

Community model parking has early success

It's been a busy six months for the six directors of ECCO since a lease to run the two car parks was granted by Council in December 2008.

We are delighted that 15 community organisations have so far received donations totalling over \$26,000. The rate of donation paid is equivalent to \$15 per hour for each volunteer's hour of car parking. We know that these donations are making a significant difference to the viability of community groups. Congratulations to the volunteers for their dedication in learning the skills required and in welcoming visitors to the markets.

We have parked in May an average of 894 cars, April 973, March 850, February 756 and January 1126. Our set up costs have been considerable and the wet conditions have posed some challenges. We have paid \$10,000 to improve the poor drainage in the top car park. Under the terms of our lease, we have also had to reimburse Council \$31,020 for the six boom gates – a once-only item of expenditure.

Next month, we will be able to let you know about our community projects that we hope to fund from surpluses. The projects are right now being reviewed by Council.

Bob Loudon, director



Bob Loudon, director of ECCO, one of two nominees of Eumundi & District Community Assn.