

Tuggeranong Community Council

Ideas swapped during combined meeting

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THE Tuggeranong Community Council joined other local community councils last weekend for a combined meeting.

This is the third meeting of the community councils of Canberra.

The TCC hosted the first meeting in November 2010.

Belconnen Community Council hosted the weekend meeting.

The Combined Community Councils meeting is a good opportunity for members to discuss issues of common concern and to swap ideas.

Members discussed planning and development related issues, the ACT Government's community consultation program, engaging with the community, Canberra heritage and a range of issues to be highlighted in the lead up to the next ACT election.

Guest speakers included Nectar Efkarpidis from the Molonglo Group and Andrew Capie-Wood, chief executive of the Chief Minister's Department.

Mr Efkarpidis spoke on the planning and development processes involving developers and authorities from the perspective of the developer.

He also outlined how he believed members of the public could constructively and effectively participate with both developers and authorities at the various stages of the process.

Mr Cappie-Wood detailed the reorganisation of the ACT Public Service and its implications for community participation.

Meanwhile, Gregor Mews, active living coordinator for the Heart Foundation will be guest speaker at the next council meeting on Tuesday, August 2.

Mr Mews will present on the Foundation's Healthy Places and Spaces and examples of Active Living initiatives in the Tuggeranong Valley.

The presentation will provide an overview as to what the Heart Foundation, working with ACT Government, is doing on their local region to support them to become a healthier and more active community.

The meeting will commence at 7.30pm and will be held in the upstairs conference room of the Southern Cross Club at Greenway.

New members are always welcome.