

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc
General Meeting – 2 October 2012
Minutes

Present:

See attendance record of 2 October 2012.

President Nick Tsoulias opened meeting at 7.30pm.

Welcomes:

Joy Burch MLA, Amanda Bresnan MLA, Brendan Smyth MLA, Gai Brodtmann MP

Apologies:

Sgt Daryl Neit, Max Flint, Darryl Johnston, Russ Morison

Confirmation of Minutes of meeting September 2012 meeting:

Amendments: Albert Orszaczky requested the Treasurer's Report be amended to show the correct September balance.

The minutes were accepted with amendments.

Accepted: *Bill Heins*

Seconded: *Alison Ryan*

Matters Arising from Minutes of September 2012 meeting:

Nil

President's Report (Mr. Nick Tsoulias):

Greetings. It's ACT election time and the month for giving, But I'd also like to do some thanking also on behalf of the Tuggeranong Community Council to the ACT Government, the Canberra Liberals and the ACT Greens for all the support given to the Tuggeranong Valley in the course of the last 4 years term of the ACT Legislative Assembly. Our members in Brindabella include Joy Burch, John Hargreaves, Steve Doszpot, Amanda Bresnan and last but not least Brendan Smyth. Thank you to all of you. As many of you know the Tuggeranong Community Council supports a wide range of policy announcements recently made by our local political parties and it wouldn't be fair to not hand pick 3 policies I have chosen that will serve our community well. These policy announcements have been the discussion point at several of our council meetings through past presidents of the TCC Rosemary Lismore and Darryl Johnston. The Canberra Liberals plan for the ACT is to implement a 3rd Household green recycling bin at no cost to households and new ACT garden waste processing facility. The Liberals plan has been a discussion topic of the council for some years now and we are pleased that we may be able to enjoy the same benefits in Tuggeranong and ACT as residents do in NSW and I am sure this would save ACT households tip fees every year. I'm also likened to The ACT Labor announcement to install water fountains in schools that stop selling sugary drinks is also an excellent move. Filtered water fountains for our school children, something I am sure will be welcomed on hot days, as there will be no need now for students to leave school campuses during the day to their local shops to stock up - I hope this is the case. I also welcome the ACT Greens announcement to establish a Mobile Primary Health Clinic as part of their election initiatives to directly provide medical care to people who are unable to access primary care services. I think in our ageing population, it is often prudent to steer away from long hours in causality and seeing inaccessible doctors that may be on the other side of the ACT. This is one policy we should monitor in the coming years and see how it goes. In moving on, our own council recently had elections and I am proud to work with no finer people than Russ Morrison, Vice President, Frank Vrins, Treasurer, Darryl Johnston Secretary and Ross McConnell, committee member. All come from local community background and will serve Tuggeranong well in the next term of the TCC. Our TCC has already began working on a wide range of projects from day one, including supporting a members motion to see a

Tuggeranong Homestead and integrated Calwell Group Centre master plan which is well overdue for South East Tuggeranong. Our November TCC meeting will have as guest speaker Jenny Horsfield and the Minders of the Tuggeranong Homestead to update us with a report on this outcome. While it is good news also that our population speed of demise may have bottomed, we still have a long way to go before the trend in our population is on the increase again and new families establish themselves in our Valley.

Accepted: *Glenys Patulny*

Seconded: *Eric Traise*

Treasurer's Report (Mr. Frank Vrins):

As at 4 th Sept 12, the bank balance was	\$ 14,706.36
As at 2 nd Oct 12, the bank balance is	\$ 12,355.60
Comprising operating account	\$ 1,247.57
and Investment account	\$11,108.03

Expenditure since 4th Sept 12

Main items:

phone/internet	\$ 175.10
office & meeting costs	<u>\$2,296.20</u> (incl Election Forum)
The total expenditure was	\$2,408.34

Income since 4th Sept 12

Bank interest	\$ 34.70
Membership Subs	<u>\$ 39.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 73.70

Accepted: *Albert Orszaczky*

Seconded: *Jan Petrie*

Sub Committee Reports:

- Environment Committee (Glenys Patulny)

- Tuggeranong Lake (and Catchment) Carers (TLC) group established. Clean-up day organised for Sunday, 21st October.
- Boat owners invited to clean-up lake. Scouts invited to help identify frogs around the Lake.
- 25th November - Lakeside planning Meeting. Organising trip to Northside wetlands. Organising TLC logo competition in schools and community.
- Facebook page established.

- Chisholm Park Residents Group (Wayne King)

- Design your own park competition has closed and judging underway.

Police Report:

Sergeant Chrissie Barrett standing in for Sergeant Darryl Neit, OIC Tuggeranong Police Station, reported the following:

- Results: many decreases in offences, 39 arrests
- Positive patrolling resolved Lanyon robbery and Lanyon hairdresser robbery quickly
- Theft of tools from tradesmen's utes increasing.

Questions:

- Re car burnouts occurring in streets.
Police need more information at the time especially registration plates.

Update from Local Members:

Brendan Smyth

- Canberra Liberals announced it will construct a swimming pool at Lanyon if elected to Government
- A Liberal ACT will not triple rates.

Question:

- Where are the Liberal's environmental policies?
Policy to be released later - "The best is yet to come".

Joy Burch

- Became grandmother last month.
- Park and Ride at Calwell completed end of February.
- Choice on 20 October between Labor and Liberal
 - Triple rates is a furphy
 - scrap plastic bag ban
 - remove the limitation on the use of wood heaters in new residential areas of Molonglo.

Question:

- Re rates. They will see changes in rates but not a tripling of rates.
- Re wood heaters. Public health experts have highlighted the impact of wood smoke on public health.

Amanda Bresnan

- Not out to ban wood heaters. The issue is the introduction of a new emissions standard. Held discussions with Australian Home Heating Association which is also seeking to introduce a new emissions standard. Held discussions with health groups that are concerned about health impact of wood smoke.
- Greens opened new office in Homeworld.
- Election initiatives available on website as they have been announced and submitted to Treasury for costing.
- The Rates policy is recommended way forward and NSW Government is heading down the same path.

Gai Brodtmann, Federal Member for Canberra

- Please enroll to vote - less than 30% of young people enrolled.
- Congratulate Calwell Festival organizers.
- Calwell Primary received Anzac Day Award (\$2000) for engagement.
- Member's Volunteer Awards out now - close at the end of October.
- Legends program – contact Gai so she can highlight their work in Parliament.

Guest Speaker 1: Jamie Alnutt - ACT Government Update on Master Plans

President Nick Tsoulias invited Mr. Jamie Alnutt to the floor who provided an update on the Tuggeranong/ Erindale Master Plans which were recently released by the ACT Government. Copies of both documents were provided to attendees for reference.

Guest Speaker 2: Jeremy Walker, Australian Bureau of Statistics

President Nick Tsoulias invited Mr. Walker to address the Council on the 2011 Census statistics for the Tuggeranong Valley. Comprehensive information was provided together with a handout of itemised details.

Other Business:

Minders of Tuggeranong Homestead invited to address the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 9:45pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 6th November 2012.