

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc.

Minutes of General Meeting – 2nd June 2015

Present: See attendance record of 2nd June 2015. Vice President Glenys Patulny opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

Welcome: Glenys Patulny welcomed all MLAs, guest speakers and visitors. Glenys also acknowledged the Ngunawal people, the traditional owners of the land that we stand on.

Apologies: Eric and Carole Traise, Jeff and Robyn Chapman.

Confirmation of Minutes of the last meeting:

Acceptance of the minutes of the 5th May, pending corrections offered, was nominated by Mark O'Neil, Seconded by Bill Heins.

Presidents Report – Glenys Patulny

- It is with sadness that Glenys reflects that it was this time last year that Alison Ryan, a dedicated TCC member died. In memory her children Chloe and Liam put on a Morning Tea for Cancer on the 16th May. Over 100 people attended, including a number of TCC members. It was noted that the event raised \$4000.
- Pre-election announcements by the Government of \$10.5 million to build a CIT campus in Tuggeranong and \$24 million to duplicate Ashley Drive. Both announcements are received warmly by the TCC.
- The executive have met with Adrian Brown who is working to start up a group that could promote events and ideas in the Tuggeranong Community. It was suggested that he could form a special subcommittee of the TCC to look at promoting such events. Glenys reminded those present that there are a number of subcommittees members could join.

Treasurers Report – Max Flint

A few invoices paid this month, minute taker, phone and the Southern Cross Club. Reminder that membership renewals are due on the 1st July. Membership is \$5 or \$7 for a family.

Moved: Max Flint Seconded: Albert Orszaczky All in favour.

Police Report – Sgt Jo Cameron

Crimes rates for this month are:

- Confirmed burglaries increased by 3 since last month, but there is a decrease of 12 from June 2014.
- Property damage decreased by 11.
- Confirmed assaults increased by 17. This is no cause for alarm as people tend not to report assaults, so it is a positive trend that more people are now reporting them.
- Stolen motor vehicles increased by 1 from last month to 22.

- 26 reports of number plate thefts which is 4 more than last month.
- 60 reports of thefts from motor vehicles which is an increase by 5 from last month. This is an increase of 38 from June 2014.
- Overall thefts have decreased by 17 since last month.

Police are concerned that school communities are being unnecessarily stressed by 'white van syndrome' and children are becoming anxious when they see white vans. Conversations have to occur between parents and teachers so that children aren't overly concerned. These incidents are rare and of course taken seriously by police when there is legitimate concern. Police have been working with the media to get this message out.

Jo will be away for the July meeting and will be represented by David Williams.

Car thefts appear to be opportunistic and be for the purposes of travelling from one place to another or to commit other crimes. Immobilizers are good but people are stealing car keys in burglaries. Recovery rates are not too bad.

MP/MLA Updates

Brendan Smyth showed a map of the new electorate boundaries which will be used for the next ACT election. Gave the map to the TCC.

In the ACT Budget handed down this week it showed a deficit of \$597 million for this year and \$407 million next year (without Mr Fluffy this figure is decreased to \$348 million).

Graphs showed that the ACT will be in the black in 2018-2019. The cash deficit shows that we spend more than we earn. The net deficit is increasing and shows a decrease in 2018/2019. This is when the Government intends on spending \$400 million on the Capital Metro project.

Over the next four years interest paid by the Government will be \$884 million. Indications show that lenders are concerned about this level of borrowing.

The budget included many increased in fees, such as rates, parking fines, car park fees, and stamp duty.

Nicole Lauder congratulated Glenys Patulny on receiving the Inaugural Frank Brown medal awarded by the Lyons Club.

When the Northbourne Units are demolished this will be a loss of 1288 public housing properties. The average wait for a house is 18 months; this is 21 days longer than last year, and the waiting list is getting longer. She is concerned that the people being moved from the Northbourne Flats are supposed to be moving into new properties which haven't been built yet.

Tara Costigan Foundation and Tara's Angels. Michael Costigan.

Michael Costigan thanked the community for their support –'part of the healing process is being loved by Canberra'. He commented that a soul has been exposed in our community.

The Tara Costigan Foundation will be officially launched at the Hyatt on the 14th June. There will be a community launch in August and 'Rock for Tara' on the 18th July.

Coordination between agencies seems to be missing, and the Foundation wants to fill that gap. More is needed in raising awareness, education and lobbying, and money doesn't go where it is needed. The Tara Costigan Foundation wants to help smaller centres be better heard.

Research shows that people stay in crisis centres for three months, but longer is needed. Many have nowhere to go, so they go back to the situation, couch surf, leave town, and some suicide.

They intend to set up 'Tara's Angels'; one-on-one support for victims of domestic violence. Each Angel will be able to look after between 5 and 10 people.

Subcommittee Reports

Community and Health Subcommittee – Beverley Flint

Beverly congratulated Glenys on being the first recipient of the Inaugural Lyons Frank Brown Memorial Award for community service to the Tuggeranong Valley. The Lyons Club of Tuggeranong organised the presentation and light refreshments afterward.

Beverly has advised the ACT Government, and has received a reply from the Health Minister Simon Corbell, of the research published in The Australian on the 5th March linking Blue Green Algae and Motor Neuron Disease. She hopes they will look further into this link.

Has been talking to Peter Johns the Senior Planning Manager at the Environment and Sustainability Directorate in regards to a new housing development planned for East Greenway, across from the Dog Exercise Area. Bev has requested a second exit going south at the southern end of Mortimer Lewis Drive as residents are concerned about increased traffic in the area.

The Tuggeranong Sing Australia Choir group who meet at Erindale on Monday afternoons are looking for new members or they may need to wind up.

The ACT Budget included \$250,000 in additional funding to increase capacity for two domestic and sexual violence services and the ACT school will benefit from \$615,000 for social and emotional learning programs.

Congratulations to Vicki Parker for becoming the first Coordinating General for Domestic and Family Violence.

The Brindabella. Block 5 Section 13, Greenway Development - Alistair McCallum

The 2.6 hectare vacant site between The Caroline Chisholm Building and the Archives (corner of Athlon drive and Roland Reese Crescent) was for the FASCIA building will now be a 500 residential complex with some commercial properties. A Lease variation in the DA is required as it is currently zoned for commercial. The height will be less than 9 stories (38 metres) to blend with the surrounding buildings. Given proximity to the Murrumbidgee River there are obligations to control runoff from the development. The Archives will move to a purpose build building in Mitchell in 2018.

The 1st stage will be to build a mix of townhouses and apartments. A road will be built into the complex which will feed in under the townhouses so access to the properties won't come directly off Athlon Drive.

A DA will be lodged in the next month.

Tuggeranong Town Square - Paulius Gutauskas and Anna Johnstone

Put forward simple, cheap, and temporary suggestions for the vitalisation of Tuggeranong Square to make it more vibrant. A good community space needs to make people feel safe and engaged in their community. This would encourage people walk and cycle more.

Ways suggested included:

- Pop up shops with 30 day rolling lease (such as Westspace or the Lonsdale Traders)
- Pop up kids plays areas
- Pop up Meeting areas, moveable seating
- Host markets, such as the Muddle Puddles markets
- Music and other arts at the Centre Stage Gazebo

No time frames as everything is just ideas. Many of them could be 'in between time ideas before the Tuggeranong Plan is implemented, making use of some of the vacant shops.

Bev suggested they could form a subcommittee of the TCC.

The Heart Foundation Survey on Tuggeranong and the ACT – Anthony Burton and Tony Stubbs

The number one killer of people in the ACT is heart disease, but you can reduce your risk by 50% by walking every day. The Heart Foundation recommends a minimum 150 minutes a week of activity, or ½ hour 5 days a week.

The National Prevention Survey run by the ABS found that a sense of place, having somewhere to go and to feel part of the community was important to the wellbeing of people.

The survey placed Tuggeranong at number 52. 30% of people in Tuggeranong are obese, and 57% didn't do enough activity. In comparison North Canberra showed that 18.0% were obese. The ACT as a whole was 25% obese and 50.5% weren't getting enough activity. The results were moderated to account for age.

The data, when read alongside the last Census , shows that fewer people ride or walk to work than in Civic (where 20% ride to work). Tuggeranong and Gungahlin also have higher car ownership than North Canberra. The survey results could be used as a strong advocacy tool for improvements in Tuggeranong such as more pathways and facilities for residents, as well as more public transport. It also reflects where people work, so more employment opportunities in Tuggeranong would be a positive step.

Urban planning can reduce opportunities for walking or cycling, such as inactive street frontages, concrete channels limiting creek crossings and drop off areas which multiply conflict points on a road.

Need to provide more opportunities for people to participate e.g. walking groups or YMCA exercise classes.

General Business:

A Master Plan for the Calwell Shops has been developed and it is open for public comment. It covers the area of the shops and Were Street down to Johnston Drive. The plan is on display at the shopping centre.

Reminder from Gai Brodtmann that on the 18th June at 6pm there is a National Broadband Forum being held at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre.

Glenys has received a letter from the Water Policy Unit indicating that the consultants for each catchment have been confirmed and they were keen for the community to attend a stakeholders meeting with them. Glenys will attend the Tuggeranong one.

Close Meeting: Meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Next Meeting: 7th July 2015

TCC TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL (TCC)		
TREASURER'S REPORT		
GENERAL MEETING		
	2/06/15	SC Club
ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD ENDING		
May 2015		
	Date	Balance
Operating Account		
Start of Period	1/05/15	6,218.01
Income		-
Expenses-Paid		- 558.98
Cheques not yet presented		-
Cheques paid from last month		- 100.00
Transfers TO Investment Acct		-
Transfers FROM Investment Acct		-
Transfers TO Petty Cash		-
Transfers FROM Petty Cash		-
End of Period	31/05/15	5,559.03
Net Change for Period		- 658.98
Investment Account		
Start of Period	1/05/15	18,676.01
In		22.92
Out		-
End of Period	31/05/15	18,698.93
Net change for Period		22.92
Petty Cash		
Start of Period	1/05/15	20.60
In		-
Out		-
End of Period	31/05/15	20.60
Net change for Period		-
Total Accounts		
Start of Period	1/05/15	24,914.62
End of Period	31/05/15	24,278.56
Net change for Period		- 636.06
Income for Period (Op Acc)		
	Date	Sum
Total Income (excluding transfers)		
		-
Expenses-Paid for Period		
	Date	Sum
Optus - Phone	3/05/15	43.98
Southern Cross Club	16/05/15	125.00
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Total Expenses-Paid (excl transfers)		
		558.98
NET GAIN/LOSS FOR PERIOD		
		-558.98
CHEQUES NOT PRESENTED		
	Date	Sum
nil		
Total		0.00
CHEQUES PAID FROM LAST MONTH		
	Date	Sum
Sea Scouts	42122	100
Total		100.00
Notes:		
1. Committee expenses are those incurred by Committee Members, while performing Committee duties.		
2. Fees for preparation of two sets of TCC meeting minutes		

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