

## Talking Tuggeranong with the Chief



*TCC Vice President, Nick Tsoulas, (Left) and TCC President, Darryl Johnston (Right) following talks with ACT Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher.*

One of the first tasks for re-elected TCC President, Darryl Johnston, and newly elected TCC Vice President, Nick Tsoulas, was to meet with ACT Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher. This was the first meeting with Ms Gallagher in her capacity as Chief Minister and follows on from successful quarterly meetings with her predecessor, Jon Stanhope.

A range of issues was discussed at the meeting on 8 September which went for almost an hour in the Chief Minister's offices. Among other topics discussed were rates and infrastructure spending in Tuggeranong, planning and development, the environment, education, Tralee and debt collection.

Mr. Johnston pointed to the two previous ACT Budgets in which Tuggeranong residents had incurred higher than average rate increases. He said while the

TCC welcomes infrastructure initiatives announced in the last Budget, overall figures suggest more funds are directed to other areas of Canberra at the expense of Tuggeranong. The Chief Minister explained that rates are based on land values and the primary reason for the rate rises is the increase in property prices in the Valley.

However, she took on board the TCC's concerns and suggestions that further spending is required in Tuggeranong to upgrade roads leading to the Town Centre and to undertake maintenance to existing amenities and infrastructure.

The TCC also raised the issue of air quality in Tuggeranong. Mr. Johnston highlighted a recent motion which called for, among other things, increased monitoring of PM2.5 and the location of an additional air monitoring station in the

Valley. He also conveyed the Council's opposition to developments that will increase air pollution. He pointed to the proposed industrial expansion at Hume, a planned crematorium and an increase in heavy vehicles on the Monaro Highway as a result of the proposed Canberra Airport 24 hour freight hub.

In regard to the crematorium, Mr. Johnston said residents in Fadden and Macarthur are concerned about emissions from the proposed complex that will be close to their homes. He said the TCC supported a new southern cemetery but has called on the ACT Government to investigate less polluting technologies that achieve the same result.

On the question of winter wood smoke pollution, the Chief Minister referred to the latest ACT Government Air Quality Report that showed that, overall, Canberra enjoyed good air quality. Mr. Johnston said while he welcomes the report it also recognised we still have a major problem with wood smoke pollution in many Tuggeranong neighbourhoods. He said he is also concerned about the health impact from neighbourhood wood smoke. Mr. Johnston said the TCC supports the wood heater buyback and education programs and looks forward to their expansion.

Ms Gallagher also welcomed the TCC's position on the development of land opposite Bunnings describing the Council's attitude as "very progressive". The TCC has given its conditional support to the project based on the current concepts and designs. The TCC has said it will support the project as long as the two proposed residential towers do not exceed 12 storeys and that money raised from the sale of the land is spent on infrastructure in Tuggeranong.

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Ms Gallagher said her government was investigating the TCC's call for the establishment of a debt recovery office. She said she supported efforts to arrange an affordable debt recovery plan for people with outstanding fines and other debts to government.

On the issue of green waste and the TCC's call for the introduction of green bins, the Chief Minister said that advice she has received does not support the introduction of green bins, but to wait for the release of the ACT Waste Strategy at the end of the year.

Mr. Johnston reiterated the TCC's support for the expansion of CIT learning facilities in Tuggeranong and called for the inclusion of a small University of Canberra campus to support Valley students. He suggested a satellite campus where students can study and attend their lectures via live streaming or webcast without having to travel to Bruce. He said they could also take advantage of the facilities at the new CIT and those that already exist at the Tuggeranong Library, nearby college and arts centre. He said such a development will go hand in hand with proposals for amalgamation between CIT and UC.

Meanwhile the Chief Minister supported the TCC's opposition to the proposed Tralee residential development and echoed concerns it will lead to aircraft over Tuggeranong and increased traffic on the Monaro Highway.

In wrapping up the talks the Chief Minister indicated she is happy to continue to meet with the TCC on a regular basis as did her predecessor. Both Mr. Johnston and Mr. Tsoulis said they are pleased with the outcome of the discussions and look forward to the next meeting.

# Kambah master plan meeting

Residents have expressed fears they will lose the "open plan and village atmosphere" under the proposed Kambah Group Centre Master Plan being considered by the ACT Government.

They raised this and other concerns at a public meeting called by the Tuggeranong Community Council and held at the Burns Club on 19 September.

Officers from the Environmental and Sustainable Development Directorate, Project Manager, Jamie Allnutt and Senior Project Officer, Ben Riches addressed residents.

They outlined the proposed master plan which they said had been developed after extensive studies and onsite meetings that included consultation with residents and other stakeholders.

However, the overwhelming message from residents at the meeting was that they feared the open plan and village atmosphere will be lost through over development of the Kambah centre under the proposed master plan.

Many long time residents highlighted the convenience, easy access and parking and the "sense of community" as the main attractions of the Kambah shopping centre.

They also highlighted their objections to multi storey development, the loss of the service station, a reduction in parking, concerns over traffic flow and vehicle and pedestrian access to the Kambah precinct.

Mr. Allnutt said that extensive traffic studies had been undertaken as part of the master plan project focussing on access and traffic flow. He said underground parking would be provided in many proposed new developments.

However, he would take back to his superiors the issues raised at the public meeting and they will be considered as part of the consultation process.

Meanwhile he encouraged all residents to provide feedback on the [Master Plan by visiting the website](#), via [email](#) or post to: PO Box 1908, Canberra ACT 2601. Public comments on the master plan close on 14 October 2011.

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# Retirement bill

A Bill aimed at protecting the residents and operators of retirement villages will be tabled in the ACT Legislative Assembly.

The Retirement Villages Bill 2011 'in principle' will be tabled by Mary Porter MLA during the two sitting weeks in October.

She said older Canberrans are the fastest growing cohort of our ACT population.

Ms Porter says the primary object of the Bill is to promote consumer protection and fair trading practices in relation to operating retirement villages.

She says it will also ensure that prospective residents have available to them the necessary information to make an informed decision as to whether retirement village living is for them.

"It will also promote growth of the industry and hopefully ensure its viability in the ACT," Ms Porter said.

"The ACT is the only Australian state or territory that does not have legislation to protect people living in, and operating, retirement villages. Instead we currently have a mandatory Code of Practice," Ms Porter added.

Further information about the Bill is available at <http://www.maryporter.net/>, or by contacting: 6205 0100.

Source: Mary Porter MLA

# Master planning updates

The Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate is working on three master planning projects in the Tuggeranong Valley.

## Kambah

The community consultation period for the Kambah group centre master plan has been extended and will now be closing on Friday 14 October 2011.

Issues of community concern raised in earlier consultation have been addressed in the draft plan.

These include:

- Revised street layouts to address concerns about the impact of traffic on the childcare centre on the corner of Kett Street and Marconi Crescent,
- A landscape concept plan for the swale (natural drainage channel) shows improved connections between the east and west sides of the centre and how the space could be used as good quality open space for centre users and future residents,
- Building heights reduced slightly, though some increase in height is necessary to provide an incentive for private landowners to redevelop. The highest buildings will be between 4-5 storeys with many buildings of 2-3 storeys.

## Erindale

The Erindale part of the Tuggeranong and Erindale master plan has been de-

layed due to further work on traffic and car parking issues in Erindale that have been identified as part of the consultation process.

The government has commissioned an additional traffic study to look in more detail at traffic and car parking in Erindale.

As part of this study revised concepts for Erindale have been tested by the consultants to ensure that the master plan addresses the traffic issues in Erindale.

These revised concepts will be used to consult with key stakeholders in the last week of September.

Following this consultation a draft master plan for Erindale will be developed and released for public comment with the Tuggeranong master plan in December.

## Tuggeranong

Revised concepts for Tuggeranong were presented to the community in August 2011. The main ideas presented included:

- development of up to 7000 new residential dwellings in Tuggeranong,
- improvements for pedestrians and street scapes,
- development of Soward Way into a boulevard,
- development of the foreshore and Anketell St precinct into a quality public area,
- a new residential development at Greenway (opposite Bunnings).

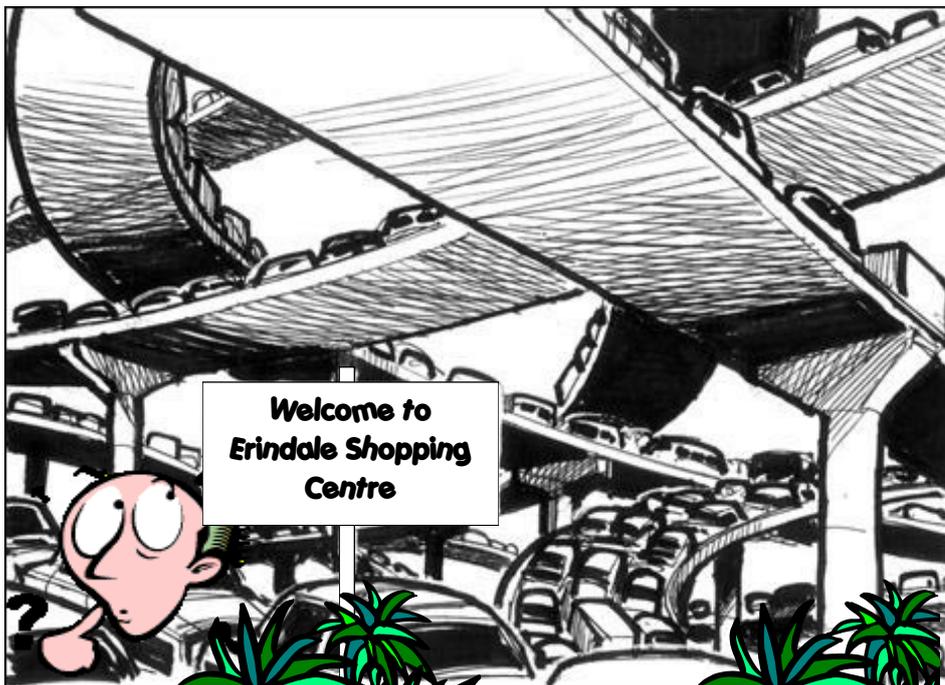
Since then these ideas have been developed further based on general support from the community into a draft master plan.

This draft master plan requires government approval, before being released for public comment in December.

## Next steps

The combined Tuggeranong and Erindale Master plan will be released for public consultation during November and December. Visit [www.actpla.act.gov.au/tuggeranongerindale](http://www.actpla.act.gov.au/tuggeranongerindale) for more information.

Source: ACT Government (ESDD)



# Chief Minister launches new community engagement guide



Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher, speaking to Tuggeranong residents at the recent "Morning Tea with Ministers" at the new Namadgi School.

Chief Minister Katy Gallagher hosted Tuggeranong residents to morning tea with her ministers at the recently opened Namadgi School in Kambah.

The event was held on Saturday, 17 September with the Chief Minister declaring it a great opportunity to hear about new initiatives and for residents to discuss issues of local importance.

"The Morning Tea with Ministers gave Tuggeranong residents an opportunity to meet informally with ACT Government Ministers and to share their views and suggestions about things that are important to them," Ms Gallagher said.

"Through this initiative, in conjunction with a range of other engagement opportunities such as Twitter Cabinet, the ACT Government is continuing its commitment to listen to community views and suggestions."

The Chief Minister also released the ACT Government's new community engagement guidelines, [Engaging Canberra: A Guide to Community](#)

Engagement, at the morning tea. The Guide was developed in close consultation with the community sector to help ACT Government staff engage more effectively with a wide range of stakeholders.

"This is part of my commitment to the Canberra community to lead an open and transparent Government that encourages participation by citizens in the governing process and public collaboration on a range of issues," Ms Gallagher said.

"This Guide will help to deliver on these 'open government' priorities," she said.

The Guide has a focus on contemporary community engagement strategies, techniques and tools, and is based on the work of the International Association for Public Participation.

"The Guide is another tool at our disposal to help ensure a consistent and considered approach to our interactions with Canberrans," Ms Gallagher said.

"It provides practical advice on how to create meaningful opportunities for public involvement in the governance of the ACT."

[The manual can be accessed online](#), with a limited number of hard copies available at ACT Government libraries.

Training in the application of the principles that underpin the Guide will also be provided for both Government staff and members of the community sector.

Source: ACT Government

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Greens rail push

The ACT Greens have called on the Government to commit to building light rail in Canberra, and to make a strong case to the Federal Government for high-speed rail between Sydney and Canberra.

Greens transport spokeswoman and Member for Brindabella, Amanda Bresnan, says the Government should present a detailed proposal to the Federal Government by the end of the year, and make the case for prioritising Canberra high speed rail routes.

Ms Bresnan said the Chief Minister has lobbied and pushed for new freeways.

"Sustainable transport projects like light rail and high-speed rail should receive the same effort," she said.

### Green Festival

Canberra's inaugural 'Living Green Festival' will be held on Sunday, 16 October at Albert Hall.

The Festival will focus on the relationship between climate change, the environment, and animals.

The theme of the Festival is 'a kinder shade of green', and it will showcase easy ways we humans can reduce our carbon footprint and be more considerate of the other creatures we share this planet with.

### Canberra snubbed

Of the \$150 million in grants to regional Australia announced recently by Simon Crean, not one dollar has flowed to the ACT, according to ACT Liberal Senator, Gary Humphries.

Round 1 of Regional Development Australia Funding saw grants going to every state and territory but the ACT, Senator Humphries said.

"This is an absolute disgrace. It just goes to show how much Labor takes Canberra for granted," he said.

"Every other state and territory has received funding under these grants. Even Geelong Football Club received a \$10 million grant for a stadium upgrade," Senator Humphries added.

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# Why I'm making the move to Brindabella, Zed



*ACT Liberals Leader and Tuggeranong resident, Zed Seselja is making a move to the Legislative Assembly seat of Brindabella.*

***The Leader of the Canberra Liberals, and born and bred Tuggeranong resident, Zed Seselja, has announced he will be seeking pre-selection in the electorate of Brindabella at the ACT election in 2012. Below, he explains the reasons for his decision.***

I'm passionate about representing the people where I live, where I grew up, and where I am now raising my own children. As a born and bred Tuggeranong resident, I am very proud to seek pre-selection in the electorate of Brindabella at next year's ACT election.

My parents raised six kids on one relatively low income, and often went without so that we could have what we needed. They sacrificed a lot to send us to our local Catholic schools in Kambah, Wannassa and Isabella Plains.

Like my parents, I value those who work hard and pay their taxes. The government of the day should respect them by spending their money carefully, on things the community needs, like schools, hospitals, roads, local sporting facilities and public transport. I don't believe the current government is doing this, and is instead taxing Canberra families more than they've ever been taxed before.

When my parents moved to Tuggeranong, housing was not out of reach. For around twice my father's modest annual income, my parents were able to get a house and land package in Wannassa in 1982.

Under this government today, the great Australian dream of owning a home has sadly become an unattainable notion for many, including many young families in the Tuggeranong Valley. It's not just the cost of purchasing, which is now many times even a good income, it's the cost of living that is keeping many out of homeownership.

In Tuggeranong, rates have increased on average by 105 per cent since 2001, with a 150 per cent increase in Banks and 130 per cent in Chisholm. The government's Lease Variation Charge will also increase the price of units in Tuggeranong by \$30,000 to \$50,000.

On top of this, water prices have increased by 200 per cent, and electricity prices by 75 per cent, and more is coming. The ACT also has almost the highest rate of taxation for territory and local services - second only to mining-boom Western Australia.

I, as a Liberal, respect taxpayers, and understand the cost pressures which families face. All of the Canberra Liberals' decisions in Government will look to put downward pressure on taxes and charges. This can only be done by spending wisely, controlling projects, and not spending on government indulgences.

I also believe that small business makes a great contribution to Canberra, many of which are in the heart of the Tuggeranong valley. Most are not wealthy, and I believe their contribution to the community should be valued, rather than them being seen as another tax opportunity. I'll continue to make a concerted effort to hear the issues affecting Tuggeranong small businesses and will do everything I can to assist.

As a local, I will work to protect the unique character of Tuggeranong and other suburbs, and that the re-development of any existing open space is subject to proper consultation, so that we get the right development in the right places.

As a father with four children of my own, I understand very well that many families need a second car. I am opposed to some of the more extreme measures we see coming out of the Assembly which is frankly anti-car and anti-family.

Isn't it strange that it's the people living in the inner north with company cars who want everyone else to get on a bus? Or who think families who need to drive can afford \$10 or \$11 a day to park, if they can find a park at all?

We should improve public transport without punishing people for driving their cars.

And as for roads, the GDE stands as the iconic failure of an ACT Labor government who simply cannot get the job done.

Representing Tuggeranong, everything I do will be about local solutions, local services, local answers and local commitment.

After all, I'm a local. I live here, and I want Tuggeranong to be the great place it was when I was growing up, and make it a great place for me to raise my family, and you to raise yours.

*Zed Seselja MLA*

## More than just a meal



Above: Federal Member for Canberra, Gai Brodtmann, joined volunteers in delivering meals to the needy in the Tuggeranong Valley. Her efforts marked National Meals on Wheels Day.

Below: Meanwhile, ACT Senator, Gary Humphries, joined volunteers for lunch and to sample one of the meals delivered to more than 650 people in the ACT every year.



## Floral recognition for foster carers

In a special celebration at the beginning of Foster Care Week, Galilee Foster Care (managed by Communities@Work) and the owners of Tulip Top Gardens have partnered to raise community awareness in an effort to ensure that Galilee Foster Care continues to provide the best possible services to our most vulnerable.

ACT Minister for Community Services, Joy Burch, has welcomed the partnership between the Tulip Top Gardens and Communities@Work celebrating Foster Care Week.

Lynne Harwood CEO Communities@Work said children may be in foster care for a few days, a few months, or long term.

She said wherever possible, the aim is to restore children to the care of their families.

"Some children, however, remain in care until they reach independence, Ms Harwood said.

Minister Burch launched the initiative on Saturday 17 September at the Tulip Top Gardens on the Federal Highway.

Visitors can make donations at the Foster Care Week display which is a combination of a stunning floral kaleidoscope with some sobering anecdotes and figures to generate awareness of the need to support such a worthy charity.

The owners of the Tulip Top Gardens entice thousands of visitors ever year to what can be described as a magic paradise.

With acres of stunning gardens, the family business recognises the value of community charity work and the linkage between tourism and community awareness and fundraising.

Tulip Top Gardens elected Galilee Foster Care to be their 2011 charity as they respect the tremendous efforts and community need for placing babies, children and young people with foster care families in the Canberra region.

*Jill Faulkner  
Manager Events and  
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# TCC President's 2011 Report

The following report was delivered to the TCC's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 6 September by President, Darryl Johnston.

Welcome to the Tuggeranong Community Council Annual General Meeting for 2011.

Before I report on the activities for the year I wish to thank my team for their hard work and support throughout the past year.

Thank you to Colin and Jan Petrie, Dug Holmes, Eric Traise, Albert Orszaczky and Alison Ryan for your valuable input and for representing me at various events.

A special thank you goes to Albert, who after many years is stepping down as Secretary. We will offer a more formal thank you to you and to others at a later date.

I also wish to thank, Rusty Woodward, Susan Penn Turrall, Donna Smail and John Armstead who have served on the TCC sub-committees.

And to John again, who has regularly represented the TCC at the Canberra Airport Community Consultation Forum. I hope I have not missed anyone. If I have I apologise.

2011 was a year of consolidation and growth. It began with the TCC resurrecting and hosting the Combined Community Councils meetings. This was the first time in a number of years all ACT Community Councils had met. The meeting was held at the Tuggeranong Community Centre. All ACT Community Councils, except for Gungahlin, were represented at the meeting which was opened by the former Chief Minister, Jon Stanhope.

The Combined Community Councils meetings have strengthened communications and interaction between Councils and they have now become a regular event. The next meeting to be hosted by the new Inner South Community Council.

Another regular event has been the quarterly meetings between the TCC and the Chief Minister. These have been invaluable and an opportunity to raise issues of concern directly with the Chief Minister.

The first meeting between the new TCC President, Vice President and the new Chief Minister will be held on Thursday (8 September 2011).

The TCC has also been represented in the ACT Budget process appearing and presenting before the Budget committee hearings and putting our case on behalf of Tuggeranong residents.

The TCC has provided input to the ACT Government on many planning and development issues and other matters throughout the last year.

After a successful campaign the TCC it saw the introduction of Random Roadside Drug Testing in the ACT.

The TCC also:

presented its case against the proposed Tralee residential development directly to Queanbeyan City Council,

- provided feedback to the ACT Government on such issues as the Eastern Broadacre Study, the new southern cemetery, the Tuggeranong and Erindale Master Plans, an aged care facility in the Lanyon Valley and the proposed development of land opposite Bunnings.

The TCC has also raised a number of issues in the community and put forward motions to the ACT Government on issues of concern. These have included:

- law and order (which resulted in an address to the council by the Attorney General on that very topic),
- a rail based public transport system for Canberra,
- a combined CIT/University campus for Tuggeranong,
- a review of learning driver practises in the ACT, and
- the introduction of a green waste collection service among others.

The TCC gained a new identity in 2011 with a fresh and modern logo, promotional banners, brochures and fridge magnets. The Council's new look was unveiled at the Tuggeranong Festival where for the first time it had an information stand. The stand proved very popular and worked to raise the Council's profile.

2011 also saw the introduction of the TCC's Newsletter, *Valley Voice*. This is a valuable communication tool for TCC members, friends and Tuggeranong residents generally.

Soon I hope that we will also see the launch of our new website and some members trained in its maintenance. On that note I want to thank Dug for his work on maintaining our current website and in getting the new site together.

Finally, we have seen growth in Council numbers. In all the TCC has about 20 new members and I hope that this growth will continue into 2012.

When I came to this position two years ago I found a council with many enthusiastic members who were intent on rebuilding an organisation that represented and worked for their community.

I think we have achieved that and a lot more in the past two years. I hope this continues under the new team elected tonight.

*Darryl Johnston  
President*

## New TCC executive for 2011/12



Darryl Johnston has been re-elected for a third term as President of the Tuggeranong Community Council. Under the new TCC Constitution this will be his final term as President. Well known Calwell identity and community worker, Nick Tsoulias joins the TCC as Vice President, replacing Colin Petrie and Dug Holmes who have stepped down but will continue on the Executive as committee members. Long serving Secretary, Albert Orszaczky, has retired from the position but will remain an active member of the Council. Eric Traise will continue in the role as Treasurer.

*Pictured L to R: TCC President, Darryl Johnston, committee members Alison Ryan and Jan Petrie, Vice President, Nick Tsoulias, committee member, Colin Petrie. Absent: Treasurer, Eric Traise.*

## Bushfire warning



ACT Shadow Emergency Services Minister and Member for Brindabella, Brendan Smyth, has called on Tuggeranong residents to make the necessary preparations for the forthcoming bushfire season.

"The current predictions are that there will be a very heavy growth of grass across much of Australia, including the ACT, as a consequence of our wet summer," Mr. Smyth said.

"This means that there is considerable potential for serious grassfires and bushfires around the ACT's urban environment and bushland."

"The bushfire season in the ACT starts in about two weeks and I urge all Canberra residents to prepare their properties by removing rubbish, cleaning gutters and clearing long grass from fence lines.

"Long-serving Captain of the Southern ACT Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, Val Jeffrey, has also warned of the need for appropriate preparations for the bushfire season, particularly in enhancing the capacity of the Rural Fire Service."

"The sad reality is that, in many parts of Australia, it is not a matter of 'if' but 'when' the next bushfire will strike. Historically, the ACT experiences a serious bushfire every seven years on average."

"We all need to understand, and remind ourselves constantly, that bushfires are part of the Australian environment: to the old adage of the certainty of death and taxes we should add, in the Australian context, bushfires!"

"It is eight years since the bushfire disaster of January 2003. We must not become complacent about when the next bushfire will occur; we must prepare now before it comes," Mr. Smyth concluded.

## Recognition for volunteers

Volunteers in the Tuggeranong community under the National Volunteer Awards were announced by Member for Canberra, Gai Brodtmann in conjunction with Volunteering Australia.

Ms Brodtmann said volunteers will be able to nominate, or be nominated for, awards in the following categories:

- Individual Volunteer Award
- Team Volunteer Award
- Young Volunteer Award (under 25)
- Corporate Volunteer Award
- Long Term Volunteer Commitment Award
- Innovation in Volunteering Award
- New Organisation or Volunteer Program Award
- Emergency Management Volunteer Award
- Education Volunteer Award
- Environment Volunteer Award

"I encourage all Tuggeranong residents to nominate the hard-working volunteers that they know for an award," Ms Brodtmann said.

"We look forward to seeing all of the different types of contributions that people are making to the Tuggeranong community".

ACT Labor Senator, Kate Lundy said 2011 is the tenth anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers.

"The theme for the world-wide celebrations is 'Inspire the Volunteer in You' – recognising that everyone can be a volunteer and make a valuable contribution to their community," she added.

The awards will be handed out at a ceremony on International Day of the Volunteer, 5 December 2011.

"Volunteering ACT is pleased to host the event for these awards on the International Day of Volunteers" said Maureen Cane, Chief Executive Officer of Volunteering ACT.

Nominations are now open and will close on 21 October 2011.

Nomination forms are available from the Volunteering ACT website: [www.volunteeringact.org.au](http://www.volunteeringact.org.au)

*Source: Media Release*

## Youth Haven award

Nominated by the Southern ACT Catchment Group, Lions Youth Haven at Westwood Farm in Kambah was a finalist for the Toshiba Community Group Award in the recent ACT Landcare Awards.

Lions Youth Haven is a community based organisation dedicated to providing Canberra's youth at risk with a supported, learning outdoor environment at Westwood Farm. While significant areas of the farm are managed for conservation, most of the farm is used for horse agistment.

Gerry Nussio, Manager of Westwood Farm has devised an efficient, cost effective barrier designed to protect paddock trees from horses, and is involving school students in their construction.

The 'Trees in Trouble' program at Westwood Farm aims to conserve the remnant Yellow box/Red gum paddock trees, while maintaining agricultural production. The program involves students, who were not engaging well at school, constructing tree guards to prevent horses from damaging paddock trees. Horses tend to chew the bark of accessible trees in paddocks, sometimes ring-barking the tree causing it to eventually die. Horses also tend to compact the soil around the roots, making the ground less porous and bare of grass cover.

The protection of remnant paddock trees in horse paddocks remains a concern and priority for Westwood Farm and the organisation has responded by supporting the design and construction of custom made tree guards to prevent horses from chewing, rubbing and ring-barking remnant trees.

These tree guards are a proven cost-effective solution to protecting these iconic and highly threatened features of our landscape. Their design solves the problem of horses attacking paddock trees while still allowing access to the tree by wildlife. The guards are a simple design based on the fact that horses do not like anything above their heads. One of the program's objectives is to make this design freely available to the wider rural and equestrian community. The guards use readily available materials (pipe and fittings) and are easily constructed.

Lions Youth Haven at Westwood farm has been an active member of the Upper Murrumbidgee Waterwatch program for a number of years.

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# Hyperdome unveils future plans to TCC



A presentation was given by the Hyperdome Shopping Centre management at the September TCC meeting.

The Hyperdome was represented by the owners Robert Ell (Managing Director – Leda Holdings) and Tom Lorenzen (National Property Manager – Centro Properties). Wayne Moodie (Regional Manager – Colonial First State Asset Management (CFSGAM)) represented the current managers of the Hyperdome and delivered the presentation.

The presentation covered a broad range of topics and was followed by question time from TCC members which encouraged positive debate of a number of topics.

The content of the presentation included:

- The Hyperdome is a regional shopping centre consisting of 170+ specialty stores, five mini majors and five major retailers and is currently managed by CFSGAM.
- CFSGAM manages a high quality portfolio of 38 shopping centres and retail precincts including Chadstone, Chatswood Chase Sydney and Queens Plaza in Brisbane.

Over the past 18 months there has been over 40 new retailers and 16 refurbishments delivered at the Hyperdome, in addition to Canberra's newest cinema complex – Limelight Cinemas. Common areas have also been upgraded:

- Lifestyle Precinct received new flooring, lighting, banners and furniture
- Windscreening in the courtyard
- New Playland on upper level
- New furniture pods, lighting upgrades and painting throughout the centre.

There are also more enhancements planned before Christmas:

- Food court upgrade with new layout, tables, chairs and benches
- New stores – Adairs, Novo Shoes, Escape Travel, Hyperdome Pharmacy and Indian take away
- Majors refurbishments to occur to both Woolworths and Coles
- Kmart refurbishment planned for February 2012.

The Hyperdome also has a strategic marketing plan in place that will continue to deliver events and promotions that are customer focused, support retailers growth and enhance the overall shopping experience at the Hyperdome.

The Hyperdome Shopping Centre prides itself on being a part of the Tuggeranong Valley community. The Centre employs an estimated 1100+ people employed in various roles from retail staff, contractors and centre management.

Hyperdome's community involvement is evident through initiatives such as the provision of free sites throughout the centre for utilisation by local charities, community groups and organisations to fundraise and promote themselves to customers at the Hyperdome. Local Schools are also supported with the "Canteen Rescue" promotion which will be in its third year in FY12.

Other community organisations that the Hyperdome have strong relationships with are Oz Harvest, Tuggeranong Festival, TCC and Business Tuggeranong.

The Hyperdome Shopping Centre is proud to be an active participant within the Tuggeranong community and will continue to work closely with our stakeholders to ensure we deliver a positive shopping experience for our customers.

*Source;*  
*Wayne Moodie*  
*Regional Manager NSW, Property*  
*Colonial First State*  
*Global Asset Management*

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As well as providing important data on rural waterway conditions in the ACT Lion's Youth Haven has successfully incorporated the Waterwatch program into their education package offered to schools in Canberra. This rural education package combines cattle husbandry, farm safety and skills with broader landscape conservation values to deliver a unique and extremely progressive and valuable approach to rural land use practice.

Lion's Youth Haven are also working in partnership with The ACT & Region Chamber of Commerce & Industry, the ACT Department of Education and Training, Greening Australia, the Southern ACT Catchment Group and 'LEAD Employment' to deliver a special program for ACT senior students to attain recognised competencies in environmental monitoring and landscape improvement.

This program will include invasive weed removal, propagation and planting of native species to improve an area of Yellow box/Red gum woodland. Students will also be undertaking a range of Waterwatch tests and assessments to monitor this habitat. By targeting young people, who are otherwise disengaged with mainstream education Lion's Youth Haven hope to ignite within them a passion for involvement in community and environmental action.

*Source: Steve Welch, Coordinator*  
*Southern ACT Catchment Group Inc*

## Gary joins the Navy



ACT Senator and Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Materiel, Gary Humphries, recently joined the ranks of the Royal Australian Navy on Exercise *Talisman Sabre* 2011.

The Exercise is held every two years jointly with the United States off the North Queensland coast. and is a huge event for the ADF. Senator Humphries said he was extraordinarily proud of our serving men and women.

# 2011 festival flourishes



Entertainment at the 2010 Tuggeranong Community Festival Family Day Concert.

The start of Spring marks a new beginning and final preparation for the Annual Tuggeranong Community Festival.

Festival President, Michael Lindfield, says planning is in full swing. He said the Festival Committee is finalising and confirming plans for the many events and activities for this year's Festival.

"At this stage we are set to double last year's number of venues that will host Festival events, thereby extending the Festival experience into Tuggeranong's suburbs," Mr. Lindfield said.

"We are also on target to break the record for the number of stallholders participating in Saturday Family Fun Day in the Park, and double the number of participants involved in events."

"Last year we had a record 64 stallholders, ranging from community information booths to exotic cuisine and everything in between. This year we want to break that record again," he said.

Mr. Lindfield said to make it easier for people to register for stalls, without all the paperwork, the Festival has developed a convenient on-line Stallholder Application Form and a supporting Stallholder Information Kit.

These documents are available from the [Festival website](#).

He said there will also be an electrician onsite to help stallholders settle-in, work with stallholders on their power requirements, oversee the power supply and ensure that our safety record remains intact.

"We have also introduced a stallholder loyalty program to acknowledge those stallholders who have supported the Festival for a number of years," he added.

"Please note also that this year we will be strict on enforcing where stallholders can park their vehicles as we would like to minimise the risk of injury or damage and provide a more positive experience for all Festival patrons."

Mr. Lindfield said the number of community group 'first timers' is expected to increase by about a third.

"We are confident that when the Festival program closes on 31 October 2011 we should be very close to having around 80 community groups participating," Mr. Lindfield said.

"We will continue to engage and encourage community groups, sporting, hobby and special interest clubs and local business to be involved with the Tuggeranong Festival," he said.

Meanwhile, this year's festival will feature a car boot sale. Mr. Lindfield said this event will add a new dimension and create new opportunities for people to sell unwanted items without the inconvenience of a garage sale.

"It will provide people with an opportunity to find a real bargain and to help reduce landfill by buying and selling second hand," he said.

"They say 'one man's trash is another man's treasure' so come and snag yourself a bargain, he added.

"Primary schools and non-profit organisations may find this event a good fund raising opportunity and the only condition is that car boot sales will not be allowed to serve food or drinks," he said.

This year's festival will be held on the 25th and 26th of November with the Family Day taking place in the Tuggeranong Town Park.

The Festival centrepiece, the new Tuggeranong Town Park stage is almost complete.

The Philip Leeson & Associates designed stage is being constructed by MBA 2011 'Project of the Year' award winner, Manteena Pty Ltd.

The Tuggeranong Community Council President, Darryl Johnston has announced that the TCC will again be represented at the Festival.

He said we will also use the opportunity to encourage new members to the Council.

# Drop in crime: Burch

Canberra has recorded a significant drop in crime according to the Member for Brindabella, Joy Burch

Ms Burch said the *ACT Criminal Justice Statistical Profile* which was recently tabled in the ACT Legislative Assembly by ACT Attorney-General, Simon Corbell demonstrates a significant decrease in property damage, burglaries and motor vehicle thefts in the ACT.

She said throughout the past 12 months ACT Policing operations have focused on addressing property crime and ensuring prompt and efficient police response rates.

"The ACT Government is pleased that since the launch of this targeted operation there has been a significant drop in property damage (down 21.8 per cent), burglaries (down 32.7 per cent) and motor vehicle thefts (down 37.3 per cent) across the ACT," she said.

"This highly-targeted and successful campaign has been supported with the establishment of a dedicated property crime team at ACT Policing, a stronger focus on known reoffenders, and the enforcement of bail conditions on known property crime offenders. In addition to this, ACT Police response times are well within national standards."

Ms Burch said she believed in a community which is safe and secure for all its residents and surroundings.

"Community safety and positive community engagement are essential for creating an attitude of respect for the local environment, for our neighbours and for our homes."

"As a local resident and as your representative for Brindabella, community safety and feeling secure in my neighbourhood is important to me too," she added.

"It is clear that this focus of police operations to target grassroots crime is delivering tangible outcomes for our communities and our safety."

"These results indicate that the joint efforts of ACT Policing and the ACT Government are helping make our city safer, and we will continue to work with police to ensure that our community remains a safe and secure place to live," Ms Burch said.

Source: Office of Joy Burch MLA

# Fear of flying

Do you have a fear of flying? Well next time you are gripping your seat at 30 thousand feet remember some of these amusing tales that will make any frequent flyer smile.

An AFL match was being played this particular day and a lot of people were missing out on the game whether it be passengers, pilots and even the air traffic controllers. As aircraft approached Melbourne, the conversation over the airwaves went something like this....

**Qantas pilot** - Melbourne Traffic Control, would you happen to have the latest football scores please?

**Traffic Controller** – Qantas, yes they are .....

**Qantas pilot** – Thanks Melbourne Control appreciate this, passengers will also be very happy.

**Air New Zealand pilot** – Ah...Air New Zealand Flight XX here Melbourne Control, could you please repeat those results please as we had missed them.

**Traffic Controller** – Yes Air New Zealand, here they are again .....

**Air New Zealand pilot** -Thanks for that Melbourne.

**Virgin Blue pilot** - Melbourne Centre, really sorry for this, could you please repeat those results again.

**Air Traffic Controller** - Ok everyone, if I have to mention these scores one more time, my fellow workers are going to beat the hell out of me!

An airline pilot wrote that on a particular flight he had hammered his 737 into the runway really hard.

The airline had a policy which required the first officer to stand at the door while the passengers exited, smile and give them a "Thanks for flying our airline."

He said that, in light of his bad landing, he had a hard time looking the passengers in the eye, thinking that someone would have a smart comment.

Finally everyone had gotten off except for a little old lady walking with a cane.

She said, "Sir, do you mind if I ask you a question"? "Why, no, Ma'am," said the pilot. "What is it?" The little old lady said, "Did we land or were we shot down"?



- Sept 29:** [Tuggeranong Festival Committee Meeting](#), 6.30pm  
Tuggeranong Community Centre
- Oct 4:** TCC General Meeting, 7.30pm  
Tuggeranong Southern Cross Club. Guest Speaker, Mr. David Papps, Director General, Economic and Sustainable Development Directorate
- 5:** [ACT Pedestrian Forum Meeting](#).
- 7:** [National Walk to Work Day](#).
- 9:** Lions Club Tuggeranong Homestead Markets.
- 10:** Family and Community Day
- 12:** ACT Youth Parliament
- 14:** Comments due on [Kambah Group Centre Master Plan](#)
- 16:** [Floriade](#) closes.  
[Living Green Festival](#), Albert Hall.
- 30:** Comments due on "Police [Car Chase Policy](#)."
- 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](mailto:info@tuggcc.com).

Meanwhile if you have articles or images you wish to contribute to *Valley Voice* please email them to [info@tuggcc.com](mailto: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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