



Meetings and Minutes

Wednesday, 19 February 2020

Present: 30 + at the beginning of the meeting

Apologies: Simon Wright, Tom Seiler

Minutes of General Meeting:

Kate Hook, meeting introduction and theme / direction for the year:

- We can survive the climate crises and thrive
- 2020 is the year of action
- Recommended reading: The Future We Choose, Surviving the Climate Crisis by Christiana Figueres, Tom Rivett-Carnac
- Opportunity: draw for 2 people to go to Sydney for a book launch of above (end of March)
- Recommended listening: Outrage and optimism – podcast
- 2020 – why a year of action? IPCC agrees carbon levels in the atmosphere must start declining from this point

Introduction of other existing local groups:

- Nick King from ECCO: Environmentally Concerned Citizens of Orange
ECCO meets on the third Wednesday of each month
Collaboration welcome (incorporated group has insurance etc...)
Work with other groups (e.g. tree planting programme through Bill Josh (OCC) regular plantings until June this year; 3 regular sites in Orange)
- Cilla Kinross – Central West Environment Council
Membership (paid) welcome (suited to groups)
CWEC is a buffer between environmental groups and developers/government etc
Formulates policies to improve the environment for the central west
Local groups with problems can get changes – advocacy, detailed submissions leading to public enquiry to lead to change
Changes to legislation towards crown land group
Educational function
June 13th and 14th regional forum in Orange
Press releases and Facebook and website presence
Sponsor other people's forum
Collaborative with larger region to hear what problems are out there – people with expertise to get around... air pollution, and water... bigger picture stuff – solutions based
- Sally Kirby - Central Tablelands Landcare
25 years history
Communities and social cohesion getting things done on a local level
Orange and Bathurst and surrounds – natural resource management and community building e.g. beekeeping
Incorporated status and can apply for funding to facilitate new projects, renewables and bee forage, revegetation

Thanks for your ideas, energy and enthusiasm! Let's get some great things done!

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projects etc

Helped organise last year's Farmers for climate action conference

Collecting seed and nursery

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- Extinction Rebellion Central West
 - Brief history of XR... international, non-violent, civil disobedience)
 - Demands: Tell the truth, act now, beyond politics
 - Strategic for effectiveness and strategic for legal, conscientious rest and reflection
 - Mobilise locally – declare climate emergency petition going around
 - Silent vigil 9.30 – 10.30 am on Saturdays in front of Andrew Gee MP office
 - Clean energy, zero carbon emissions, job creation
- ESCCI – environmental sustainability community (clarification needed)
 - An advisory group to the OCC
 - Have seen a change from outright denial to incremental acknowledgement / progress
 - Climate change – “variable weather”
 - Frustrating because it is just advisory
 - We can make a difference. Feedback needed as to what needs to be done. Being able to influence at council meetings – supported.
- Dave Oakton: Electric vehicle Expo project
 - A few hands needed (end of October)
 - Skills needed: event management, grant writing, contacting companies, organise what it is going to look like and legalities
 - See Futuring Orange website for details
 - “get involved” – check out Joel Little at Bathurst city council

Strategic planning – putting pressure on three levels of government

- Federal level: Andrew Gee
 - support the climate action bill
 - idea - horticulture the canary in the coal mine, the seasons have already changed, netting needed mainly for sunscreen etc...
 - fruit/ grapes for wine
 - Farmers for climate action, winegrowers group, CWA, national farmers, NSW farmers.
 - Letter writing? Collaborate with groups to ... proof of numbers of letters esp. central west environmental group.
 - Diversity of ages - publicising this! Focus on schools. Fb postcards, social justice groups to be involved.
- State level: Phil Donato
 - biodiversity, deforestation, energy, gas, jobs/training and water
 - Support for more people to work on fire mitigation and land management
 - Party line vs independence? Would he consider, get the votes, and what influence is best
- Local level: Election – aim for diversity on council
 - some councillors have been sitting for 20-30 years
 - Netwaste tour of waste facility 9-12 this Saturday
 - Building new houses with no thought to water. Mandatory to have water tanks? Black/ Grey water harvesting?



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Incentivise grey water use...

Community Forum – ask and expect that every member running for council has a stance on climate.

Plugging for transparency for announcements.

Invite Reg Kidd to present at a Futuring Orange at a meeting – what is council doing already and what else will they do

- Response to recent Climate Behind the Headlines talks was positive and encouraged to have more
- The Climate Act Now bill – 23rd March to Parliament - details needed to be put on the newsletter and promoted far and wide
- Public education: 240 + on the mailing list for Futuring Orange. Prioritise education of public.
- Last week of March 28th, 29th and 30th. Julian Cribb (author – food advocate) coming to Orange, Michael Mobbs. Suggest QandA style forum in Orange. Invite F.O.O.D Inc, Orange 360, ORVA and councillors. Tammi Jonas (Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance)? Young people to pitch ideas as competitions etc.
- Landcare cultural burning brief discussion

Next meeting: Wednesday 18 March 2020 at Parkview Hotel