

## **ECCO GENERAL MEETING MARCH 24, 2010**

**PRESENT:** David Waddell, Ron Gander, Tony Smith, Craig Mortell, Jenny Coleman, June Mason, Nicole Dennis, Claudette Elliott, Frank Hayes, Lisa Cox, Haidee Nelson, Victor Steciuk, Susan Sanders, Dorothy Hoye, Bob Hoye, Peter West, Yvette Black, Brandon Vidler, Judy Hill, Bob Hill, David Williams, Zac Rossi, Colin Young, Nick King.

**APOLOGIES:** Marlene Farrell, Stephen Nugent, Jenny Smith, Phil Stephenson, Brian Phillips, Fiona Rossiter

**General business:** As the March general meeting was to be devoted to the presentation of the Orange Local Environment plan, general business was brief. The treasurer's report was held over until the next general meeting.

### **Items of general business:**

Bloomfield bushland: Still in danger of being the victim of Health Department asset realisation, with possible relegation to housing development. ECCO to consider developing more public awareness of the environmental and social benefits derived from retaining the area and developing its environmental potential.

Glenroi School Kitchen Garden Program: ECCO has pledged to support this program. Much thought and funding has gone into its development, but volunteer support is essential if it is to be developed to its full potential. Those who are willing to volunteer, please contact Nick Ph: 63 62 6827 or email [nking126@gmail.com](mailto:nking126@gmail.com). Gardening time is Monday afternoon at Glenroi School from 1.45 to 3pm.

ECCO Local environment awards: Our latest round of awards go to Ross and Pam Montgomery for their excellent native garden, and to Christine Mackintosh for her dedication and advocacy concerning Orange's waste management issues.

Community radio: ECCO has been offered a radio interview on Tuesday each fortnight on Orange community radio 107.5fm from 4-4.30pm.

ECCO brochures: 1000 copies printed for distribution. Congratulations Stephen on a great design.

Orange Groundwater: To be the subject of the May general meeting.

**Orange's Local Environment Plan:** David Waddell, Director of Development services presented an overview of Orange's Local Environment Plan which included and explanation of the local Environment plan and the process involved from its inception to its adoption. He also included information about the zonings and the issues around which planning needs to occur in Orange.

ECCO has representatives on the planning committee which is responsible for the development of the LEP.

For more information concerning the LEP presentation please refer to the powerpoint attachment forwarded by ECCO on Tuesday, April 20 .

**Development Control Plan:**

Town planner Craig Mortell gave a presentation about Orange's Development Control Plan, which is concerned with housing design requirements. The LEP is about zoning land within the boundaries of the city of Orange, whereas the Development Control Plan is about the standards and design controls of the structures erected on the zoned land. The DCP will be released separately to the LEP.

**ECCO dates to remember:** Next ECCO general meeting to be held at the Environmental Learning Facility on Wednesday, April 28, commencing 7.30. It will be a general meeting the agenda of which will be forwarded prior.

Green Drinks to be held on Sunday, May 2, at the Union Bank, commencing 3.30. Come along and bring your friends. All welcome.

100% renewables photo shoot.

May 2 is also the national launch of the National Climate Action campaign for 100% renewable energy. We would like to support this campaign by taking a photo of ECCO members and friends and all community members who believe in climate action through promoting renewable energy .

The purpose of the nationwide campaign is to show our politicians that the grassroots community cares about climate change and wants real action on the issue in the form of energy which does not create greenhouse gas emissions.

The venue for this photograph will be the Orange sign on Bathurst Road. The time will be 11am on Thursday April 29. This photo will be part of a national campaign for renewable energy, involving community groups throughout Australia. and will also illustrate a press release about the campaign in the Earth First column on Saturday May 1.

Nick King Secretary.