

MINUTES OF ECCO GENERAL MEETING May 27th 2009

PRESENT: Geoff Watson, John Gill, Carol Gill, Tom Harris, Christiastine Wade, Sue Barry, Russel Kath, Judy hill, Bob Hill, Yvette Black, Peter West, Ruth Grabow, Hans Grabow., Brian Phillips, Stephen Nugent, Steve Harding, Colin Young, Tony Smith, Jenny Smith, Janet Piece, Kate Hook, Kath Russ, Haidee Nelson, Neil Jones, Nick King

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION: ECCO president Neil Jones welcomed all present and introduced guest speaker Steve Harding, representative of Hills Solar pumping solutions, based at Ilford, near Mudgee. Steve gave a presentation on the evacuated tube system of solar hot water production. This included a description of the evacuated tubing and how it works. An example of the product was on hand for demonstration purposes. Input was also obtained from individuals present who had the product installed.

Steve also gave details and led discussion on the topic of photovoltaic cells. Again, there were those present who had this system installed and were able to talk about its functioning from first hand experience. Neil to contact local PVC supplier to see if a bulk purchase deal can be arranged.

ECCO has negotiated a bulk purchase agreement with Steve Harding and Hills solar pumping solutions. If Steve receives 5 orders from ECCO members for an evacuated tube solar hot water system such members will receive a 5% rebate. If over ten ECCO members sign up for the above purchases, they will receive an 8% discount. Interested ECCO members are required to contact Steve direct. Contact details are:

Steve Harding: Mobile: 0427 240 294 freecall: 1300 727 422

Email: steve@solarpumping.com.au

Website: www.solarpumping.com.au

No general business was conducted due to time constraints. It was agreed that any items of general business be carried over to the next ECCO committee meeting.

Dates to remember: Next ECCO committee meeting. **Wednesday, June 10th, commencing 7.30, 6 Pasadena Place.**

Next ECCO general meeting. **Wednesday, June 24, commencing 7pm at the Environmental Learning Facility (ELF).**

ECCO/Orange City Council World Environment Day Arts Competition entries due in by 5pm, Wednesday, June 3rd. Looking forward to lots of entries from creative ECCO members.

World Environment Day, Friday June 5th.

Friday, June 5th. 1.45. at Glenroi Primary school. Volunteers needed for helping Glenroi Heights primary school students with their kitchen garden project.

Saturday June 13th. ELF Community garden working bee.

Nick King secretary.

