

ECCO GENERAL MEETING NOV 25 2009

PRESENT: Vicki Glover, Geoff Porter, Paul Cox, Hans Gabo, Brian Meaghan, Ruth Gabo, David Williams, Stephen Elliot, Andrew Gee, Jennifer Smith, Tony Smith, Ross Pearce, Susan Sanders, Roy Buss, Peter Moes, Graeme Dray, Brian Phillips, Graham Brown, Colin Foster, Stephen Nugent, Phil Stephenson, Peter Darley, Neil Jones, Nick King

APOLOGIES: Peter West, Yvette Black, Meg Bannigan, Murray Fletcher. Moved Stephen Nugent, seconded Phil Stephenson that the apologies be accepted. Carried.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 28: Moved Tony Smith, seconded Jenny Smith that the minutes of the general meeting on October 28 be accepted. Carried.

Business arising: The HUB: Members voted unanimously for ECCO to lodge a submission opposing the HUB. This has been completed and circulated to the membership for comment. There will be a project assessment meeting to consider submissions at Molong on December 8. Neil Jones will speak to ECCO's submission.

Bloomfield bushland selloff: Neil Jones reported on the Health Department's asset realization strategy, which includes the selloff of bushland behind Bloomfield hospital including the Hinton reserve. The Bloomfield Bushland Action Group is currently investigating this issue. Neil will keep ECCO informed.

Walk Against Warming: Logistical organization and the appropriate permission is in place. Councillor Jeremy Buckingham has agreed to address the rally. Neil to investigate the possibility of an additional speaker. Nick to organise a petition for signature on the day, plus negotiation for media coverage and advertising commencing Monday November 30. Members are asked to print off and distribute the flyers which have been emailed to them. Nick has printed copies for distribution. If you can help ring him on 63 62 6827, or contact him on nking126@bigpond.com or the ECCO Gmail below.

Many thanks to Bob and Dorothy Hoye who organised members of the Orange Scouting Movement to distribute flyers in the Central Business District.

ECCO Website: ECCO's new website was launched by webmaster Stephen Nugent, who demonstrated the website and its contents to the meeting. Thanks to Stephen and Myles Leigo, web designer for making ECCO's website possible. As webmaster, Stephen has taken on the responsibility of updating the website. Nick King and Brian Phillips to provide links for the website. Our ECCO website address is www.eccorange.org.au . Any member who has a link which they feel should be included on the website, contact ECCO through our Gmail address ecco.orange@gmail.com

Carbon Conversations. Brian Phillips outlined the concept of carbon conversations, which is the opportunity for those ECCO members who wish to reduce their carbon footprint and would like support and advice to meet and discuss the issue.. Information about carbon conversations has been previously circulated to members.

Catchment management workshop: Attended by Neil Jones. The purpose of the workshop was to identify waterways in the Orange City catchment which are of significance and value. Submissions due by Friday, December 4. For more information contact Neil , 63 62 0428, or through ECCO gmail.

Those who are interested are invited to meet at Nick King's house, 126 Coronation Drive at 7.30 on Wednesday, December 2.

Orange City Council Water Projects Update Report: A presentation concerning this document was delivered by Mr. Geoff Porter, Water and Sewerage Operations Manager for Orange City Council.

Issues arising: Groundwater: measurement and status of privately operated bores. Status of groundwater in general.

Water restrictions-their triggers and the implications for Orange.

Short term strategies to address water emergencies.

Medium to long term strategies for water security.

How Orange fits in with the regional water plan

Expansion of rainwater tanks

Stormwater harvesting.

Future use of treated effluent.

Implications for the future development of Orange.

Members are encouraged to read this report which is available on the Orange City Council website under meetings and minutes/ Click on meetings and minutes. Go to November, click on Council agenda-item 8. Water report. There are also copies available over the desk at the Council office.

Future ECCO dates:

Carbon Conversations: 126 Coronation Drive, Wednesday December 2, commencing 7.30pm.

ECCO committee meeting: Date to be advised.

ECCO Christmas Party: Sunday, December 13 at 6 Pasadena Place, commencing 5pm.

Walk against Warming: Saturday, December 12, meeting in Sale St car park opposite Neweys Dry Cleaners at 12 pm.

Nick King Secretary

