<u>Tuggeranong Community Council Inc</u> <u>Annual General Meeting – 7 September 2010</u> <u>Minutes</u>

Present:

See attendance record of 7 September 2010.

Following a short General Meeting, President Darryl Johnston opened the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and introduced Jill Faulkner from Communities@Work, who agreed to act as Returning Officer and preside over the formalities involved.

Apologies:

Greg Downing

Confirmation of Minutes of 2009 Annual General Meeting – 5 November 2009:

Accepted: Bill Reid Seconded: Richard Hedges

President's Annual Report (Mr Darryl Johnston):

The following summary of the past year's activities was presented by the outgoing President:

"Welcome to the Tuggeranong Community Council 2010 Annual General Meeting. I wish to provide you with the following report on TCC events and activities for the year.

The year opened with the election of a new TCC Executive. It was the first time in many years that a full Executive was elected to office and almost 20-years since the election of a new President. This resulted in new-found enthusiasm within the Council. The new Executive and President immediately set about rebuilding and reworking the TCC.

The work began with the implementation of a Code of Conduct for all members, a Strategic Plan, a review of the TCC Constitution and the introduction of a new structure that included the establishment of Committees that focus on issues that affect the community. The TCC also began linking into other like-minded organisations. These included Communities@Work, Business Tuggeranong, Lanyon Valley Community Forum, The Festival of Tuggeranong organising committee and the various Neighbourhood Watch groups in the Valley.

After a few issues with computers, computer files and email addresses, the TCC launched a new website with the assistance of Jonathon Reynolds and Dug Holmes. The site provides an avenue for the community to engage with the Council; it is informative and has attracted many visitors. Initial work has also begun on reviewing and revamping the TCC site.

Early in the year the TCC Executive launched a new Committee structure in an effort to engage all members in the running of the Council and in dealing more effectively with issues. The Committees are up and running; they require some tweaking and are always in need of members. They have challenges ahead of them, particularly in the areas of future planning and development within Tuggeranong.

One of the major successes of the Committees, and indeed the TCC as a whole, was the campaign in support of the introduction of Random Roadside Drug Testing in the ACT. The TCC Transport and Community Services Committee drew up a submission with input from the NRMA and individual TCC members. It included an on-line community survey, the results of which were incorporated into the TCC submission. It has since been announced that Random Roadside Drug Testing will now be introduced in the ACT.

Another major success, and early in the year, was the TCC's submission on the proposed Tralee residential development. This also made use of the TCC website to include an online community survey.

The TCC was forced to find a new home in the first half of the year with renovations planned for its meeting venue of many years, the Vikings Town Centre Club. The TCC recognises the support of the Tuggeranong Southern Cross Club for providing a new meeting venue.

The TCC has successfully engaged the Chief Minister in what has become a regular meeting, with the most recent being held today. At the first meeting in early March the TCC presented the Chief Minster with the *Talking Tuggeranong* document. This document was compiled with the assistance of TCC members and other community groups and detailed the many and varied issues of concern to Tuggeranong residents. These concerns included such issues as road and traffic volume, lack of bus services to certain areas within the Valley, future public transport considerations, aged care and services, lack of GPs in Tuggeranong, planning and development, destruction of the environment and youth issues. The meeting today was an opportunity to follow-up on progress on the Chief Minister's response to *Talking Tuggeranong* and other issues that have since been raised within the TCC and the general community.

As mentioned earlier, one of the major tasks throughout the year has been the review of the TCC Constitution. This was a big job that required a great deal of input from certain individuals and general members. The TCC Executive acknowledges the work of Jan Petrie in administering this huge task and that of her Committee members, Rusty Woodward, Alison Ryan and Susan Penn-Turrall. The new Constitution was accepted and has now been formalised by the Office of Regulatory Authority.

During the year the TCC Executive introduced a new item to its meeting program designed to give our local MLAs an opportunity to report directly to the Council on the activities within the Legislative Assembly. The Assembly Update is now a feature of most TCC meetings.

Another feature of TCC meetings over the past year has been the guest speaker program. The TCC has hosted a number of guest speakers, some of whom have covered topics such as a future electric car network in Canberra, Random Roadside Drug Testing, the redevelopment of Canberra Airport and a new Southern Cemetery.

The TCC also hosted two Special Meetings during the year. The first was a Federal Election Forum that included most candidates standing in the 2010 poll in the ACT, which was attended by a large audience comprising TCC members and the general public. The second Special Meeting was to consider the Eastern Broadacre Study project.

In all, it has been a positive and progressive year for the TCC, but there is still a great deal (of work) ahead. A new TCC Executive will be charged with building on the work that has already been done, providing direction and policy for the TCC, building on membership, and continuing to engage with other Community Councils and community groups. Thank you."

Accepted: Jan Petrie Seconded: Jane Hedges

Treasurer's Annual Report (Mr Eric Traise):

Treasurer, Eric Traise, provided a summary of the Council's annual (audited) financial statements as at 30 June 2010, which showed a bank balance of \$11,775, consisting of Operating Account funds of \$1,625 and Investment Account balance of \$10,150. Total income of \$11,079 included our two ACT Government grants totalling \$10,735. Expenditure for the year totalled \$7,979, with main items being Communications \$2,936, Meeting Expenses of \$1,653 and website costs of \$1,100.

Excess of income over expenditure for the year totalled \$3,100. The Income and Expenditure Report and Auditor's Report were distributed to members prior to the Meeting and copies were also made available at the Meeting for anyone interested.

Eric thanked the Auditor who was in attendance, Mr Roy Zacharias, for his services and moved for approval of the Council's audited accounts and the reappointment of Mr Zacharias for the ensuing year. The Motion was accepted by the members and carried unanimously.

Accepted: Brendan Smyth Seconded: Dugald Holmes

Election of Officers to Executive Committee:

Jill Faulkner proceeded to declare all positions on the Executive Committee vacant in accordance with the Council's Constitution and briefly outlined the process for the election of Office Bearers on the Executive Committee. Nominations are not permitted from the floor at the AGM under the Council's Constitution and written nominations were received for the positions 10 days prior to the AGM as required from the following voting members:

President - Darryl Johnston
Vice President - Colin Petrie
2nd Vice President - Dugald Holmes
Treasurer - Eric Traise

Minute Secretary - Albert Orszaczky Secretary - Susan Penn-Turrall

Officer - Alison Ryan

As there were no multiple nominations received for the seven vacancies, all candidates were duly elected unopposed. The Returning Officer declared the Election results, congratulated the new Committee members and proceeded to hand over the meeting to the incoming President.

Darryl Johnston took the Chair, thanked Jill for acting as Returning Officer and welcomed the new Committee Members. He also thanked the members for their confidence and expressed his appreciation to the members of the outgoing Committee for their support and hard work over the past year.

The meeting concluded at approximately 8.25pm and members were invited to stay on for the usual light refreshments and informal chat.