

ECCO GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY MARCH 25TH 2009

PRESENT: Jenny Smith, Tony Smith, Andrew Rawson, Phil Stevenson, Neil Jones, John Gill, Brian Phillips, Keith Curry, Bob Hill, Beate Hahn, John Hoskins, Peter Baxter, Andrew Baulch, Jane Baulch, Mike Middleton, Meg Bannigan, Terry Bannigan, Ewan Greer, Dorothy Noble, Sandra Robinson, Owen Robinson, Hans-Juergen Grabow, Ruth Grabeau, Bob Hoye, Dorothy Hoye, Stephen Nugent, Peter West, Sharon Rabey, Bill Murphy, Susan Sanders, Peter Kircher, David Williams, Jean Pearce, Anthony Davidson, Colin Young, John Poulan, Nick King. Apologies to anyone who has been inadvertently omitted.

APOLOGIES: John Cobb, Jenny Holdaway, Haidee Nelson, Jenny Hill

ECCO/OCAN Environmental awards: The ECCO Award for the Summer quarter was awarded to **Peter Kircher** for his restoration of his property over a period of many years, starting from an area of degraded grazing land, now transformed into a thriving natural ecosystem.

The OCAN climate action award for the Summer was presented to **Keith Curry** for raising community awareness of issues concerning climate change through his regular column in the Central Western Daily. Congratulations to both Keith and Peter.

Climate Action Protest: Members and friends were encouraged to attend the national protest against the Rudd Government's Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) to take place outside the office of John Cobb, our local federal member, commencing at 9am on Friday 27th March.

Earth Hour Party: Members and friends were reminded of the Earth hour party to be held at Cilla Kinross' property, 870 Ophir Road on Saturday, March 28th, commencing 7.30pm. A reminding email to be sent to all members for both of the above events.

Guest Speaker: Any other business was suspended to provide time for a presentation to the group by Dr. **Andrew Rawson**, senior Climate Change Scientist. The following issues were covered in Dr. Rawson's presentation.

The causes of global warming

The results of global warming

The effect of global warming on such naturally occurring phenomena as the Arctic sea ice.

The need to intervene to prevent global warming from developing on a worst case trajectory

How planning is underway at state level to develop a plan to assist with adaptation to climate change.

An explanation of models and predictions concerning the effect of climate change in Australia and NSW.

Predictions about changing weather patterns and their implications for Australia and NSW.

An explanation of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme and the Emissions Trading Scheme.

Many thanks to Dr. Rawson for a detailed and informative presentation.

Next ECCO Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 15th, commencing 7.30 at 6 Pasadena Place.

Next ECCO General Meeting: Wednesday, April 22nd, at the Environmental Learning Facility, commencing 7.30 pm

Nick King Secretary.