

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc.

Minutes of General Meeting –1 September 2015

Present: See attendance record of 1 September 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, Robyn Chapman, Geoff Chapman

Confirmation of Minutes of the last meeting:

Russ Morison to be added as an apology. Acceptance of the minutes of 4 August 2015:

Moved: Paul Nicholl Seconded: Mark O'Neil Accepted

Matters arising from the minutes

None

Presidents Report – Glenys Patulny

More than 140 people attended a memorial service on Friday 14 August, for our highly respected TCC President, Eric Traise who passed away last month. The service was held at University House at the Australian National University. It was attended by family, friends, TCC members, former RAAF and Air Services Australia colleagues and local politicians. The number and caliber of those who attended was testament to the high regard and respect in which Eric Traise was held throughout the community.

The Committee of the TCC would like to take this opportunity of thanking our Federal member, Gai Brodtmann for her presentation to Parliament on behalf of our late president Eric Traise, presided over by the Deputy Speaker of the House. TCC members Max and Beverley Flint escorted Mrs Carole Traise to the proceedings with members Albert Orszaczky and his wife Sandra also attending.

Wayne, our Vice President, attended the official re-opening of the Town Centre Park after a series of major upgrades. The upgrade includes: new bollards around the car park, new seating, upgrading the whole pergola area, refurbished existing BBQs, installing new irrigations systems, planting new turf and upgrading paths to the lake. It is fortunate that these upgrades have been completed for September so all residents and visitors will be able to enjoy spring in our Town Centre Park once again.

On behalf of the TCC, Glenys attended a meeting of the Tuggeranong and Region Business Forum, a group formed to stimulate business in Tuggeranong and the surrounding region. It was interesting to hear the guest speaker from the National Capital Commission talking about the possible development of West Tuggeranong. They advised that with the number of constraints in the area e.g., presence of a national park and geographic (steep slopes), heritage and environmental issues, there would only be space for 15,000 people, a very low number for what would be a major financial investment.

Glenys mentioned last time about the park bench to be placed at Tuggeranong Town Park dedicated in memory of our late friend Rusty Woodward. Rusty was a member of the TCC, the founding president of the 55-Plus Club, the driving force behind the establishment of the Tuggeranong Senior Citizens Centre and a tireless worker for the ACT Lung Life Support Group and the Council on the Ageing. The dedication was held on Sunday 9 August and was attended by her family, members of the TCC and 55 Plus Club. In a dedication speech, past TCC President, Darryl Johnston, said the park bench was dedicated at a time when the TCC reflected on the community contributions of other TCC members who have passed away including Alison Ryan and more recently Eric Traise.

The ABC and the Canberra Times called Glenys about this morning's Canberra Times Article [More Canberrans going than coming](#), starting off with the comment "*Canberrans might be leaving Tuggeranong and flocking to Gungahlin but more still are leaving the capital altogether*".

She commented on the fact that the First Home Buyers allowance only goes to people buying new houses tends to make some young people move to new developments e.g. Gungahlin. Glenys also commented that with the development at South Quay, plans for a retirement village at the old Urambi school site, government housing at Chisholm and Monash, the large development proposed around the Archives site on Athllon Drive and some town houses appearing in Kambah that this trend might soon be reversed. She also mentioned that with the CIT coming to Tuggeranong next year might also help change this trend.

Moved: Russ Morison Seconded: Frank Vrins Accepted.

Treasurers Report – Max Flint

Expenditure for July was \$2,000. The balance of the account at the end of July was \$22,373.

Expenses this month were the plaque for the Rusty Woodward park bench (bench was paid by ACT Government), \$500 to Carole Traise to assist with costs for the memorial service for Eric (costs were \$1,500 in total), expenses for minute taker and Darryl Johnston.

The annual return will be submitted shortly and will include a budget for the coming year.

Moved: Max Flint Seconded: Albert Orszaczky Accepted

Motion

That the TCC pay an extra \$250 to Carole Traise to help with the costs of the memorial service.

Moved: Max Flint Seconded: Darryl Johnston All in favour

MP/MLA Updates

Andrew Wall thanked the committee for doing a great job in guiding the TCC in what have been tough circumstances this year.

He will introduce a bill in the assembly to restrict the sale of lotto tickets and scratchies to small businesses such as newsagents, in the wake of the MOU between NSW Government and Tatts to allow these sales through petrol stations. In Victoria and South Australia they have already moved into supermarkets.

Nicole Lawder informed the meeting that on the 20 September there will be an Open Day at the Legislative Assembly between 10am and 2pm. There will be guided walks and a BBQ.

Police Report – Sgt Jo Cameron

Overall there has been a reduction in all areas except number plate burglaries. Operation Safe Plate on the Southside secured licence plates on 883 cars.

Crime rates for this month are:

- Burglaries decreased by 19 to 26 reported last month.
- Property damage decreased by 38 to 49 for last month.
- Confirmed assaults decreased by 22 to 19 reported since last month.
- Stolen motor vehicles decreased 6 to 13 since last month.
- Reports of number plate thefts increased by 8 to 28.
- 27 reports of thefts from motor vehicles which is a decrease of 27 from last month.
- Overall there has been a significant drop in thefts by 56 to 95 reported cases.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Home Security. Sgt Brett Cunningham, Crime Reduction, Education and Diversion Program, ACT Policing

The program consists of six officers whose work also covers drug and alcohol diversion, the restorative justice program and cyber security talks in 88 schools across the ACT. The Aboriginal liaison officer and the senior's liaison officer are also part of this team.

Sgt Cunningham brought in a selection of home safety products that can be purchased from hardware shops, including window alarms, lock boxes for a spare key and solar powered sensor lights. Tips included:

- Park in well-lit areas. Over the last 15 years the ACT government has greatly reduced dark spaces around the city areas.
- If you use a key safe on the outside of your home, you can let Police Operations know the code if you think you will forget it.
- Solar powered sensor lights useful for dark corners of the garden and around the garage.
- Many cheap window alarms that go off if they are moved.
- Reminder to call 131444 to report any potential break-ins.
- If apprehending a burglar you can use reasonable force as necessary. This does not include excessive force.

Subcommittee Reports

Environment Subcommittee – Paul Nicholl

- There will be a relaunch of the Carpathon as part of the Tuggeranong Festival on the 21 November. Adrian will be coordinating this.
- The TLC will be holding a Lake Clean Up Day on 25 October and this is being coordinated by Bill Perry and Lesley McGrane.
- The outcome from the Expert Panel will be presented at the next TCC meeting. The TCC and the TLC both submitted comments.
- The ACT Government and ActewAGL have increased the amount available to residents to convert to natural gas from wood heaters under the buyback scheme. The ABC contacted Darryl Johnston about the TCC's response, to which he indicated that the TCC supported the move.

Transport Subcommittee – Russell Morison

Russ from the South East Tuggeranong Residents Association told those present that the group had recently agreed to auspice a new community group called the Canberra Public Transport Alliance. He indicated that the ACT has a transport system that doesn't work and that the alliance would like to run a survey to find out what it would take to make residents switch to public transport.

There will be a meeting on Thursday 3 September at 7pm at the Calwell Club for anyone interested.

Albert told those present that the TCC had already lodged its objections to the light rail network.

Health and Community Subcommittee – Beverley Flint

The Footsteps to Follow nomination forms were passed out with the date of last year as the date of lodgement. Beverley has advised the Hyperdome administration. She has also advised the project director for Footsteps to Follow Michael Lindfield who advised he will reorganise the forms. All forms out to date Michael has advised to just change the year and they will be accepted. Beverley has forms tonight if you would like to nominate a group or individual who has made a contribution to the community of the Tuggeranong region.

Beverley would like to thank our Federal Member, Gai Brodtmann for her presentation to Parliament for our late president Eric Traise. Also for her attendance along with the MLAs Nicole Lawder and Brendan Smyth at the memorial service for Eric. She would also like to thank Glenys Patulny, Wayne King, Darryl Johnston and Max Flint for their efforts throughout the year to do so much extra council work due to the long absences of our late president.

Events and Activities Subcommittee – Adrian Brown

In the coming months an online survey will be made available to see what issues are important to the residents of Tuggeranong. The subcommittee presented some ideas at a previous meeting and these ideas are still being refined.

General Business

None

Close Meeting: Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be 6 October 2015

TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL (TCC)			
TREASURER'S REPORT			
GENERAL MEETING			
	1/09/15	SC Club	
ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD ENDING			
August 2015			
	Date	Balance	
Operating Account			
Start of Period	1/08/15	4,665.74	
Income		-	
Expenses-Paid		- 1,923.26	
Cheques not yet presented		627.28	
Cheques paid from last month		-	
Transfers TO Investment Acct		-	
Transfers FROM Investment Acct		-	
Transfers TO Petty Cash		-	
Transfers FROM Petty Cash		-	
End of Period	31/08/15	3,369.76	
Net Change for Period		- 1,295.98	
Investment Account			
Start of Period	1/08/15	18,744.62	
In		21.95	
Out		-	
End of Period	31/08/15	18,766.57	
Net change for Period		21.95	
Petty Cash			
Start of Period	1/08/15	160.60	
In		77.00	
Out		-	
End of Period	31/08/15	237.60	
Net change for Period		77.00	
Total Accounts			
Start of Period	1/08/15	23,570.96	
End of Period	31/08/15	22,373.93	
Net change for Period		- 1,197.03	
Income for Period (Op Acc)			
	Date	Sum	
Total Income (excluding transfers)			
		-	
Expenses-Paid for Period			
	1	Date	Sum
Southern Cross Club		17/07/15	100.00
ACT Gov for plaque		5/08/15	627.00
Optus - Phone		5/08/15	43.98
C. Traise - grant		7/08/15	500.00
D. Johnston -expenses		13/08/15	29.00
Southern Cross Club		14/08/15	125.00
F. Spier - Minutes		27/08/15	390.00
M.Filnt - expenses		30/08/15	108.28
Total Expenses-Paid (excl transfers)			1,923.26
NET GAIN/LOSS FOR PERIOD			
			-1923.26
CHEQUES NOT PRESENTED			
		Date	Sum
Southern Cross Club		17/07/15	100
D. Johnston		13/08/15	29
F. Spier		27/08/15	390
M.Filnt		30/08/15	108.28
Total			627.28
CHEQUES PAID FROM LAST MONTH			
0	2	Date	Sum
Total		0	0
			0.00
Notes:			
1. Committee expenses are those incurred by Committee Members, while performing Committee duties.			
2. Fees for preparation of TCC meeting minutes			