

ECCO GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 28 2009

Present: Bob Hoye, Dorothy Hoye, Jenny Smith, Tony Smith, Neil Jones, Nick King, John Gill, Richard Dowling, Liz Dowling, Garth Hogg, Ross Pearce, Phil Stephenson, Robert Alford, Colin Young, Susan Sanders.

Apologies: Brian Phillips, Colin Foster, John Hammond, Marie Hammond, Carol Gill, Stephen Nugent, Jeannie Pearce, Anne Alford. Moved John Gill, seconded Tony Smith that the apologies be accepted. Carried.

Minutes of meeting September 23 2009: This was a public meeting concerning the water security of Orange, with no general business being conducted. Two significant reports were discussed at this meeting. The Centroc report concerning drought proofing the Central West ids due out on October 29. Orange's Water Security report will be due out on November 2nd. Information about the availability of these reports will be made available to the ECCO membership. Moved Nick King, seconded John Gill that the minutes of the meeting of September 23 be accepted. Carried.

Treasurer's report: Current balance: \$2556.50 \$860.00 in membership renewals. Out going expenditure \$1 143.00. Expenditure items, Windy Hill- plants, printing and stationary, Membership to the National Climate Action Network, Website, Purchase of ECCO banner. Moved Phil Stephenson, seconded Jenny Smith that the treasurer's report be accepted. Carried.

Membership renewal: Nick to send out a reminder notice to members who have not renewed their membership.

Correspondence: Letter from David Gambell, HUB consultant in response to an invitation to address the ECCO general meeting on this issue. Regretfully declined , but referred members to the information session to be held this coming Saturday in Orange and in Molong (details of which have been communicated to the membership and advertised in last Saturday's paper.)

Moved John Gill, seconded Tony Smith that the correspondence be accepted. Carried.

General Business:

Website: Stephen Nugent and Neil Jones will be meeting with the website designer to finalise the design for the website Wednesday this week.

The Hub: Moved Tony Smith, seconded Nick King that ECCO writes a submission opposing the HUB project. Carried.

Meeting arranged for ECCO members interested in contributing to this submission, to be held November 4th at 55 Hill Street, commencing 8pm.

Bus Trip to Hub site: ECCO to organise a bus trip to the HUB site for Sunday, November 8. Neil to organise a minibus for the trip. Will leave at 2 pm, Sunday, October 8 from Orange city Council carpark.

North Orange Distributer: EIS now available for public scrutiny. Nick to follow up ECCO's submission on this project.

Walk Against Warming: Nick to email membership concerning suggestions for speakers at this event

Bloomfield Bushland: The state government is proposing to sell off a significant part of the Bloomfield site which is currently bushland as part of its asset realization strategy. A future meeting will discuss the possibility of ECCO opposing this proposal.

Next general Meeting: Wednesday, November 25, commencing 7.30 pm at the ELF.
ECCO committee meeting November 11 6 Pasadena Place, commencing 7.30 pm.
HUB submission meeting, 55 Hill Street, commencing 8 pm.
Information meeting about the HUB this Saturday, October 31, at 77 Kite Street, commencing 2pm.

Members can obtain information about the HUB proposal on <http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au>

Nick King Secretary.