place on 13th August at
4pm

Biochar: Annette Cowie will be speaking at the DPI 2nd September on this subject

National Conservation Trust: There will be a talk by Rob Dunn and Dave Crooks
from the Trust in the conference room at CSU at 6pm on Wednesday 12th August.
Contact Cilla Kinross

Next Committee Meeting: Wed 12th August 8 PM at Neil Jones

Next General Meeting: is the AGM at the Parkview Hotel Wednesday 26th August
7.30 pm Parkview hotel upstairs.

Minutes taken by Phil Stevenson