

Focus on tight connections to help build community

By President Nick Tsoulas

THE best part of one living in Tuggeranong (besides working) is the opportunity to know your neighbours, make great friends and work toward enriching each other's lives.

Through the Tuggeranong Community Council upcoming visit with Chief Minister Katy Gallagher, I seek to strengthen the connection between our residents, local business and community groups that serve our community and enrich the community with achievable projects that are of great need for our Valley.

A number of important items will be raised next week, including the Tuggeranong Masterplan, Ashley Drive duplication, CIT campus for Tuggeranong, Clean Up Lake Tuggeranong, and the Johnson Drive Park and Ride and some ACT Election commitments made by the ACT government.

From February 2013, I'll be beginning our "Meet the Council" at your local shops which will start on the 3rd Saturday of every month including major centres, Tuggeranong Hyperdome, Lanyon Marketplace, Calwell Shopping Centre, Erindale and Wanniasa Shopping Centre, Chisholm Centre and Kambah Village.

At these sessions members from our executive committee will be available to discuss any issue that concerns or interest you. There is a lot to do in the coming year with our population demise and jobs, and I welcome the involvement of members from the Tuggeranong community to serve on our committees and work on delivering good outcomes.

I also wanted to take time to congratulate Communities@Work on 35 fabulous years of work in the ACT community delivering quality community services of social value and practical benefits to many residents in need.

The Tuggeranong Community Council also sincerely appreciates the valuable contribution from your volunteers, members, employees and the Communities@Work Board of Directors and I wish many of those extraordinary 'behind the scenes' people our warmest thank you.

Our next Tuggeranong Community Council general meeting will be held this coming Tuesday December 4, 2012, 7.30pm at the Southern Cross Club Tuggeranong. Guest speakers include the Health Care Consumers Association, and we will also have ACT Roads to provide a report on Ashley Drive.

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