

# Elected unopposed

By Peter Reynolds

DARRYL Johnston has been installed for a second term as president of the Tuggeranong Community Council.

Mr Johnston and the rest of the executive committee were elected unopposed at the council's annual general meeting last week.

Mr Johnston said he was pleased there was a high level of interest in becoming involved with the council, particularly given that a number of other community councils in Canberra were struggling to fill their committees.

"This is the second year in a row that we have been able to fill all the positions on the executive and it demonstrates the enthusiasm in Tuggeranong towards the council," he said.

"I know that some of the other councils have been having difficulty getting people involved, so it is good news that we have the level of support we do; that we

have people willing to give their time to work through issues concerning the community."

Mr Johnson said he was excited about what the council had been able to achieve in his first year at the helm.

"We have had a number of big achievements in the past year," he said.

"We undertook a restructuring program for the council and have formed a number of sub-committees that are hoping will continue to grow in size over time.

"We also did a complete review of the council's constitution, and that is now up and running.

"In terms of our community engagement, we have run online surveys on the Tralee development and on random road side drug testing, which we used in submissions on these issues, and held special meetings to meet the federal election candidates and on the Eastern Broadacre Study.

"We have also had regular

meetings with the Chief Minister discussing a wide range of topics that were put to us by council members.

"We've had our hiccups along the way, but I think we made a lot of progress this year."

Mr Johnson said he expected the major issues to face the council over the next 12 months to be the Eastern Broadacre Study, the Tuggeranong Town Centre master plan, transport, environmental issues such as air quality, and the proposed southern cemetery.

"There are a lot of major issues that the residents of Tuggeranong will be facing in the near future and they will be looking to the council for support and for a voice to achieve a positive outcome," he said.

He also said the council would be looking to further increase its membership base with a number of marketing initiatives, starting with a presence at the Tuggeranong Festival in November.



Re-elected Tuggeranong Community Council president Darryl Johnston (centre) with new executive committee members Dug Holmes (vice president), Susan Penn-Turrall (secretary) and Alison Ryan.

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