

**Tuggeranong Community Council Inc**  
**General Meeting – 6 September 2011**  
**Minutes**

**Present:**

See attendance record of 6 September 2011.

President, Darryl Johnston welcomed the attendees and advised that this General Meeting will be followed by the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and election of the Office Bearers for the coming year, as set out in the Agenda recently circulated to members.

**Apologies:**

Jeff & Robyn Chapman, Martin Devine, Eric & Carole Traise, Glenys Patulny, Jill Faulkner, Steve Dospot, also late advice from Greg Downing and Gary Humphries.

**Approval of August 2011 Minutes:**

Accepted:                      Ross McConnell                      Seconded:                      Alison Ryan

**Matters Arising from August 2011 Meeting:**

No matters were raised by members.

**President's Report (Mr Darryl Johnston):**

President, Darryl Johnston presented the following Report:

“Thank you for joining us for another meeting of the Tuggeranong Community Council. It has been a relatively quiet month. Most of my time has been spent in dealing with correspondence and communications on behalf of the TCC and preparing for tonight’s Annual General Meeting to follow.

In the line of correspondence I have emailed ACTION Buses supporting calls for a bus stop to be installed at East Greenway and to Australia Post requesting a fixed post box in the suburb. To date I’ve had no responses to my correspondence.

Earlier, I attended a planning meeting for Tuggeranong Festival at which the TCC will be represented again this year.

I was contacted by the Chief Minister's Office requesting another in our regular meetings. This meeting will be held on Thursday (this week) and attended by the TCC President and the Vice President. These meetings are held about every quarter.

I have also been contacted by some residents in Tuggeranong regarding the illegal parking of heavy vehicles in neighbourhood streets, which I have passed on to the ACT Government Parking Patrol Officers for action.”

Accepted:                      Jan Petrie                      Seconded:                      Donna Smail

**Treasurer's Report (Mr Eric Traise):**

Unfortunately, Eric was unable to attend the Meeting and his report on activities since the previous General Meeting was delivered by the Minute Secretary, Albert Orszaczky as follows:

Current bank account balance is \$10,378.88, comprising of our Operating Account of \$1,715.46 and the Investment Account of \$8,663.42. A transfer of \$2,000 has been made from the Investment Account to cover ongoing expenses. Expenditure during the month consisted of the usual administrative and office expenses totalling \$563.08, including an amount of \$287.98 for newspaper advertising of tonight’s Annual General Meeting. Income during the month totalled \$69.73 from membership renewals of \$27 and bank interest of \$42.73.

Accepted:                      Donna Smail                      Seconded:                      Rusty Woodward

### **Sub-Committee Reports:**

#### **- Planning and Environment Committee**

Dug Holmes provided brief details on the TCC's input to the Draft Variation306 consultation submitted today, which included the following information:

- Clarification of issues re dual occupancy provisions;
- Reference to change of block sizes for multi-dwelling developments;
- Update on solar access provisions.

#### **- Transport and Community Services Committee**

Jan Petrie provided details of her recent attendance at the Canberra Business Council's Fast Train Forum. Her summary included the following information:

- First planning stage completed and the following 3 options were considered for the Sydney to Melbourne route:
  - Sydney / Wollongong / Goulburn / Canberra / Wagga / Albury / Melbourne
  - Sydney / Southern Highlands / Goulburn / Canberra / Tumut / Melbourne
  - Sydney / Southern Highlands / Goulburn / Canberra / Wagga / Albury / Melbourne
- Latter option considered best route from a cost point of view as well as usage due to size of towns included on route.
- Next stage of planning to commence shortly and should take about 12 months.
- Sydney to Canberra route to be constructed first and once it is operational the Canberra to Melbourne route will be constructed.
- Sydney to Newcastle route was proposed at a later stage.
- Decision on the project seems a long way off based on delays involved with previous proposals.

Beverley Flint provided a brief report on developments in East Greenway, including the following matters:

- Several issues raised have been taken up by Roads ACT;
- Action on other items is receiving attention, including requests for local bus route and post box;
- Safety concerns on shared cycle/pedestrian paths also being pursued.

### **Other Reports – Police:**

Sergeant Rod Anderson, OIC Tuggeranong Police Station, introduced his Station colleague, Sergeant Tania Shakeshaft. He presented the usual report on crime statistics and other local Police activities during the past month and provided the following details:

- Burglaries have declined in August with 3 less than in July.
- Reported incidents of property damage have increased by 16 from July.
- Confirmed incidents of assault have decreased by 8 during the past month.
- Increase of 4 stolen motor vehicles and 2 less reports of stolen registration plates reported in August.
- A total of 41 arrests were affected by Police in the Tuggeranong Zone during August for a range of different offences and crime types.
- Police received information from the public in early August that a stolen vehicle had been abandoned in Isabella Plains. Police promptly attended the location and identified three juvenile males running from the location and they were subsequently arrested and admitted stealing 2 motor vehicles and the attempted theft of a third vehicle.
- Police observed two vehicles acting suspiciously in Wanniasa during a routine patrol later in the month. Both vehicles failed to stop resulting in a short pursuit with no injuries or property damage. The male driver and passenger in one vehicle were arrested for driving a stolen motor vehicle. The second stolen motor vehicle was later located burnt out in Queanbeyan.
- Traffic targeting campaign for the months of August and September is on the use of mobile phones whilst driving. Tuggeranong Patrols will continue to target this, as well as all other traffic offences.
- Tasers have been rolled out during August for use by front line Sergeants in ACT Policing on a trial basis.

### **Questions from the floor:**

Members raised some relevant concerns, including the following:

- Graffiti at Erindale Skate Park requires closer monitoring.
- Stolen number plates remain a concern and special screws can be purchased to secure plates.  
**Police program to be introduced shortly for free installation at Hyperdome and Bunnings – date to be advised.**
- Query re prevalence and action involved with petrol drive offs.  
**Often related to high cost of fuel and various measures being considered, including prepayment for purchases after certain hours.**
- Statistics on action involved for use of mobile phones while driving.  
**Usually dealt with by issue of Traffic Infringement Notices, similar to speeding offences.**
- Query on responsibility for truant students – regular incidents in Calwell.  
**Not generally a police responsibility and offences treated as parents’ obligation.**
- Reports and related concerns received by Neighbourhood Watch and the overall position is unclear.  
**Police response generally based on level of priority and follow up liaison with schools.**
- What action being taken on complaints of “hoons” activity at night?  
**Various options involved and all such incidents need to be reported to Police to enable prompt action and direction of patrols.**

#### **Update from Local Members:**

Darryl invited the local Members in attendance, namely Amanda Bresnan (ACT Greens) and Brendan Smyth (Liberals) to provide a brief report on current activities and issues of interest in the ACT Assembly.

Ms Bresnan provided the following details:

- Funding for Calwell Park ‘n’ Ride acknowledged;
- Reference to recent Fast Train Forum – further lobbying required to ensure action;
- Legislation introduced in ACT for food labelling in fast food outlets – successful in other States and overseas based on diet and obesity concerns;
- Cycle paths issue is subject to debate – awareness highlighted through recent Pedestrian Forum;
- Park ‘n’ Ride facility to be constructed in Erindale – success and expansion of Mawson facility;
- Update on needle exchange program at ACT Prison – supported by ACT Greens and successful outcomes achieved.

Mr Smyth mentioned the following items:

- TCC Newsletter commended and particular reference to Kambah Master Plan consultation – community input encouraged;
- Assembly focus on local cost of living and concerns for negative growth in retail activity – reasons addressed;
- Bush fire season alert with high potential for grass fires – ensure properties prepared, gutterings cleared, etc;

A query was raised regarding the reason for the Liberals opposing the introduction of “point to point” speed cameras in the ACT. Mr Smyth indicated that the decision was mainly based on proven inaccuracy of the system in other States, as well as some privacy concerns about the use of the information. The issues of revenue raising and tolerance levels of speed cameras were also mentioned.

Reference was also made to a media release on retailing difficulties experienced based on the impact of strong competition, particularly overseas on-line shopping. Mr Smyth indicated that various related community and social amenity issues need to be addressed by the ACT Government to counter the problems.

A short break was taken at this stage prior to the presentation by our guest speakers.

#### **Guest Speakers – Mr Robert Ell and Mr Wayne Moodie:**

Darryl introduced our guest presenters, Robert Ell, Managing Director of Leda Holdings and Wayne Moodie, Regional Manager for Colonial First State Global Asset Management, representing the joint owners of the Tuggeranong Hyperdome, who were accompanied by several colleagues. Darryl reminded attendees of the TCC Code of Conduct and the expected level of courtesy and respect to be afforded to our guest presenter(s).

Mr Moodie provided a brief PowerPoint presentation outlining background information and an update on recent and future developments at the Hyperdome, which included the following details:

- Role and relationship of the management team – Leda Holdings / Centro Properties / Centre Management
- 38 shopping centres operated throughout Australia;
- Centre consists of 170 shops, as well as Limelight Cinemas and several national brand retailers;
- 20 empty stores at present but 40 new tenants planned to move in before Christmas;
- Planned upgrade of facilities and refurbishments, including new furniture and/or playground area for Coles, Woolworths, K-Mart, Food Court area;
- Various Marketing measures involving event based strategy – Oz Harvest association, Festival of Tuggeranong, etc;
- Results indicate increased sales of almost 7% for 2011 financial year and increased foot traffic of 8.3% in the past 12 months;
- Reference to decrease in local population and increased competition from Airport. DFO, etc;
- Focus on developing websites and improving use of technology for public relations;
- 1,100 jobs and 7.5 million visitors per year – 90% make a purchase during visit;
- Half of customers shop at Hyperdome more than once a week.

### **Questions from the floor:**

The presentation was welcomed by attendees and various relevant matters were raised, including:

- Concern on impact on supermarket competition policy and likely effect on Erindale;
- Upgrade of Centre will result in increased rentals and increase in prices to shoppers;
- Claimed increase in foot traffic is not evidenced by retailers and figures appear inaccurate;
- Concern raised regarding reason for withdrawal of several businesses to accommodate new tenants;
- Location of Coles and Woolworths supermarkets on separate floors is quite often inconvenient;
- Provision of lift access is inadequate for disabled customers and wheel chairs;
- Clarification regarding the extent of the Hyperdome's involvement in development of the Tuggeranong / Erindale Master Plans.

It was confirmed that Hyperdome management was certainly interested and involved in the Master Plans and was an active member of local business organisations. Mr Ell took the opportunity to express concern about the lack of land being released for residential expansion in the areas surrounding the Tuggeranong Town Centre. His organisation had regularly lobbied the ACT Government in this regard to stimulate growth of the area, particularly in view of the apparent decline in the local population.

Representatives were available to discuss any further issues or concerns at the conclusion of the Meeting.

### **Other Business and General Announcements:**

Dug Holmes proposed a Motion recommending the extension of the consultation period for the Kambah Group Centre Master Plan, which was unanimously supported by members. A further briefing by ACTPLA on the issue would also be arranged.

The next Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, 4 October 2011**, with proposed guest speaker being Mr David Papps, Director General of the new ACT Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate (subject to his availability).

A short break was taken at this point prior to conducting the AGM and Election of the Executive Committee for the next year.