

MINUTES OF ECCO GENERAL MEETING April 28 2010

PRESENT: Neil Jones, Nick King, Colin Young, David Williams, June Mason, Brian Phillips, Peter Baxter, Stephen Nugent, John Gill, Simon Wright, Jenny Smith, Tony Smith, Peter West

Minutes of General meeting February 24: The general meeting of March 24 was a public meeting where no business was discussed. The meeting of February 24 was the last meeting devoted to general business.

Moved Jenny Smith, seconded Brian Phillips that the minutes of the February general meeting be accepted. Carried.

Business arising : Correspondence: Letter from Newcrest Mines in response to the letter from ECCO expressing concern about the amount of carbon emissions from the proposed Cadia East extension . Suggested that ECCO contact Cadia with suggestions concerning access to clean energy and how emissions can be offset. To be further discussed at a later meeting.

Concern as expressed about Orange City Council's lack of response to correspondence concerning natural burials. Neil Jones to pursue this issue with Council.

Business of general Meeting April 28.

Treasurer's report: To be deferred to a later meeting.

General Business: Orange Credit Union grant application: Moved Tony Smith, seconded John Gill that an application for a \$2000 grant be lodged by ECCO for the purpose of funding assistance for the ECCO Environmental Awards program. It was agreed that Orange Credit Union be acknowledged in a similar manner to the other sponsors of the awards. Carried.

Environmental trust grant: Peter West to pursue an application the Environmental Trust for training days for ECCO's proposed parks program. Applications due May 28.

Clean up Australia: ECCO can nominate projects and activities worthy of recognition within the Orange Community. To be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Groundwater forum: To be the focus of the next ECCO general meeting, to be held on Wednesday, May 26. Due to the availability of the presenters, it will be necessary to deviate from custom and hold the meeting from 2pm to 5pm. The forum will be held in lieu of the general meeting.

ECCO Brochures: Moved Neil Jones, seconded Nick King that ECCO purchase a brochure holder for the price of \$150. This would allow for a display of ECCO brochures to be set up at venues such as the Farmers' Market, the Rotary Enviro Expo etc. Carried.

Local Environment Plan: The main focus of the April general meeting. It is anticipated that the Local Environment Plan will be on public display in early June.

In 2007 ECCO made the following submissions: The numbers refer to those of the document containing all submissions.

25. Rifle range. Currently zoned E2 . Environmental conservation.

26. Next to old drive-in site. Rear portion E2. Threatened.

27. Wentworth Reserve. Currently zoned E2.

29. Ridgeline behind Ibis Wines. Proposed from zone E3. Environmental management.

30. Ploughman's Creek Wetlands: Southern portion currently zoned operational, the rest being zoned environmental management. ECCO submission advocates E2-environmental conservation.

31Kearney's Drive Brooklands Estate: Creek line corridor. ECCO's submission E2. Official classification not currently specified.

32. Botanic Gardens triangle: Currently used as overflow parking , zoned as operational land. Future use deferred for ten years. ECCO needs to develop a case for more appropriate zoning .

33. Ridgeline for Ploughman's Valley: Large lot residential (RS)

Other areas for consideration: Bloomfield Hospital bushland: Currently zoned general farming. ECCO needs to develop a case for E2.

Need to ensure that Orange's parks are zoned to ensure their retention.

The next ECCO committee meeting will be devoted to working on areas of concern in the LEP.

Neil Jones will organise circulation of the LEP to the ECCO membership.

ECCO to approach Orange City Council concerning any significant changes to the LEP.

ECCO Committee meeting : The next ECCO committee meeting will be held at 6 Pasadena Place on Wednesday, May 12, commencing 7.30. All welcome.

Next ECCO general meeting: The next ECCO general meeting will be a public meeting on groundwater. It will be held on Wednesday, May 26 at the ELF. Please note that the meeting times are changed to 2pm-5pm, due to the availability of the presenters.

Glenroi Kitchen Garden Project: Members are reminded that volunteers are required for the Glenroi Kitchen Garden project. A working bee will be conducted from 1.45pm to 3.00pm each Friday. Contact Nick (63 62 6827) for further details. Nick King Secretary.

