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VALLEY VOICE

Conditional support for Valley projects



An artist's concept of the proposed waterfront development on land opposite Bunnings in Greenway.

The Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) has given its conditional support to two major projects planned in the Valley.

At its last meeting the Council's Planning and Environment Sub-committee recommended that the TCC support the development of land opposite the Bunnings Hardware store at Greenway.

"The development could house as many as 3,000 residents."

TCC support was on the condition that planned residential towers do not exceed 12 storeys and that monies raised from the sale of the land be spent on infrastructure and services within the Tuggeranong Valley.

The TCC has highlighted the duplication of roads, such as Erindale Drive and Isabella Drive, both leading to the Tuggeranong Town Centre. It has also nominated projects associated with the Tuggeranong and Erindale Master Plans.

The TCC has also reserved its right to withdraw its approval if the plans change in any dramatic way to the concepts it has been provided.

The proposed development could include residential towers fronting Anketell Street and stepping down towards the lake front to a promenade incorporating some retail, coffee shops and restaurants.

The development could house as many as 3,000 residents.

Council members also supported the proposed new Southern Cemetery.

Their support was conditional on the cemetery employing new technologies that would achieve a similar outcome to cremation but with little or no emissions and the preservation of the existing wild-life corridor, horse paddocks and recreation areas.

When addressing a previous TCC meeting, ACT Cemeteries Authority CEO, Hamish Horne, told members that various clean technologies existed that deliver the same or similar outcome to cremation. It is planned to develop the new Southern Cemetery on land aside Long Gully Road.

The first stage of the project has already begun with extensive tree planting on the site. The new Southern Cemetery is scheduled to open in 2015.

Hyperdome high on agenda

The future of the Tuggeranong Hyperdome will be the topic of discussion at the next Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) meeting.

Guest speaker will be Mr. Steve Luby, Regional Manager for Colonial First State Global Asset Management. He will address members and guests with an overview of the Tuggeranong Hyperdome.

He will also be outlining the general strategy being adopted for improvements to the Centre, the marketing program and the introduction of Centre Executives.

The next TCC meeting will be held on Tuesday, 6 September commencing at 7.30pm. The meeting will be held in the upstairs conference room at the South-

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More time to comment on DV306

The ACT Government has extended the consultation period for draft variation 306 to the Territory Plan to allow the community and industry sufficient time to comment.

The closing date to provide written comments for the draft variation has been extended from Tuesday 2 August until COB Tuesday 6 September 2011.

DV 306 addresses planning matters relating to residential estate development, including solar access and consolidation of blocks in established suburbs.

Comments can be emailed to terrplan@act.gov.au or mailed to ACTPLA, GPO Box 1908, Canberra, ACT 2601 and delivered to ACTPLA's customer service centre at the above address.

Comments should include reference to the draft variation, a return postal address, and be addressed Territory Plan Variation Unit, Development Policy Section. The draft variation, fact sheets and details of provisions that have effect can be accessed from www.actpla.act.gov.au. Copies are available for inspection and purchase at ACTPLA Customer Service, 16 Challis Street, Dickson, Monday to Friday between 8:30am and 4:30pm.

Meanwhile Greens planning spokesperson, Caroline Le Couteur, has described the decision to extend the consultation period for DV306 as "Ground Hog Day" for ACT residents. See story on page 4.

Source: Media Release

TCC pushes for improved Valley air

The Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) has called for an additional monitoring station to measure air pollution in the Valley and the issuing of air pollution statistics on a daily basis.

Chairman of the TCC's Planning and Environment Sub-committee, Dug Holmes, said the TCC was concerned the monitoring station at Monash did not give an accurate picture of air pollution in the Valley.

Mr. Holmes, said he had been advised that in the past pollution readings had not been taken at Monash for months at a time when filters in the monitoring unit had been apparently clogged with fallout or it had been broken.

He said he believed a second monitoring station situated in the Lanyon Valley would give a wider and more accurate picture of air pollution in Tuggeranong.

In an amendment to the motion, TCC members also called for air pollution readings (PM 2.5) for Tuggeranong to be issued on a daily basis and reported in the Canberra media.

TCC President, Darryl Johnston, said he believed this would not be too difficult because the Illawarra media gave daily PM 2.5 pollution readings for Wollongong and Port Kembla and the Canberra media gave daily pollen readings in spring.

The calls were made at the Council's last meeting where members considered an all encompassing motion on air quality. The motion stated that the TCC recognised that the Tuggeranong Valley suffered unique air pollution problems due to its topography.

It said the Council rejected developments that would add to air pollution in the Valley and that it supported programs designed to reduce transport, industrial and domestic (winter wood smoke) air pollution in the Valley.

Mr. Holmes said the TCC was concerned that air pollution in Tuggeranong could increase in the future. He pointed to new industrial developments proposed for Hume and a possible increase in heavy vehicle movements on the Monaro highway as a result of a proposed Canberra Airport 24-hour freight hub.

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TCC supports residents campaign

The Tuggeranong Community Council has thrown its weight behind a campaign by East Greenway residents to improve basic infrastructure in their suburb (see adjoining article)

At its last meeting Council members supported a motion put forward by East Greenway resident, Beverley Flint, calling for the 50kph signs to be painted on Mortimer Lewis Drive and De Little Circuit to discourage speeding.

The Council will also write to Australia Post in support of requests for a roadside letter box and to Action buses supporting requests for a bus service to East Greenway and a neighbourhood bus stop.

Residents have held a series of onsite meetings with local MLAs and Director of Roads ACT, Tony Gill, all of whom have taken onboard their concerns over the lack of basic infrastructure.

Call to all TCC members

The Tuggeranong Community Council's Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 September 2011. It will follow a normal general meeting. All financial TCC members are requested to attend the AGM to vote on and install a new TCC Executive.

Financial members who have attended four general meetings or more can nominate for a position on the TCC Executive. The general meeting to be held prior to the AGM will be counted.

Nominations for positions on the TCC Executive must be lodged with the Returning Officer ten days prior to the AGM.

Completed nomination forms should be addressed to; Mr. Michael Lindfield, C/o Jill Faulkner, Communities@Work, PO Box 1066 Tuggeranong ACT 2901.

The meeting will commence at 7.30pm in the upstairs conference room of the Tuggeranong Southern Cross Club, corner of Pitman and Holwell Streets, Greenway. For more information visit www.tuggcc.com or phone 0431 235970.

Progress in East Greenway



Among other improvements, East Greenway residents are seeking a bus service to their suburb.

East Greenway Residents are finally making some headway in their battle for updated infrastructure. Residents say East Greenway has been without basic suburban infrastructure for many years and with recent rallying of residents and meetings with the ACT Director of Roads, Mr. Tony Gill, residents are now looking forward to this longstanding problem being rectified over the next 12 months.

They have been advised of departmental approval for a footpath and improved lighting on Mortimer Lewis Drive. The have also been advised of follow up improvements to lighting for the area of park, dog exercise area and lake foreshore path, two "No Through Road" signs to De Little Street and "No Right Turn" on Mortimer Lewis Drive south exit to the Tuggeranong Parkway. A pedestrian crossing is also required to be centrally placed for Mortimer Lewis Drive.

Residents have also listed improvements to the lake foreshore pathway including clearer "white lines" and possible enlargement of the pedestrian/cycle path for the safety and security of residents and visitors to the area. Footpaths and updating the bus stops (seats/shelter/lights) on the highway, particularly the southbound side of the highway are most necessary for residents, again for safety and security along the busy highway. The resident's only access to public transport is on the highway! A letterbox for the suburb would also be appreciated by the residents, who have been turned down on two occasions by Australia Post, and advised to walk to Oxley!

Senior residents look forward to changes to their area for the future as they continue to rely on their own transport (family, friends) to assist them due to the limited Action Bus service to the area.

A meeting will be held on 24th August, 2011 to establish "Neighbourhood Watch" and "Safety House" for East Greenway, please contact (6231 1010) re attendance at this meeting.

East Greenway residents appreciate the assistance of the Tuggeranong Community Council and the ACT Government in the meetings held to date and look forward to achieving further improvements for the suburb of East Greenway.

Beverley Flint: (East Greenway Action Group)



Rental scheme for seniors



A rental scheme offering eligible ACT seniors the chance to move into a new home with rents 25 per cent under the market rates has been announced by ACT Minister for Community Services and member for Brindabella, Joy Burch.

Ms Burch described the scheme as an amazing opportunity for older tenants to move into a state-of-the-art new home but pay rents well below the market rate. She said it underlines this government's commitment to ensuring that all Canberra residents can enjoy affordable, quality housing.

The homes, in the Belconnen, Tuggeranong and Weston Creek areas, are two-bedroom villas boasting six-star energy efficiency ratings which have been designed to be able to adapt to the needs of tenants as they age. There are about 80 properties available under the scheme.

They were constructed as part of the Federal Government's economic stimulus package and have been purposely located close to public transport, community facilities, shops and health facilities for the convenience of older residents. To be eligible, people must be receiving the aged pension and be in a private rental in the ACT.

"On top of the chance to enjoy rents a quarter below the market rates through our new initiative, the scheme has been designed so that tenants will still be eligible for Commonwealth Rent Assistance so allowing them to further reduce their rent," Ms Burch said.

"Since 2009, this government has overseen the construction of more than 200 public houses specifically designed for older Canberra residents and now with this new affordable rental scheme, we are assisting those in the private rental market," she said.

Source: Media Release

Planning "Groundhog Day"

The ACT Government has announced an extension to community consultation on Draft Variation 306 to the Territory Plan - a further delay to the implementation of solar access rights according to Greens planning spokesperson, Caroline Le Couteur.

Ms Le Couteur said this is groundhog day for solar access in the ACT. She said last year the Government was forced to send two Territory Plan Variations (301 and 303) to a specially established expert reference panel because the variations were too complicated and divisive.

"They were then replaced by Draft Territory Plan Variation 306, which is still long and complicated. So now the Government has been forced to give industry and the community more consultation time," she added.

"The consultation period has been extended to 6 September, but sadly this will delay some sustainability requirements within Variation 306. We still have not seen any of the advice given by the reference panel to government, which is a shame, as it should be background reading for people wishing to understand the variation. Solar access is one issue where I believe that the Canberra community is united. We all agree that we deserve solar access rights. People in Canberra should be able to build without the risk of losing all their sunlight."

Ms Le Couteur tabled an Assembly motion in October 2010 to split solar access rights from controversial planning zone changes to allow the prompt implementation of solar access rights. But Labor voted with the Liberal Party to adjourn the debate.

"If my motion had been passed last year, Canberra residents could have had solar access rights by now. This would have allowed the community to better focus on the myriad of other issues in this Variation, such as plot ratios, setbacks and dwelling numbers per block in good time with plenty of consultation. Instead the Government is persisting on including both common sense changes that the community supports, as well as some complicated and controversial changes. I call on the Government to honour its commitment to the Labor-Greens Parliamentary Agreement and implement solar access rights in the ACT," said Ms Le Couteur.

Source: Media Release

Tuggeranong land sale for aged care

Tenders will close at the end of August for the purchase of two large parcels of land in Tuggeranong earmarked for aged care development.

The first parcel is block 5, section 709 in Calwell and bounded by Were Street, the Calwell Shopping Centre and a concrete water course. The site is approximately 21,010 square metres. The second parcel of land is block 8 section 856 in Isabella Plains and is beside St Mary Mackillop College bounded by Ellerston Avenue and Drumston Street.

The land is being offered for sale by Jones Lang LaSalle on behalf of the ACT Government. Tenders close on Tuesday 30 August.

Masterplan update

The Tuggeranong and Erindale master plans are reaching a key milestone with the preparation of preliminary drafts.

The government is seeking community feedback on the proposals including the vision, goals and design principles.

The Tuggeranong community has shown support for activating the lake edge and streets and increasing residential development.

Erindale is also progressing well, however the planning approach is slightly different to Tuggeranong. In response to community concerns about traffic congestion, public transport and car parking these issues are being examined more closely.

The community input into both plans has been significant and very constructive.

By the end of September both Erindale and Tuggeranong draft master plans are scheduled to be complete. The final stage of community consultation will take place for release of the master plans in Autumn 2012.

To view the plans and consultation to date visit www.actpla.act.gov.au/tuggeranongerindale

Source: ACTPLA

A rewarding harvest



OzHarvest Director, Dave Burnet (left) and Communities @Work CEO, Lynne Harwood, are presented with a \$40,000 cheque by CEO of Independent Property Group, John Runko.

The OzHarvest Canberra team recently reached a new milestone after delivering its one millionth meal to Canberra residents in need. The meal was delivered to St John's Care in Reid.

In recognition OzHarvest received a cheque from John Runko, Chief Executive Officer of the Independent Property Group, for \$40,000 to purchase a third van.

Sue Jordon, Director St John's Care, said she was honored that St John's Care was the recipient of the one millionth meal delivered by OzHarvest Canberra.

"One of my great delights on a Monday morning is seeing the little yellow van driving up the hill towards St John's Care. It is wonderful that nothing is wasted and the volunteers and staff are so good to deal with. They are proud of what they do - it is a great service with a smile".

In presenting the cheque to OzHarvest Mr. Runko said The Independent Property Group believes in contributing back to the community. He said the \$40,000 donation is a great example of this.

"Three years of operations in the local area have seen the OzHarvest Canberra food rescue service become recognised in the community as a simple way to reduce waste and help those in need," Mr. Runko said.

With two vans now running at full capacity, a third van was needed to meet demand.

OzHarvest Canberra is seeking the support of the community to raise the necessary funds to keep the three vans on the road.

"We have been extremely heartened by the support given to OzHarvest Canberra since its inception three years ago, but we need additional partners to help the service continue to expand," said Lynne Harwood, CEO of Communities@Work.

"I know the community values the important work that OzHarvest Canberra undertakes and I am confident that Canberra will jump on board to raise the necessary funds to keep the three vans running," added Ms Harwood.

OzHarvest Canberra is managed in the ACT by Communities@Work under licence from OzHarvest Sydney. OzHarvest Canberra does not receive any ACT or Federal Government funding and is reliant on community, philanthropic and corporate support.

Since the service began in February 2008, OzHarvest Canberra has saved 300,000 kilograms of food from being dumped as landfill. The food is transported to over 60 charities across the Canberra region.

There is no charge for the service and it operates with the assistance of our fantastic volunteers - 31 at the moment. This keeps our operating costs to a minimum and allows us to deliver a meal for less than \$1.

Source: OzHarvest

Stay in you PJs

The Asthma Foundation ACT is calling on school children to ensure their schools are registered to Stay in their PJs for Asthma.

Asthma Foundation ACT CEO, Nathalie Maconachie says one in nine Australian kids has asthma and asthma is the leading reason for emergency hospitalisation of children.

Ms Maconachie said this year during September, primary schools, pre-schools and day-care centres across the ACT will wear their pyjamas all day as part of National Asthma Week.

"One million days of school are lost every year in Australia due to asthma, and kids are staying home in their PJs instead of being at school or day care," Ms Maconachie said.

"Our PJ Day will highlight asthma issues in schools and herald the launch of National Asthma Week," she said.

"At least one person dies every day from asthma in Australia, but people don't realise how dangerous poorly-managed asthma can be," Ms Maconachie said.

"By wearing pyjamas to school and bringing a gold coin donation, the ACT's primary schools, pre-schools and day care centres will help us continue our important work of educating the community and preventing unnecessary death from asthma."

Funds raised will support vital asthma research and education programs aimed at reducing the impact of asthma in our community and improving the lives of two million Australians living with asthma.

Need help controlling your asthma? Call the free Asthma Information Line on 1800 645 130.

The Asthma Foundation ACT is a non-profit organisation providing vital asthma first aid training to schools, businesses and community groups throughout the region as well as promoting asthma awareness and health management in the ACT.

For information on our programs, to volunteer or make a donation please call 6282 4186 or email admin@asthmaact.org.au

Valley heritage, what's its future?

Tuggeranong's heritage suffered a major blow recently with the theft of hand cut wooden slabs from an historic pioneer hut at Hume. The slabs, that comprised a wall that had stood for more than 120-years, were stolen from a hut on the site of the heritage listed Couranga Homestead.

The theft has raised questions about the future of Tuggeranong Valley's heritage and just how much effort is being made to preserve it.

The slab hut was a prime example of early rural settlement and development in the region prior to the formation of the Federal Capital Territory. It is believed to have been built between 1890 and 1906 and worked its way through the hands of the pioneering Calahan, Morrison and Johnson families.

In May 2010 the Act Heritage Council recommended the collection of buildings on the Couranga and Tralee properties be listed. In his report to government, ACT Heritage Council Secretary, Gerhard Zatschler described the buildings as being in a poor state. He said the slab hut demonstrated a rare example of construction that is no longer practiced in the ACT. He said it reflected an early example of pioneer life, skills and the availability of raw materials.

More recently the properties have been all but isolated by earthworks and the laying of services associated with the development of the New West Industrial Estate. They have been given limited protection with an array of cyclone fencing.

Meanwhile, the theft of the slabs and the damage to the hut was particularly felt by members of the Kosciusko Huts Association (KHA). They had recently surveyed the site and had expressed an interest in



Above: The slab hut at Couranga Homestead. The historic handcrafted wooden slabs seen here and forming the outside wall were stolen and possibly used for firewood. (Photo by N. Irvine KHUTS)

Right: ...and what it looks like today with the missing wall of slabs.



restoring the homestead. The KHA is involved in the surveying, restoration and upkeep of a large number of huts in the Monaro and Snowy Mountains regions.

KHA members are concerned the property is falling further into disrepair and beyond restoration. They are also concerned it will again be targeted by vandals. It is believed the stolen historic slabs have been cut up and used for firewood.

Meanwhile, the Green spokesperson for Arts and Heritage, Caroline Le Couteur said preservation of Canberra's remaining building heritage is important.

Speaking in the Legislative Assembly recently Ms Le Couteur said Canberra has some lovely old landmark buildings.

She said in a relatively modern and fast growing city like Canberra, their retention or their sympathetic accommodation into an emerging cityscape is important, not just for us but even more so for generations to come.

"The old shed at Tralee in Hume, where about 30 slabs of timber on one wall have been stolen and the building significantly degraded.

"We do run the risk of losing a lot of our significant heritage," Ms Le Couteur said.

New speed zones

Forty kilometre per hour speed zones have been introduced in the Woden and Gungahlin Town Centres. It is part of a trial that will run from August 2011 to January 2012 aimed at improving safety for pedestrians, cyclists and other roads users.

If the trial is successful the government will formalise the new speed limits in the Woden and Gungahlin Town Centres and consider introducing similar speed limits in other town centres.

Source: Media Release

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Nothing to love about this grass

African Lovegrass has been increasingly encroaching upon farmland, bushland, and roadsides throughout the ACT and southern NSW over the past three decades. South Australia and Victoria are similarly affected. There have been various studies and meetings to discuss the problem. On a local level African Lovegrass is included in the Australian Capital Territory's Environmental Weed Control Operations Plan, but it continues to spread, particularly through the southern suburbs. From an environmental point of view African Lovegrass has the ability to quickly take over native grasslands forming a dense monoculture.

Thought by some to have originally come to Australia via sailing ships restuffing mattresses in Africa en-route to the colony, African Lovegrass thrived in the dry climate. Weed guideline fact sheets describe it as 'a densely tufted, perennial (long-lived) grass growing from 30 to 120 cm high. The leaves are dark green to blue-green, narrow, and 25 to 35 cm long. The flowering stems rise above the tufted leaves and carry a loose fanlike grey-green flower head. Seeds germinate in spring and autumn. Growth slows or ceases in winter and plants re-sprout the following spring as temperatures rise. Flowering begins in early summer and ripe seeds are present from January to March.' African Lovegrass can vary in form, height & colour, so it's not easy for novices to identify. The good thing however is that once you learn what it looks like you get your eye in and can spot it a mile away.

African Lovegrass:

- is a fast spreading weed that is invading much of Australia. It is arguably the most invasive weed in the ACT region;
- is found in all areas – suburban gardens, lawns, urban parks, road verges, farms and nature parks;
- has many forms;
- crowds out native grasses, reducing native plant diversity;
- crowds out pasture, reducing good food for animals.

Generally speaking graziers are well aware of lovegrass and ways to limit its impact. There is an abundance of fact sheets aimed at Primary Producers, perhaps the best being the NSW Primary Industries 'Primefacts - African lovegrass management'.

The urban community however appears blissfully unaware of its existence. The Southern ACT Catchment Group is currently in the process of producing a



Left: African Lovegrass infestation in full seed-head on Isabella Drive near the Monaro Highway last February - two days later it was mown'



Right: 'Guess where the seed went?'

poster and a complementary pamphlet with the aim of raising the awareness of ALG amongst the general community.

The one thing that stands out as the greatest vector of African Lovegrass is mowing along urban and rural roadsides. It is not only the general community that needs to be more aware of the threats associated with African Lovegrass - Government Agencies need to look at how, where and why they mow roadsides and develop a better approach. Simple things like mowing back toward roadside infestations would help control African Lovegrass infestation boundaries.

We need to act now with an effective, long-term and integrated plan to control the spread of African Lovegrass in our region. This starts by removing it from your backyard, street and neighbourhood to prevent it from spreading further, every single plant removed helps the cause.

You can help now by:

- **Act** – Learn to identify African Lovegrass. If you see a plant, always dig it, bag it, bin it.
- **Garden care** – if you have it in your lawn, mow it low before it seeds (stop it producing flowers and seeds from October to

May);

- **Garden hygiene** – wash your mower to stop accidental spread;
- **Neighbourhood watch** - be vigilant, see that it doesn't grow in your garden, your street verge or your neighbourhood park;
- **Speak out** – let everybody know, tell it, blog it, tweet it, write it;
- **Report it** – tell the Government Agency responsible and ask your local MLA to initiate and support an effective, long-term and integrated plan to control the spread of African Lovegrass in our region.

Southern ACT Catchment Group is working with the Upper Murrumbidgee Catchment Coordinating Committee to hold a series of workshops and field days on African Lovegrass. The first of these will be held on 22 October at 'Scottsdale', Michelago. For details contact Pauline Carder at pauline.carder@act.gov.au

For more information on African Lovegrass including photos and fact-sheets visit www.sactcg.org.au

Source: Steve Welch Southern Area ACT Catchment Group.

Sportsgrounds going greener



Going Green, Wanniasa District Playing Field No. 2.

The ACT Government is currently finalising the design for the development of a stormwater reticulation scheme that will provide a non potable water source to irrigate 26 hectares of priority sportsgrounds in Kambah and Wanniasa.

The scheme will involve pumping stormwater from Lake Tuggeranong and Isabella Pond through a reticulation network to large storage tanks to be located at Kambah District Playing Field 1, Kambah District Playing Field 2, Kambah District Playing Field 3 and the Wanniasa District Playing Fields. This project will improve irrigation efficiency and reduce costs associated in maintaining these facilities.

A similar scheme is already in place in the south of Tuggeranong, where stormwater from Point Hut Pond is used to irrigate the Gordon District Playing Fields.

These stormwater irrigation schemes provide resilience against the threat of future drought conditions and potable water restrictions. As a result, these venues will continue to be available to meet the needs of sports industry, recreation groups and the wider community.

These projects also contribute to meeting the ACT Government's potable water reduction target by replacing the use of

high quality drinking water for irrigation uses with a fit-for-purpose source such as stormwater.

Projects such as this are important from a community health and wellbeing perspective. The provision of quality sportsgrounds contributes significantly to the ACT having the highest participation rates in the country in exercise, recreation and sport. The associated health benefits derived through this level of participation assist in reducing the prevalence of chronic health issues such as obesity and heart disease.

The abstraction of water from Lake Tuggeranong for irrigation of sports grounds will not impact on the amenity of the Lake. The role the lake plays in pollution reduction ensures that the water quality will be suitable for irrigation purposes.

The stormwater reticulation scheme is being developed by Sport and Recreation Services (SRS), which is a Branch of the Economic Development Directorate (EDD), in close consultation with the Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate (ESDD).

*David Jeffrey
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Sport and Recreation Services | Economic Development Directorate*

82 object to ACT electoral changes

Objections to the Augmented ACT Electoral Commission's proposed redistribution of the ACT Legislative Assembly's electoral boundaries are now available for public viewing, the ACT Electoral Commissioner Mr. Phillip Green has announced.

The Augmented Electoral Commission published a proposed redistribution of the ACT into three electorates on 8 July 2011 and invited objections to the proposal by 5 August 2011.

Mr. Green said eighty-two objections to the proposal were received and are available for public inspection at the ACT Electoral Commission website at www.elections.act.gov.au and at the office of the Commission.

He said the objections can be broadly categorised as:

- 58 submissions opposing the Augmented Electoral Commission's proposal to create a 7-member electorate consisting of Belconnen, Gungahlin and the north Canberra suburbs of Lyneham, O'Connor and Turner;
- 19 submissions supporting the Augmented Electoral Commission's proposal; and
- 5 submissions proposing alternative boundaries.

"The objections will now be considered by the Augmented Electoral Commission," Mr. Green said.

"The Augmented Electoral Commission may decide to hold a public hearing into the objections," he said.

"Following its consideration of the objections, it will make a final determination of the electoral boundaries to apply at the 2012 ACT Legislative Assembly election," Mr. Green concluded.

Source: Phillip Green, ACT Electoral Commissioner.

Australian drivers still polite



Have you had the rude finger while driving around Canberra? Well, despite what you may think of many Canberra motorists, a new study has found that most Australian drivers are polite on the road.

This follows a study of driving behaviour in Brisbane by the University of Queensland.

Researchers analysed data on about 1000 commuters at selected intersections where commuters had the option to let someone from a side road enter the main road or to keep going and save themselves a couple of seconds. Findings included:

- About 40% stopped for others.
- Both men and women were about twice as likely to stop for someone of the opposite gender than of their own gender.
- Drivers of old bombs and luxury cars were least likely to stop.

The authors interpret this behaviour as evidence for widespread altruism in our society, though politeness seems more easily brought on if someone else is watching and if the person being done a favour is of the opposite gender and driving a similar car to ourselves. And no one really wants to stop for a fancy car.

Source: www.uq.edu.au



Sept 5 to 11: [Landcare Week](#)

6: TCC Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm Tuggeranong Southern Cross Club.

11: Lions Club Tuggeranong Homestead Markets.

11: [Canberra Fun Run](#) and Family Walk.

17: [Floriade](#) opens.

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](#).

10: Family and Community Day

12: ACT Youth Parliament

16: [Floriade](#) closes.

22: [Canberra, Nara](#) Candel Festival.

Nov 1: TCC General Meeting, 7.30pm Tuggeranong Southern Cross Club.

11: [Remembrance Day](#)

13: Lions Club Tuggeranong Homestead Markets.

16: [World COPD 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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TCC is formally recognised as the peak community representative body in Tuggeranong promoting the goals and aspirations of local residents and other community groups and organisations within the Tuggeranong Valley. TCC receives partial funding from the ACT Government.

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