

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc.

Minutes of General Meeting –4 August 2015

Present: See attendance record of 4 August 2015.

Welcome: Vice President Glenys Patulny opened the meeting at 7.30pm, and welcomed all MLAs, guest speakers and visitors. Glenys also acknowledged the Ngunawal people, the traditional owners of the land that we stand on.

Apologies: Gai Brodtmann, Meg Blackman, Peter Lynch, Russ Morison

Confirmation of Minutes of the last meeting:

Acceptance of the minutes of 7 July 2015:

Moved: Albert Orszaczky Seconded: Ross McConnell Accepted

Matters arising from the minutes

None

Presidents Report – Glenys Patulny

It has been a sad month for all of the TCC as we learnt of the passing of our dedicated President Eric Traise. Eric passed away early in the morning on 13 July after a long illness. A retired Australian Air Force officer from Newcastle, Eric served on the TCC for many years as a general member, treasurer and president. He was first elected in 2013 and despite his illness, he stood and was re-elected for a second term in September 2014. He also served as chair of the Canberra Airport Community Aviation Consultative Group.

The TCC executive and general members have expressed their deepest sympathies to Carole and members of the family at this sad time.

A private family service was held on 17 July with a memorial service to be held at 2pm on the 14th August in the Common Room at University House at the Australian National University. Please register your attendance on the list at the back of the room.

The TCC have received a number of condolences via email including Gai Brodtmann, Jane Hyatt, Emma Kelly, Max Flint, Katy Gallagher, Zed Seselja and Noel McCain.

Nick Tsoulis, past president, spoke briefly about Eric. Eric will be remembered in Tuggeranong for getting behind a 3rd pool site at Calwell. Without Eric's dedication the pool would not have been built. His legacy lives on through the children who learn to swim at this facility. Eric was always in touch with his local community and his own committee as they saw this project through.

Other issues that he was a firm supporter of included cleaning up Lake Tuggeranong and the duplication of Ashley Drive. Nick gave credit to the current committee and the members of the TCC who have helped Eric through his presidency. Also to Darryl Johnston for supporting Eric with a laptop while he was in hospital.

Eric will be missed by all. Nick was happy to announce that Phil King, the owner of the Kings Pool in Calwell will dedicate a memorial plaque at the centre to Eric in memory of him and the recognition of his support for the project.

- On 28 July members of the TCC attended a community open forum looking at proposals to overcome the problems of Lake Tuggeranong. This forum was one of six held around Canberra to give community members the opportunity to meet the project team and to discuss options to improve the water quality infrastructure in the lake. Maps illustrating possible ideas are on the tables at the back of the room.
- Flyers have been circulated around Canberra for a 'Have your say about water quality' survey. It closes on the 14 August and if you respond you can win a prize. The project team indicated there was a great response from Tuggeranong.
- Glenys and Max met with Jody Mulcahy, the centre manager for the Tuggeranong Hyperdome. Jody has offered to attend a meeting later in the year and provide an update on what is happening at the Hyperdome.
- Glenys met with Julie Murkins, principal of Lake Tuggeranong College, and provided her with information about the Lake Tuggeranong consultation previously mentioned so that they college could also provide their comments about the proposals. Julie has agreed for her and some students to attend a TCC meeting so the students can provide their views on issues in Tuggeranong. Julie offered to speak to the principals of McKillop College and Erindale College about joining them. This could be an annual event for the schools to participate in the TCC.
- The dedication for the park seat for Rusty Woodward was postponed until this Sunday 8 August at 2pm. All are welcome.
- Reminder AGM in on Tuesday 1 September and nominations for committee positions need to be submitted to Beverley or Wayne by 20 August. They will then be passed to the Returning Officer Jill Falconer.
- The TCC sent a letter in support of ACT Hockey's planned change to its lease to build Childcare centres as agreed at the last meeting.
- The TCC also sent a letter in regards to the proposed changes to the National Capital Plan as agreed to at the last meeting.

Moved: Albert Orszaczky Seconded: Karl Maftoum Accepted.

Treasurers Report – Max Flint

Expenditure for June was \$308. The balance of the account at the end of June was \$23,570.96. Max reminded those present that 2015/16 membership renewals were due on 1 July and he is happy to take memberships tonight. Also a reminder that nominees for the committee need to be paid up members, have attended four meetings in the preceding year, be nominated by a member and be seconded by a serving TCC committee member. Nominees cannot be declared bankrupt or insolvent.

Moved: Max Flint Seconded: Frank Vrins Accepted

Police Report – Sgt Jo Cameron

Crime rates for this month are:

- Decrease in burglaries by 27 to 45 reported last month. This is a significant drop.
- Property damage decreased by 20 to 87 for last month.
- Confirmed assaults increased by 10 to 31 reported since last month.
- Stolen motor vehicles decreased 19 to 19 since last month, so a 50% drop.
- Reports of number plate thefts decreased by 3 to 20.
- 54 reports of thefts from motor vehicles which is a decrease of 43 from last month.
- Overall there has been a significant drop in thefts by 73 to 151 reported cases.

On 23 July Sgt Cameron was in the media reminding people of the importance of reporting suspicious activity. A call to the Police about strange noises at night led to the police apprehending a person who had broken into 10 cars that night in Calwell. Also in court in recent days were three individuals who were found targeting cars in public areas such as reserves. A tip off from the public resulted in their arrest, and they may be responsible for many of the thefts which occurred in June.

A reminder Operation Safe Plate will be held on Saturday 8 August at the carpark at the Hellenic Club in Phillip between 10am and 4pm.

MP/MLA Updates

Nicole Lawder said that this week is National Homelessness Prevention Week. The theme is ‘Step Up to Reduce Homelessness’. We need to keep in mind this is a community issue, not a Government one.

The Senate Estimates raised 148 recommendations. These included the duplication of Ashley Drive and the installation of line markings and behavioural signs posted along the bike paths around Lake Tuggeranong.

She questioned the Governments figures of usage of Ashley Drive: 1.9 cars per house in Isabella Plains (3,000 cars); so the government’s estimate of 5,500 vehicles a day between Ellerston Avenue and Clift Crescent doesn’t account for cars leaving Richardson. This means that the traffic is higher than the governments usage figures suggest.

Andrew Wall apologised for not attending a TCC meeting for a while. Have been working with local businesses that are doing it tough. The ACT budget has undone some of the positives of the Federal budget, such as Firearms shop license increasing from \$400 to \$7000.

Will be raising a motion tomorrow for the ACT government to cut all ties with the CFMEU, politically and financially, given the Royal Commission into Trade Unions. Since the last election \$300,000 has been donated to the ACT Greens and ACT Labor.

Brendan Smyth took a recent opportunity to tell Rudi Lammers, the Chief Police officer, about the good job that Sgt Cameron does for the TCC.

Rates have increased by 45% over the last four years.

We need a 50 year plan for Canberra – we need to steer ourselves or someone else will. There is a recommendation to revitalise Civic, as we lack a proper identifiable CBD. Tuggeranong needs a new image, but Canberra needs to work on its identity and then Tuggeranong needs to work out how it fits into that.

Joy Burch says that the government will pass the budget.

Yesterday Joy Burch and the Chief Minister announced a range of new programs to target school safety, which have generated a lot of community debate. There are currently 45,000 students in ACT schools who need to be protected as they travel between home and school. In 2014 there were 14,000 infringements within school zones. A nine month trial in Belconnen to reduce car speeds in school zones will have two schools with 30km school zones, while another two are trialling dragon's teeth. She has been surprised by the negative feedback from the community as the measures are about protecting children. The trial will begin in September. Other measures such as a concierge system and signage will also be assessed.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed today between the ACT government, the Association of Independent Schools and the Catholic Education Office, that commits all schools in the ACT to give an annual assurance commitment to their community that they abide by the Education Act, by any laws or frameworks or obligations that the community expects of a school. This reporting to the community is in addition to statutory requirements the schools need to meet. This commitment includes for the first time these schools to provide six monthly reporting of critical incidences to Joy Burch. She described this as a momentous occasion as it is the first of such an understanding between schools in the ACT since self-government.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Tuggeranong Festival. Stewart Thompson, President, Tuggeranong Festival

The 2014 Festival had mixed reviews; this was in part due to a new committee and the inclusion of a lot of new ideas. The festival ran for three days and heat was an issue. One aspect that received a lot of positive feedback was the OH&S procedures which were implemented.

The committee felt that the festival required rebranding and a new look, as the communities interests and expectations have changed.

This year the festival will be held on Saturday 21 November, and it will have a heavy emphasis on community and the ACT region. It will only run for one day, and will culminate with a concert at 6pm. The committee are engaging a lot of local produce, entertainment and community groups. Show Pony Events have been hired to run much of the day on behalf of the committee. CIT students will be organising the lights under the guidance of Stewarts Company (Canberra Light and Sound).

This year there will be a lot more advertising; this will include 104.7 and 106.3 doing a live broadcast from the site and advertising by the Hyperdome. A major addition will be night markets, which have proven very successful at other events such as Enlighten recently.

Asbestos Response Task Force. Emily Springett and Lynette Marsh

The Asbestos Response Task Force has attended 14 community council meetings since the unit was established. 1022 properties have been identified as Mr Fluffy houses and the Federal government has provided the ACT government with a loan of \$1 billion to buy these properties. Originally there were 1089 properties but some have been demolished privately or through other means such as the 2003 Canberra fires.

The voluntary buyback scheme has now closed and the government has agreed to purchase 99 % of the properties affected, which is 1,014 properties. Currently 653 properties have been purchased. To date five properties have been demolished as a trial to determine the appropriate demolition and community engagement model. The list of affected properties was publicly released under the Dangerous Substances Act. If you have a historical connection to a property listed you can place your details on the E-Register on the Asbestos Response Task Forces webpage.

The task Force estimate that 127,000 people have been impacted by the Mr Fluffy program.

Approximately 1,000 letters have been delivered to neighbours affected by the next 38 properties to be demolished. The task force understand the community concerns and sensitivities and have endeavoured to communicate with effected neighbours as much as possible and to provide as much information through information packs and workshops and personal assistance as they can. Neighbours of the five trial properties were doorknocked four times each during the process (170 properties). A package of information has been developed using this consultation. From the end of August the Taskforce is intending to be able to inform homeowners of the six month period in which their property will be demolished. The wider community will be advised of work in the suburb. Properties in bushfire zones will be given priority for demolition.

A draft variation has been submitted to the Territory Plan to allow for blocks over 700 square meters to be unit title and sold separately. This has been sent back to the assembly due to questions raised, so the resale of blocks has been delayed.

The process of planning will take approximately six weeks before activity begins on a property to be demolished. Once fences are erected tarps are set up around the house and the internal asbestos is removed in bags. Negative pressure air units are used to ensure nothing escapes the property. This is then taken to a specific asbestos pit at the Mugga Landfill. The inside of the property is then sprayed to seal any remaining fibres, and then the house is demolished. The waste is then taken to the Asbestos pit at the West Belconnen tip. Three metres of clay is then added on top of the pit. Once a house is demolished soil testing is undertaken at 10 cm and one metre out from the house print.

The buyback program allows people to remain in their homes until June 2020, and many senior residents have opted for this. An asbestos management plan is put in place to protect visitors and tradespeople in these cases. From 1 July 2016 there will be a mandatory sealing of cornices on these properties. Any houses still standing at June 2020 the government will purchase at a contaminated price.

There have been six cases of dumping and seven of vandalism or burglary at empty properties. Back to base security systems have been installed and gardens are maintained. Windows are all screwed

down to reduce entry. Valuables that remain in the houses have been marked with red spray paint to reduce burglary.

Subcommittee Reports

Health and Community Subcommittee – Beverley Flint

- The nomination forms for the Footsteps to Follow2 project that I have taken off the website and provided a number tonight – please take one if you know of anyone in the Tuggeranong region who has contributed to the region over the years e.g. Community Service, Music, Arts and Entertainment, Literature, Education, Sports, Health, Legal, Sciences, Radio, Politics, Heritage, Architecture. Please check out the list on the Nomination Forms – it is extensive!
- Beverley has prepared Nomination Forms and Proxy Forms for the next AGM on the 1st September. Please take one if you intend to nominate or nominate others. Please keep in mind that you have had to attend four meetings from the last AGM and have it signed by a member who also meets the requirements and co-signed by a member of the Committee.
- Beverley has also prepared an attendance sheet for those here tonight who wish to attend the Memorial for Eric Traise. I will pass the information on to the family.
- An interesting email from a Greenway resident on holidays at Southport to provided Beverley with a picture of excellent signage on the promenades and walkways for pedestrians and cyclists. It was also pointed out that the walkways were so much larger than those provided in Canberra around our lakes and they are also POLICED!

General Business

Motion for Expenditure

That the expenditure of \$ 627.00 be approved “to supply and install of memorial plaque, Tuggeranong Town Park”, to be affixed to the bench in the Tuggeranong Park, in memory of Rusty Woodward, a long term member of the Tuggeranong community council who played an important part in the establishment of the over 55 club.

This sum has been invoiced by ACT government, Territory and Municipal Services.

Moved: Max Flint Seconded: Daryl Johnston Approved

Glenys would like to see the Tuggeranong Festival have a Carp Competition again in 2015. A show of hands indicated members in favour 8, members against 0. Glenys will pursue the idea with the Tuggeranong Festival committee.

Close Meeting: Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Next Meeting: AGM will be held 1 September 2015

TCC TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL (TCC)		
TREASURER'S REPORT		
GENERAL MEETING		
	4/08/15	SC Club
ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD ENDING		
	July 2015	
	Date	Balance
Operating Account		
Start of Period	1/07/15	5,089.02
Income		-
Expenses-Paid		- 308.28
Cheques not yet presented		100.00
Cheques paid from last month		- 195.00
Transfers TO Investment Acct		-
Transfers FROM Investment Acct		-
Transfers TO Petty Cash		-
Transfers FROM Petty Cash		-
End of Period	31/07/15	4,685.74
Net Change for Period		- 403.28
Investment Account		
Start of Period	1/07/15	18,722.70
In		21.92
Out		-
End of Period	31/07/15	18,744.62
Net change for Period		21.92
Petty Cash		
Start of Period	1/07/15	95.60
In		65.00
Out		-
End of Period	31/07/15	160.60
Net change for Period		65.00
Total Accounts		
Start of Period	1/07/15	23,887.32
End of Period	31/07/15	23,570.96
Net change for Period		- 316.36
Income for Period (Op Acc)		
	Date	Sum
Total Income (excluding transfers)		-
Expenses-Paid for Period		
	Date	Sum
Optus - Phone	1/06/15	43.98
Southern Cross Club	6/06/15	100.00
M.R. Flint Expenses	14/06/15	164.30
Total Expenses-Paid (excl transfers)		308.28
NET GAIN/LOSS FOR PERIOD		-308.28
CHEQUES NOT PRESENTED		
	Date	Sum
Southern Cross Club	17/07/15	100
Total		100.00
CHEQUES PAID FROM LAST MONTH		
	Date	Sum
F. Spiers	42179	195
Total		195.00
Notes:		
1. Committee expenses are those incurred by Committee Members, while performing Committee duties.		
2. Fees for preparation of TCC meeting minutes		