

# New executive in force

By Darryl Johnston

## PRESIDENT

WELCOME to the new Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) and my first column as council president.

The recent TCC Annual General Meeting was an historic event for the council in that, for the first time in almost 20 years, a new president and complete council executive took office.

The new executive team includes Colin Petrie (first vice-president), Richard Hedges (second vice-president), Eric Traise (treasurer), Jan Petrie (public officer), Albert Orszaczky (minute secretary) and Jane Hedges (general secretary). I look forward to their support and working with them over the coming year.

I also want to take this opportunity to wish David and Rosemary Lissimore the best of health and happiness in their retirement and look forward to their cooperation in a smooth transition to office for the new TCC executive.

In my first column as TCC president, I wish to tell you a little bit about myself and some of my objectives for the new TCC.

I am married to Lynda and we have three children, Tim, 18, Stephanie, 17, and Claire, 12. We have lived in the Valley for almost 20 years, having moved here from the South Coast.

I have worked in the media and in various communications and public relations roles. I am currently employed with the Department of Defence.

I have been an active member of the Tuggeranong Community Council



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for two years, although I attended many meetings over the past four years.

I decided to join the executive team and stand for the position of TCC president because, like many members, I was interested in the future direction of the council.

In accepting the role of president I am now calling on members, past and present, to help build the council into one that is open, inclusive and represents the views and aspirations of the wider Tuggeranong community.

I believe every council member has an important role to play; every member should have input into the operation of the council and the decisions that are made.

As council president I will work, on behalf of the council, with other community groups in Tuggeranong and other community councils in Canberra. I will also work, on behalf of the council, with our local politicians and the government of the day.

I will work to shape a council that is run by its members sharing the workload and the responsibilities. I would like to structure the council to include sub-committees covering issues like planning, the environment, transport, youth and senior citizens' needs. Members will be asked to participate in one or more of the committees that interest them and to provide regular feedback to the council.

The first meeting of the new Tuggeranong Community Council will be held at The Vikings Town Centre Sports Club at Greenway on Thursday, December 3, commencing at 7.30pm. I extend an invitation to you, and past members of the council who have left for one reason or another, to join me in building a community council that is a strong and effective voice for all Tuggeranong residents.

To close, I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year and I look forward to working with you in 2010.