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More doctors 4 Tuggeranong



Doctors4Tuggeranong and local campaigner, Nick Tsoulias, at the reception desk of the new Calwell Medical Centre that is due to open on 2 July.

Almost two years of tireless community campaigning will come to a head when ACT Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher, officially opens a new medical centre in Calwell on Saturday, 2 July. It is hoped the new medical centre will address a shortage of general practitioner and bulk billing services in Tuggeranong.

The centre has long been the goal of Tuggeranong community action group, Doctors4Tuggeranong and local campaigner, Nick Tsoulias.

Mr. Tsoulias announced the new medical centre will be established by OCHRE Health Group. He said its opening is the result of some two years of work by the local business community, schools, medical students, pharmacist, former patients of the old Calwell Medical Centre and local residents.

"The Richardson Support House, Tuggeranong Community Council and local Neighbourhood Watch groups, past and present committees, have been the backbone in our campaign from day one, and we could not have done this without their support," he added.

"There is still a lot of work to do to bring together our local community services."

"It's been a really long process. Tuggeranong residents can now celebrate a community project coming together. Our work as a community has seen a boost to banking services with Bendigo Bank arriving in 2003, and now the long-awaited medical services will return to Tuggeranong."

"Even residents that live as far as Michelago and Cooma have been involved in this community-led campaign," Mr. Tsoulias said.

In late 2010, a Doctors4Tuggeranong survey received 750 responses from South Tuggeranong residents, which formed the basis for what the community wanted in a new medical centre. Mr. Tsoulias said the new Calwell medical centre is located within the Calwell shopping centre which will be great convenience for a lot of people.

He said it will be bigger than the original medical centre that closed in 2007 and will include options for bulk billing and concession card holder services. He said he expects pathology and a range of allied health services to be added over the next six months.

"From our initial discussions we are also likely to see a local community board formed which will provide ongoing input and the ability for more community links between services and local schools to be developed," he said.

"We will work to ensure that many government health programs are made available at the new medical centre. There is still a lot of work to do to bring together our local community services."

"I think you have to shape things as time passes to benefit everyone we can in the local community," he said.

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Call for better debt recovery



The Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) has called for the establishment of a debt recovery office in the Territory. The TCC says the office would manage the collection of outstanding fines and other debts owing to government.

At its last meeting the TCC passed a motion calling on the ACT Government to legislate to establish a debt recovery system in the ACT.

Speaking to the motion, chairperson of the TCC Transport and Community Services Sub-committee, Alison Ryan, said this would allow the government to send any unpaid fines to a debt recovery office and enable persons with accumulated fines to arrange an affordable payment plan.

Ms Ryan said the situation exists where people, particularly the low income, pensioners, unemployed and self employed, were unable to pay outstanding fines because they had lost their driver's licence and therefore are unable to work.

"Meanwhile, some unlicensed drivers were continuing to drive to work just to earn money to pay outstanding fines and then accumulating more fines after being caught illegally driving again. It is a vicious circle," she said.

In supporting the motion, TCC Vice President, Colin Petrie, said that while he supported a tough stand against those who break the road rules he could see the sense in establishing a system that allowed people to pay off their debts over time while serving out their penalty.

The TCC has forwarded a copy of the motion to the ACT Government for its response.

Greenway residents out in force

East Greenway residents were in full force at the last Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) meeting. They were in attendance to express their concerns to the Director of ACT Roads, Tony Gill and local MLA's, over the lack of footpaths, street lighting and other basic infrastructure in their suburb.

Residents spokesperson, Beverley Flint, told the meeting many East Greenway residents are forced to walk on the road at day and night due to a lack of footpaths street lighting.

"Residents are forced to walk on the road due to the design of the nature strips, this is a safety issue for all residents especially children and the elderly," she said.

"The park and lake walkways do not have lighting installed for safety and security at night. The residents must remain at all times on the road and without footpaths it is most dangerous both day and night, especially when walking the long distances from the bus stops," she added.

Many residents also highlighted the danger from speeding cyclists as they walked around Lake Tuggeranong. They said it was a particular problem for children, the elderly and those with hearing problems to have cyclists speeding on the pathway and without a bell warning.

They said they were concerned that it will result in a serious accident in the future.

Other East Greenway residents also highlighted the dangerous parking situation in some narrow neighbourhood streets.

Mr. Gill had previously met with some East Greenway residents and has again offered to follow up their concerns. Member for Brindabella, Amanda Bresnan, has agreed to an onsite meeting with residents.

DV306

The ACT Government is seeking public comment on draft changes to the Territory Plan to address a number of planning matters to residential estate development, including solar access and consolidation of blocks in established suburbs.

Draft variation 306 (DV306) has been produced by the ACT Planning and Land Authority (ACTPLA) in response to submissions from the public and the Territory Plan Reference Group following the release of draft variations 301 and 303 in June 2010.

Some of the major elements in DV306 include:

Requirements for solar orientation for blocks in new estates and adequate private and communal open space in new developments. The current minimum block size for dual occupancy in RZ1 zones has been maintained at 800sqm. A draft multi unit housing development code that includes new provisions for multi unit residential redevelopment in RZ2 including:

- no building will contain more than four dwellings
- buildings containing two or more dwellings on the same block must be separated by at least four metres
- the minimum block size for residential redevelopment comprising two dwellings is reduced to 700sqm and to 1050sqm for three or more dwellings
- for residential redevelopment comprising three or more dwellings, the minimum site area for each dwelling is 350sqm for up to five dwellings and 250sqm for the sixth and each subsequent dwelling
- consolidation of block is only permitted where they have adjoining street frontages

The maximum floor area for secondary residences (or granny flats) has been increased to 75sqm.

Fact sheets explaining DV306 are available on the ACTPLA at www.actpla.act.gov.au Public comments on DV306 close on Tuesday 2 August.

ACT electricity cheap - Corbell

The ACT Government has welcomed a decision on electricity prices in the ACT which sees average electricity bills \$1000 a year less than those across the border in NSW, according to Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development, Simon Corbell.

The comments follow a decision by the Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission (ICRC) to increase Canberra electricity prices by 6.4%, which equates to approximately \$1.65 per week to an average electricity bill.

"The decision by the ICRC to only increase electricity prices by 6.4% is very modest compared to a 17% increase in NSW and leaves ACT energy prices well below those across the border in Queanbeyan where consumers pay up to \$1000 more per year for electricity," Mr. Corbell said.

"The price increase will mean approximately a \$1.65 increase to the average electricity bill per week, or \$85 per year," he said.

"The ACT Government is working to protect low income Canberra households from the rising cost of utilities." "The Government has recently announced increases to the energy rebate for low income households in Canberra which would see an extra concession payment of \$131 dollars per year, taking the total utilities concession to \$346.20 per annum," Mr. Corbell said.

"The recently announced increase in concessions more than offsets this price increase for electricity, making sure low income households are properly assisted."

"The federal government's renewable energy schemes have played a major part in this price increase, particularly because of higher than expected take up of the small scale scheme which includes federal rebates for small rooftop solar and solar hot water installations."

"It is important to also note that the ACT's feed-in tariff scheme has not contributed at all to this price in-

crease, and still remains less than 1% of the total average power bill," Mr. Corbell said.

Meanwhile, Leader of the Opposition, Zed Seselja, said this is yet another rise to the essentials for every Canberra household.

"And it's not just low income Canberra households that will be affected, with high costs and taxes across the board, medium income families are also feeling the pinch," he added.

Mr Seselja said according to the ICRC, green costs skyrocketed with a 155 per cent change in a year, with 5 per cent of the entire 6.4 per cent coming from the Federal Government's revised Renewable Energy Target.

"On top of today's announcement, only weeks ago the Australian Energy Market Commission found over the next three years the ACT's electricity prices are expected to rise by over 20 per cent and that 11 per cent of that rise will come directly from Labor's feed in tariff," he said.

"That's more pain to come for Canberra families as Simon Corbell's own numbers show a \$225 increase for every Canberra household to pay for the entire feed in tariff."

"These are real numbers, and go to the bottom line of every ACT family's household budget. Labor's focus should be on policies that put downward pressure on the costs to families - instead we see inefficient policies, some of the highest taxation in the country and blow-outs in costs across almost every infrastructure project this government begins."

"Under this Labor-Greens alliance, the implementation of these inefficient and costly policies isn't going to end anytime soon and Canberra households will be left to pick up the bill," Mr Seselja said.

The price increase will take effect from July 1, 2011.

Source: Media Releases

Plastic shopping bag ban



The ACT Government has announced that plastic shopping bags will be banned in the Territory as from 1 November 2011.

When launching the Plastic Bag awareness campaign in May, Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development, Simon Corbell said, "by banning lightweight plastic shopping bags, we can reduce unnecessary consumption, reduce waste sent to landfill, and reduce litter and other environmental impacts of plastic bags."

Mr Corbell said plastic bags are a convenience in modern society but they are also a waste problem, contributing to landfill and the litter problem in the ACT.

Research shows that Canberrans use almost 64 million plastic bags a year, generating landfill waste that will take more than 50 generations, or 1,000 years, to decompose.

Plastic bags made of polyethylene polymer with a thickness of less than 35 microns will be banned.

These thin plastic bags with handles are generally used to carry retail goods, groceries and take-away food.

The ban will not apply to a range of other bags including barrier bags, which are dispensed from a roll to hold items such as fruit, heavier retail bags especially those used in department stores, reusable 'green' bags, purchased bin liners, compostable bags that meet the Australia

Standard, and paper bags.

The ACT's plastic bag ban is a 2-step process. The transition to the ban starts on 1 July 2011 and the ban comes into full effect on 1 November 2011.

During the transition period lightweight plastic shopping bags can still be provided but retailers must:

1. have an alternative shopping bag available for your customers; and
2. display a notice where the retailer makes a plastic shopping bag available with the following wording:

The ACT Government will ban the supply of lightweight checkout-style plastic shopping bags, starting on 1 November 2011.

Alternative shopping bags are available from this retail outlet.

Bin liners will not be banned. However, using plastic bags to line bins has become an easy, but environmentally unfriendly, alternative to wrapping rubbish or washing bins.

When the ban occurs, it is important that people consider the range of options available. While there is no one simple replacement for bin liners, we can be most environmentally friendly by reducing waste, especially by putting food and organic waste in a compost bin.

We can also reuse other types of plastic bags (such as bread bags) to wrap rubbish, and minimise wrapping of waste. If you use bin liners, we recommend that you choose biodegradable bags that will degrade fully in landfill, such as those made from cornstarch.

Alternatively, you could just put your rubbish straight into your bin and give it a quick rinse afterwards then reuse the water on your garden.

For further information call Canberra Connect on 13 22 81 or visit www.environment.act.gov.au

Source: ACT Environment.

Greener retirement at Goodwin

Goodwin Retirement Village has partnered with Solargain, one of Australia's largest integrated renewable energy companies, to provide residents at Monash a significant saving in their electricity bills and a positive environmental contribution.

Goodwin Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Chris Lamont says that the project at Monash will see solar panel systems installed on some 230 villas.

"Goodwin has invested \$500,000 on this project so that residents are able to benefit from reduced energy costs, which is important given recent and expected increases in power bills," Chris Lamont said.

Many Goodwin residents have already seen the benefits of this investment with savings on electricity bills in excess of \$200 per quarter.

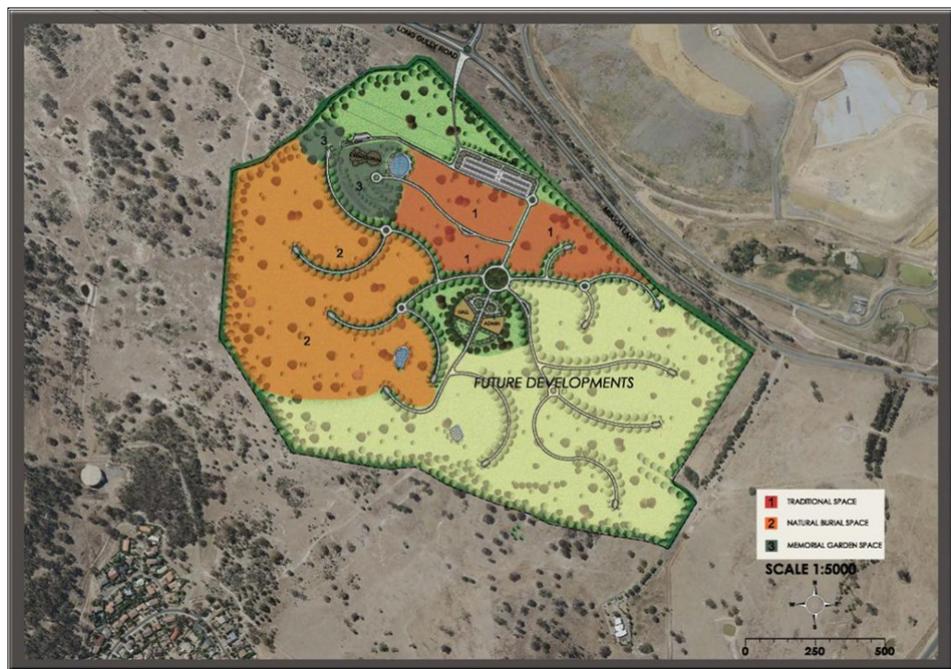
Mark McGavock, Regional Manager from Solargain says, today's households are more conscious about conserving energy and now residents at Goodwin can take advantage of the latest solar system technologies, giving them the option to reuse clean energy for normal daily living needs.

The ACT Government also saw long-term financial and environmental benefits from the installation of renewable energy systems and have supported Goodwin with a \$25,000 grant to install solar panels on the Monash Village clubhouse.

"Goodwin with the assistance of the ACT Government is installing a 10Kw solar system," said Chris Lamont.

Goodwin's commitment to the environment includes capturing and reusing all of the water runoff from the Monash site, 6 star energy efficiency ratings on new villas and highly effective solar orientation on all of the buildings at the Monash site.

Southern cemetery plans proceeding



Sketch plan of the new cemetery overlaid on an aerial photo of the site. This is intended only to demonstrate the scale of the site and how some of the features may be arranged. Red shapes approximately indicate areas where trees have recently been planted.

The ACT Public Cemeteries Authority's ambition is to establish a sustainable memorial park, including a cemetery and crematorium that meets the highest level of environmental principles while providing for the needs of the community, particularly southern ACT, for many years to come.

The new memorial park will operate hand in hand with our current cemeteries and provide a choice of burial, cremation and memorial options and services that will meet the needs and expectations of the whole ACT community. A natural burial area marrying the cemetery with its environment is a key component of this ambition.

As many would know, there has been considerable work and discussion toward a new cemetery and crematorium in southern Canberra. This article provides a short synopsis of work done to date and where we plan to go in the future with this project.

Discussion started in the early 1980s when the then Trustees of the Canberra Public Cemetery started a dialog with the Public Service to try to find a place to locate a new southern cemetery when Woden Cemetery

would inevitably close. While some work was done at that time to find suitable blocks, as a new cemetery had just been opened in Gungahlin it was not considered to be a pressing matter at the time so no further action was taken.

In 2005 it was estimated that at current burial rates it is expected that the Woden Cemetery will be fully subscribed by as early as 2015. The Authority identified a site of approximately 50 hectares on Long Gully Road in Tuggeranong that is well suited to be developed as a cemetery. A cemetery on this scale would provide security for this fundamental civic function for future generations.

The Authority believes that this site meets all of the requirements for a new southern cemetery and is suitable for the range of uses envisaged. As a minimum, it is expected that the development will include areas for some traditional styles of burial, memorial gardens for the interment of ashes, memorial hall(s), a crematorium and natural burial options.

A substantial public consultation program conducted over 2009-10 identified strong support in the ACT com-

munity for the establishment of a new cemetery and crematorium in the Tuggeranong district. As part of the consultation process the Authority carried out pre planning surveys and business modelling which supports the establishment of a new cemetery and crematorium on the site.

These preliminary planning assessments found the site to be suitable for development as a cemetery and crematorium. In order to progress the development of a new cemetery the ACT Government has allocated \$0.727m in the 2011-12 Capital Works budget for the creation of a master plan for a new southern cemetery and crematorium. Further studies will also be undertaken to address any:

- Aboriginal heritage issues;
- Topography and drainage issues;
- Soil, groundwater and geotechnical conditions;
- Traffic, transport and access; and
- Ecological assessment

These issues will be comprehensively covered in the master planning process.

At present a tree planting project of some 1000 Eucalyptus species native to the site is nearing completion. This forms the first stage of further significant planting of trees that will occur during the construction phase.

It is fair to say that planning for cemeteries is a long term issue. Cemeteries are a feature of all communities and the location, design and accessibility are matters which the Cemeteries Authority and the Government take very seriously.

Over the coming months as we progress through this planning process, we will provide more information to the community as developments occur.

By ACT Cemeteries Authority CEO, Hamish Horne.

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Valuable community feedback on Greenway



The public inspects plans for Greenway recently on display at the Tuggeranong Hyperdome.

The Land Development Agency (LDA) is developing a master plan for the land opposite Bunnings at Greenway. This includes sites that are scheduled for land release in the coming years. The current proposal is for a residential and mixed use waterfront community.

The LDA began consulting the community and key groups during November 2010. It has talked with a number of people and groups in the area including local residents, representatives of community groups, local businesses and institutions such as schools. It has also held a community workshop on 13 November 2010 and hosted an information stall at the Tuggeranong Festival in November 2010. Most recently the draft development option was displayed at the Tuggeranong Hyperdome from 16-22 May 2011. Additionally, the LDA has held an information session also at the Hyperdome on 21 May 2011.

The preparation of the planning principles and the master plan has been informed by the consultation process to date. The LDA will continue to work with local residents and business and other interested stakeholders, including the TCC, as detailed development of the Greenway Master Plan continues.

Some of the feedback the LDA has received through the consultation process so far is:

- Develop more active uses on the lake foreshore that provide unique places and destinations – such as cafes, restaurants and recreational uses.
- Continue to provide continuous public access around the lake foreshore.
- Provide more housing in the Town Centre to support local businesses and provide more vibrancy and vitality to Tuggeranong.
- Consider the provision of affordable housing.
- Make buildings appropriately sized and designed to maintain views of both the lake and mountain ranges.
- Plan transport and road networks that will allow people to access Greenway easily.
- Make the Greenway project – and Tuggeranong Town Centre – a unique, active, and vibrant place that people are attracted to.
- Provide a range of activities for people, especially children and young adults, using the lake foreshore as an active centre piece.
- Activate Anketell Street while respecting how people currently use it.
- Ensure there are a range of links between Greenway and the Town Centre including for pedestrians,

cyclists, bus users and motorists.
- Look at the 'big picture' to design a development that will be economically, socially and environmentally sustainable in the long term.

Key features of the Draft Master Plan include:

- A primarily residential development with the ability to accommodate some commercial and community uses
- A central gathering place or activity hub located on the lake foreshore that could include cafes, restaurants and community facilities
- A range of opportunities for people, both residents and visitors, to engage with and enjoy the lake
- Buildings closest to Lake Tuggeranong at 2-4 storeys with heights increasing to 6 storeys as you move away from the lakefront.
- 2 or 3 slim taller buildings up to 12 storeys carefully positioned on the site to maximise views and minimise overshadowing
- Maintenance of full public access along the complete lake foreshore
- A central park linking Anketell street to the lakefront
- Each neighbourhood designed around its own common open space reinforcing the lake as a key community destination
- Providing connections to regional parkland, the Tuggeranong Town Centre and local and regional transport networks.

The Draft Master Plan aims to reactivate Tuggeranong Town Centre by providing housing opportunities within the town centre and creating a new lake front community destination. Following agreement of a final Master Plan for the site, it will be necessary to seek a Variation to the Territory Plan to implement parts of the development plan. Comments from recent consultation events will be collated and used to inform the finalisation of the master plan. Submissions on the draft plan can be made until 30 June 2011. Visit; http://www.lda.act.gov.au/?/community/greenway_sections_57_58_59_65_66

Source: LDA

Call for new wood heater standards

The ACT Greens have called on the Government to do more to address wood smoke issues in Canberra.

This follows an announcement by Environment Minister Simon Corbell that the Government plans to boost scrutiny of Canberra's air quality by setting up a third site to monitor air quality in Belconnen. He said some readings for air quality still fail national standards.

Greens health spokesperson and member for Brindabella, Amanda Bresnan, said the Government's actions so far have been welcome and are an improvement, but they have stopped short of properly addressing the problem.

She said the ACT still needs to improve its emission standards for wood heaters, which lag behind other jurisdictions such as New Zealand. She said it was partly a result of Federal inaction and the decision to let the wood heater industry regulate itself.

"The Government's measurements of air quality are also deceptive, as they take a general reading from a single spot. In Tuggeranong for example, heavy pollution accumulates in pockets. The Government should start taking mobile readings to get accurate data."

"The ACT Greens aren't asking for wood heaters to be banned, but residents in the Tuggeranong Valley deserve better protection from the harmful health impacts of wood smoke pollution. The Government needs to take the next steps to make sure we get a long-term solution," Ms Bresnan said.

Her calls have been echoed by newly elected NSW Greens Senator, Lee Rhiannon. Ms Rhiannon, who joins the Senate on 1 July, said wood heaters were responsible for more than a third of hazardous fine particle emissions in Sydney and two-thirds in Canberra.

"Attempts to introduce cleaner wood heaters in Australia stalled in March 2007 when the wood heating industry vetoed recommendations of the Standards Australia Committee

tasked with setting new emissions limits," she said.

Wood heating industry spokesperson, Mike Bresnik said wood heating can be and is a very emotive issue. He said he did not believe that current wood heaters require new emission standards other than those currently in place.

"Many consumers cannot afford to heat their homes in any other way. Overnight burning is important to cold climate areas such as Canberra. Consumers cannot be expected to wake to a cold home with

need to light a fire each morning. Imagine the emissions of 10,000 firefighters each morning," he said.

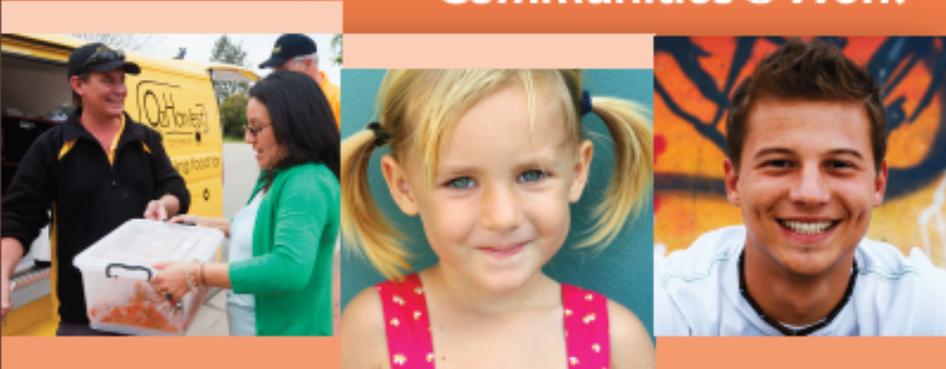
"For this reason consumer education not draconian rule change is the answer. I can sell the most efficient heater on the market but we have witnessed the remnants of plastic nappies within during servicing."

"Education on wood quality, collection, purchase, storage & burning is the answer," Mr. Bresnik concluded.

Sources: Media Releases

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TCC Vice President, Dugald Holmes, said the TCC has provided a great deal of input to the planning process for the new Southern Cemetery. He said the Council has raised concerns over its location, lack of public transport links, the need for more chapels rather than a crematorium and pollution from a crematorium.

He said the Council's concerns were raised in a submission to the ACT Government.

"We didn't hear back officially. Despite no formal outcome or confirmation of consultation the Government has proceeded with allocating funds for the project towards tree planting," Mr. Holmes said.

"We know the land was set aside by ACT Planning Minister, Simon Corbell, in 2005. It was set aside for the Public Cemeteries Board to deliberate and choose a site within the Tuggeranong Broadacre zone. It is the result of this that we are seeing now," he said.

"Why can't they be more open and up-front that it was a foregone conclusion?"

Mr. Holmes also questioned the results of a telephone poll about a crematorium for the site. He claims the poll was taken of about 100 people in a Valley population of 90,000+ and the questions were phrased to lead people to agree or assume that a crematorium was a good fit for that site.

The subject of a new southern cemetery will be discussed at the next meeting of the Tuggeranong Community Council.

Guest Speaker will be ACT Cemeteries Authority CEO, Hamish Horne.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 July commencing at 7.30pm in the upstairs conference room of the Tuggeranong Southern Cross Club on the corner of Pitman and Holwell Streets Greenway.

Members and guests are welcome.

Government in a Twitter

ACT Chief Minister Katy Gallagher, has announced she will host a Community Cabinet meeting via Twitter. She made the announcement as part of her commitment to make her government more open and accountable.

She said measures include release of a weekly summary of Cabinet issues and decisions and creation of an Open Government Website, which will be used to release government background reports and reviews; provide public access to material released through Freedom of Information; and access to submissions made during public consultation.

"Creation of an Open Government Website will provide a single gateway for access to Government information and engage Canberrans in the governance of the ACT and will be operational within three months. This will enable access to government material released through Freedom of Information through upload to the web once FOI requests have been released to the applicant," Ms Gallagher said.

"I will also release a weekly report on key issues discussed and decisions taken by the Cabinet, starting in the first week in July," she said.

"This will make the ACT Cabinet the most open of any government in Australia. I want the community to be informed about the challenges and issues being considered by Cabinet."

"The Cabinet will also next month hold a Virtual Community Cabinet, where all Ministers will answer questions and respond to issues on Twitter."

"Harnessing new technology and reaching a more diverse range of Canberrans, who have previously not engaged directly with Government is symbolic of our new approach to open government," the Chief Minister concluded.

Source: Media Release

Greens release transport paper

ACT Greens transport spokesperson, Amanda Bresnan MLA, has released a discussion paper, *A Better Transport Solution for Gungahlin and Wider Canberra*.

The paper argues for a greater commitment to sustainable transport and critically analyses the Government's approach to transport planning.

"The ACT Greens want to see real transport solutions, that will create convenient, sustainable and equitable ways to get around Canberra," Ms Bresnan said.

"We are arguing for investment in and prioritisation of a rapid, high capacity public transport network. This is the long term solution for bringing convenient, effective and sustainable transport to North Canberra and the wider city.

"It is troubling that the Government's arguments for building the Majura freeway are not standing up to scrutiny. The Government hasn't assessed issues such as the benefits that quality public transport would have compared to a freeway. Nor has it properly assessed future traffic congestion on the road, the greenhouse gas emissions it will generate, or the impacts on Canberra's urban form," she said.

Dr Paul Mees, one of Australia's leading experts on urban public transport, backed the Greens paper, saying: "At a time when other Australian capitals are giving priority to public transport, Canberra's planners seem trapped in a 1950s mindset.

"We've called on the Government to have an independent expert in sustainable transport planning analyse these issues before we commit so much of the ACT's transport funding to this motorway," Ms Bresnan said.

"In Australia, and around the world, the lesson to learn from the evidence presented by planning experts is that good public transport is the best way to tackle congestion," she said.

Source: Media Release

Burch encourages funding applications

ACT Minister for Children and Young People, Joy Burch is encouraging schools, businesses and community groups to apply for funding for initiatives that tackle issues in children and young people before they escalate into more serious problems.

Ms Burch has announced the ACT Government is extending the deadline for applications for the Schools as Communities Grants program until 1 July 2011 to give potential applicants more time to make their submissions.

"The Schools as Communities grants offer up to \$5,000 per applicant to devise programs that focus on identifying possible challenges and preventing them from worsening," Ms Burch said.

"We are looking for applications for projects where families, schools, communities, businesses and government work together to help children, young people and their families."

The \$55,000 fund helps projects that promote an early intervention in the lives of children, young people and their families at risk; use schools and pre-schools as focal points for the projects; involve different partners; allow the sharing of skills; and can be self-sustaining.

"The ACT Government is committed to giving all members of our community the chance to fulfill their potential, especially our youngest citizens."

"We will do that by putting in place the policies and strategies to facilitate this but also by empowering communities to take action on the ground, as this can be the best way to achieve real outcomes."

For more information on the grants visit www.dhcs.act.gov.au/home/grants

Renewed call for green bins

The Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) has renewed its call for the introduction of green waste bins. In a motion passed at its last meeting the TCC said a green bin service would assist in further reducing material going into landfill and the illegal dumping of garden waste in bushland.

TCC Vice President, Colin Petrie, said the Transport and Community Services Sub-Committee disagreed with the Minister for the Environment, Simon Corbell, when he stated that "a green bin service may adversely impact on existing gardening and trash pack businesses."

"The Minister stated in a recent letter to the TCC that the ACT led the nation in recycling 90% of the city's garden waste. I would suggest that if he walked Canberra's bush tracks he will locate the other 10% of garden waste," Mr. Petrie said.

"Even though no fee is charged for dumping green waste at the composting tip, it requires a suitable vehicle with a trailer. Any resident who does not have the ability to take the waste away themselves will still use a gardening or trash pack service," Mr. Petrie added.

"Not everyone using a trash pack confines themselves to green waste. It is reasonable that if you are having a clean-up in your yard you will place all rubbish into the trash pack that you are paying to have removed. This being the case it would not be permitted in the compost dump and would go to landfill," he said.

"I do not believe this is the result the ACT Government set out to achieve and does not reduce the amount of waste. In addition, illegal dumping of garden waste introduces weeds into native bushland. For these reasons we believe that a green bin service would help reduce landfill waste, protect the native bushland and provide people with an approved method a green waste disposal," Mr. Petrie said.

News in brief

Scarecrow competition

Entries are now open for this year's Tuggeranong Festival scarecrow competition. Get your entries in early and get a head start on building your scarecrow. It's rewarding, it's creative and most of all, it's good fun.

You'll find the entry form at:

<http://tuggeranongfestival.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/ScarecrowComp2011.pdf>

Playground improvements

Several play spaces across Tuggeranong are undergoing renewal under the ACT Government's Playground Safety Program.

The Government has invited comments from children and adults on what people would like to see in the play spaces. Comments are open until Monday 15th August 2011 and may be forwarded to Fay Hug via email at fay.hug@act.gov.au, phone 6207 6026 or post Fay Hug, Parks and City Services GPO Box 158 Canberra 2601.

Alternatively, an interactive questionnaire can be found on the TAMS website under the "Get Involved" section at www.act.gov.au

Master Plans

In light of April's community consultation preliminary ideas have been revised and refined - Come and have your say!

Next community consultation event - **26-29 July 2011** - Information displays at the Tuggeranong Hyperdome and Erindale Shopping Centre.

For more detail closer to the date see: www.actpla.act.gov.au/tuggeranongerindale

Why computers sometimes crash!

by Dr. Seuss

If a packet hits a pocket on a socket on a port, and the bus is interrupted at a very last resort, and the access of the memory makes your floppy disk abort, then the socket packet pocket has an error to report.

If your cursor finds a menu item followed by a dash, and the double-clicking icon puts your window in the trash, and your data is corrupted cause the index doesn't hash, then your situation's hopeless and your system's gonna crash!

If the label on the cable on the table at your house, says the network is connected to the button on your mouse, but your packets want to tunnel to another protocol, that's repeatedly rejected by the printer down the hall.....

And your screen is all distorted by the side effects of gauss, so your icons in the window are as wavy as a souse; then you may as well re-boot and go out with a bang, 'cuz sure as I'm a poet, the sucker's gonna hang.

When the copy on your floppy's getting sloppy in the disk, and the macro code instructions is causing unnecessary risk, then you'll have to flash the memory and you'll want to RAM your ROM, and then quickly turn off the computer and be sure to tell your Mum!



- Jun 30:** Tuggeranong Festival Committee Meeting, 6.30pm
Tuggeranong Community Centre
- Jul 5:** TCC General Meeting, 7.30pm
Tuggeranong Southern Cross Club.
- 3:** World Environment Day
[National Heart Foundation Walk](#)
Lake Burley Griffin
- 10:** Lions Club Tuggeranong
Homestead Markets.
- 30:** Tuggeranong Festival Committee Meeting, 6.30pm
Tuggeranong Community Centre
- Aug 2:** TCC General Meeting, 7.30pm
Tuggeranong Southern Cross Club.
- 14:** Lions Club Tuggeranong
Homestead Markets.
- 25:** Tuggeranong Festival Committee Meeting, 6.30pm
Tuggeranong Community Centre
- Sept 6:** TCC Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm
Tuggeranong Southern Cross Club.
- 11:** Lions Club Tuggeranong
Homestead Markets.
- 29:** Tuggeranong Festival Committee Meeting, 6.30pm
Tuggeranong Community Centre
- Oct 4:** TCC General Meeting, 7.30pm
Tuggeranong Southern Cross Club.
- 7:** [National Walk to Work Day.](#)

Valley Voice



Tuggeranong Community Council's newsletter, *Valley Voice* is designed to inform Valley residents of issues that impact on them and to act as a vehicle for other community groups and organisations to communicate with residents.

Valley Voice will be produced on a regular basis and will be circulated amongst TCC members and beyond. If you wish to receive copies of *Valley Voice* in the future please email info@tuggcc.com.

Meanwhile if you have articles or images you wish to contribute to *Valley Voice* please email them to info@tuggcc.com by the 20th of each month.

Please feel free to pass *Valley Voice* on to those who you think will be interested in its contents.

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