



TUGGERANONG  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

# VALLEY VOICE

Tuggeranong Community Council Newsletter

Issue 10: November 2011

## TCC steps up opposition to Tralee



*Aircraft landing at Canberra Airport as seen from the future residential suburb of Tralee (Source: ABC News)*

The Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) has stepped up its campaign against plans to build homes at Tralee and under the Canberra Airport flight-path.

The TCC has called on the New South Wales Planning Minister, Brad Hazzard, to reject the development and is seeking an urgent meeting with Federal Transport Minister, Anthony Albanese.

In a letter to Mr. Hazzard, by TCC President Darryl Johnston the TCC said "on behalf of the Tuggeranong Valley community, the TCC calls on you and your government to reject plans to build homes at Tralee.

The letter says, "Tuggeranong residents and the TCC have been opposed to this development for almost a decade because we believe that eventually the new residents of Tralee will suffer from unacceptable levels of aircraft noise."

"No amount of studies will convince the Tuggeranong community, or the TCC, that aircraft noise will suddenly abate to an acceptable level for Tralee residents once it reaches a red line on a map."

"We believe the objections of future Tralee residents will lead to aircraft noise sharing and flight paths being relocated over areas of Canberra and Queanbeyan that currently do not suffer from aircraft noise," it said.

"One only has to look to other locations in Australia for lessons to be learnt," the letter continued.

The TCC letter also reminded Mr. Hazzard that the Federal Government's Aviation White Paper has recommended against building homes near airports and under flightpaths where homes do not already exist. It said this is consistent with an earlier inquiry by an independent review panel in August 2006.

It was also suggested that consideration be given to the future planned development of Canberra Airport.

"It is fast becoming a major airport serving south eastern Australia and one that could effectively become Sydney's second airport leading to increased aircraft activity over the homes of future Tralee residents," the letter states.

In January 2010 the TCC conducted a survey of residents on the proposed Tralee residential development.

Residents were invited to participate in the survey by visiting the TCC website and answering a series of questions about the development.

The results of the survey showed that a majority of residents believe it is a bad idea to allow homes to be built at Tralee.

They believe residents at Tralee will be subjected to aircraft noise and a majority of respondents were concerned that, as a result of complaints by future Tralee residents, flight paths will be relocated over Tuggeranong.

Eighty three percent of respondents said it was a bad idea to build homes at Tralee while only 9.8% supported the development.

More than 90% believed that if homes were built at Tralee residents would be affected by aircraft noise, 8.4% did not believe there would be any impact from aircraft and 1.4% had no opinion.

Seventy percent of respondents said they were "extremely concerned" while 19.7% were "concerned" that eventually aircraft flight paths would be relocated over Tuggeranong.

*Continued on Page 2*

**CONTENTS**

**PAGE**

TCC steps up opposition to Tralee	1
A big plus for 55 Plus Club	2
More time needed to consider planning matters	3
New residents group	3
Award for local student	4
Update at East Greenway	4
Fair student fare agreement	4
Calwell sold out, Smyth	5
Watching our water quality	5
Redistribution report released	6
Plenty of breath in walkers	6
News in Brief	6
Countdown to Festival	7
TCC at Festival	7
Community Roundtable ideas get go-ahead	8
Multicultural awards	8
Annoying "bureaucrat speak"	9
Don't Forget	9

*From Page 1*

While 97% of all respondents were aware of plans to build homes at Tralee, 83% said they had not been consulted over the plans.

Tuggeranong residents made up 76% of all respondents. 14% were other ACT residents and 9.8% lived in Queanbeyan and other areas of NSW.

Meanwhile, the TCC says that while it is opposed to residential development at Tralee it is not opposed to the land being developed for light industry and an extension to the existing Hume industrial estate.

It says that such a development would help to provide jobs for Canberra/Queanbeyan residents and would go hand in hand with the ACT Government's plans to establish an employment corridor between Symonston and Hume. The TCC says it believes that this would be a better outcome for all concerned.

Copies of the letter to the NSW Planning Minister have been sent to Federal Transport Minister, Anthony Albanese, NSW Premier, Barry O'Farrell, ACT Chief Minister Katy Gallagher, ACT Opposition Leader Zed Seselja, ACT Federal members and senators. It has also been sent to the Federal Member for Eden-Monaro Dr Mike Kelly, the State Member for Monaro John Barilaro and other interested parties.

The TCC has also raised its concerns over Tralee in a face-to-face meeting with the Southern Regional Director for the NSW Department of Planning, Mr. Brett Whitworth.

At the meeting, Mr. Whitworth explained that Mr. Hazzard was aware of the concerns raised over the proposed Tralee development by the Commonwealth, Canberra Airport and sections of the community.

He said he expected Mr. Hazzard to announce his decision on the future of Tralee by the end of the year or early next year.

# A big plus for 55 Plus Club



*Joy Burch officially opens the new Tuggeranong Senior Citizens Centre assisted by (L to R) Communities@Work CEO, Lynne Harwood and 55 Plus Club President, Pat Dahl.*

A new community centre for older Canberra residents, located in the heart of Tuggeranong, was recently opened by ACT Minister for Community Services and Labor Member for Brindabella, Joy Burch.

Ms Burch said the new Tuggeranong Seniors Centre will provide a place where people can come to have a chat, learn a new hobby or learn new skills. She said, most importantly, it is somewhere to meet friends and feel less isolated.

Among the activities available at the new centre will be jazzercise, Tai Chi, digital photography, bush and lake walks and carpet bowls.

It will be managed by the Tuggeranong 55 Plus Club which, along with Communities@Work, provided input into the design of the centre. In addition, Tuggeranong Community Council and Lake Tuggeranong College were among those consulted during the project.

Ms Burch said the centre is in an ideal location in Tuggeranong town centre for older residents with good transport links and shops and other amenities nearby.

"The views over the lake will provide pleasant distractions and the proximity to an education and care centre will give people the chance to mingle with the younger generations," she said.

It also represented a genuine community effort, with the donation of a large screen television from the Good Guys Tuggeranong and tables and chairs from Buntings Tuggeranong," Ms Burch added.

*Source: Media Release*

# More time needed to consider planning matters



The Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) has called on the ACT Government to provide the community with more time to consider and provide feedback on two important planning matters that impact on the Tuggeranong Valley.

In a letter to the Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development, Simon Corbell, the TCC has called for an extension of time to comment on the ACT Planning Strategy. The public comment period is due to close on 18 December 2011.

The TCC has also called for more public consultation on the Erindale Master Plan.

In a motion passed at its last meeting the TCC called on the Minister to extend the consultation period for the Erindale Master Plan to mid February 2012.

In formulating the motion TCC members

said they noted a great deal of dissatisfaction among property owners and shopkeepers with progress on the Erindale Master Plan.

They also said they believe the consultation period should be extended to mid February 2012 so that all issues are considered and resolved.

In a second motion the TCC members called on the Minister to also extend the consultation period for the ACT Planning Strategy to mid February 2012.

The TCC said it considers the ACT Planning Strategy a major planning document and the foundations for the future development and direction for the ACT.

It believes that not enough time is being given to the community to digest this important document, consider the planning implications and respond in an informed way.

It is also concerned that as the deadline of 18 December approaches the Tuggeranong community will be more focused on Christmas and family rather than responding to bureaucrats and to another government report.

The TCC believes the consultation period should be extended to mid February 2012 to give the community more time to consider the document and provide an informed response. The TCC is awaiting a response from Mr. Corbell.

# New residents group

Moves are underway to establish a residents association incorporating the suburbs of Theodore, Calwell, Richardson and Isabella Plains.

Residents spokesman, Russ Morrison says the new group will be known as the South East Tuggeranong Residents Association.

In a letter to residents, Mr. Morrison said following on from the successful community-based campaign for a Park and Ride at Calwell, that same lobbying group decided that further work was required to ensure that our needs are taken into account in development decisions in our community.

“Our intention is to set up an effective association to hear what it is the community wants in a number of different areas and lobby our local members to achieve our aims. If the Park and Ride is anything to go by, we feel very optimistic,” he said.

“More importantly, the opportunity to engage with governments of all persuasion is even more important if we want a community that meets the needs of the people who live there,” Mr. Morrison said.

“We want to work alongside local government to influence any decisions that are taken for our collective and individual suburbs,” he said.

“Some of the areas we see as being targeted for lobbying include better services, child care, infrastructure, reliable public transport, mobile library, medical and aged care, parking, supporting crime prevention strategies, youth centre, environment and local employment for our area,” Mr. Morrison added.

Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) President, Darryl Johnston, said he looked forward to working with the new residents group and invited a permanent representative to attend Council meetings.

“To be effective, it is important that both the new residents association and the TCC work together,” Mr. Johnston said.

Mr. Morrison said a public meeting will be held at the Calwell Club on Sunday, 27 November at 4.00pm to establish the new residents group. For further information contact: Russ Morrison, Email: [dabblers2@hotmail.com](mailto:dabblers2@hotmail.com) Tel: 62927567 Mob: 0408 947 935.



## Award for local student

Lake Tuggeranong College student, Jessica McConnell, was recently named the 2011 Young Canberra Citizen of the Year at a gala awards ceremony. She is the daughter of Tuggeranong Community Council member, Ross McConnell.

18-year-old Jessica saw off competition from a host of other outstanding young people to pick up the prestigious award from ACT Minister for Community Services Joy Burch.

"Jessica has spent an amazing amount of time helping others, whether it is managing a \$50,000 aid program in the Solomon Islands or being a friendly face to terminally-ill young children," Ms Burch said.

"She is an outstanding example of a young person really making a positive difference to their society and I am glad that the ACT Government has been able to recognise this by naming her the 2011 Young Canberra Citizen of the Year," Ms Burch said.

"Jessica is also involved in Scouts ACT as treasurer and one of her projects was to manage a \$50,000 program that saw a group of Rover Scouts carry out maintenance on the Red Cross Development School in Honiara," Ms Burch added.

"She is completing her Year 12 certificate where her majors are Physics, Chemistry and Drama. She hopes to study medical sciences at the ANU and become a doctor. She has also volunteered her time to help children with disabilities or who are terminally ill," Ms Burch concluded.

*Source: Media Release*

## Update at East Greenway

ACT Roads has undertaken a safety audit of Mortimer Lewis Drive, East Greenway, following concerns raised by residents. Residents are awaiting the outcome of the survey and a group is being organised to check the audit results.

Residents spokesperson, Beverley Flint, said East Greenway residents who wish to be part of the the group are invited to contact her on 62311010. Meanwhile, Ms Flint said East Greenway residents are also awaiting a response from the ACT Government on lighting and other safety issues in their suburb.

"We have requested feedback on our call for "No Through Road" and "No Left Turn", road signs, lighting on the lake foreshore path, in park areas and the dog exercise area," Ms Flint said.

Meanwhile, Ms Flint said she had a productive discussion with Government officers concerning transport issues in East Greenway. She said she has also raised concerns over new playground equipment erected in the park at Mortimer Lewis Drive and De Little Street that is proving to be unsuitable for small children.

"I have been advised of injuries to a four year old that required hospitalisation and dental care. Grandparents, including myself, are now reluctant to allow children to use the equipment, Ms Flint said.

"The equipment removed from the park that was suitable for small children, was in good order and this is the age group that has the highest use of the park throughout the week," she added.

## Fair student fare agreement



*ACT Community Services Minister, Joy Burch, receives transport concessions petition from Rachael Durrant (front right) and National Union of Students representatives*

ACT Community Services Minister and Member for Brindabella, Joy Burch, has secured agreement for her proposal on national student concessions at a recent meeting of State and Territory Community Services Ministers in Sydney.

Prior to the conference Minister Burch was presented with a petition of over 6000 signatures calling on Ministers to support Fair Fares for Students, a campaign run by the National Union of Students in support of reciprocal recognition of student concessions.

Ms. Burch said that the decision was a significant step towards national recognition of concessions for students who travel.

"Student support for national student concessions has demonstrated that this is an important issue affecting all students and one that state governments should work together on," Ms. Burch said.

The inter-jurisdictional working group to be chaired by the ACT Government will develop a paper for Ministers consideration of cross-jurisdictional recognition of student concessions. The working group will also consider the scope of concessions available and eligibility issues.

"Clearly providing reciprocal recognition of public transport concessions for students is the biggest issue that will need to be discussed," she said.

In 2008, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) signed an agreement on concessions for pensioners and seniors card holders. Part of this agreement was also to provide state seniors card holders with access to public transport concessions in all jurisdictions.

*Source: Media Release*

## CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Sunday 25 December 2011

Indulge in style and celebrate a traditional Australian Christmas lunch at one of our Canberra Southern Cross Venues.

Choose from a lavish three or four-course lunch in a sophisticated festive atmosphere, or take the family to enjoy a buffet of succulent roast cuts finished with pudding and brandy custard.



Enjoy a sumptuous seafood buffet aboard the MV Southern Cross or a stunning three-course meal overlooking dazzling water views at our Lotus Bay Restaurant on Lake Burley Griffin.

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

To download our menus visit [csc.com.au](http://csc.com.au)  
Full payment required at time of booking



# Calwell sold out, Smyth



Member for Brindabella, Brendan Smyth

Liberal Member for Brindabella, Brendan Smyth, has accused the Labor Party and the ACT Greens of selling out Calwell.

He said he is disappointed that both parties oppose his motion seeking to postpone the further sale of land until the preparation of a master plan for the Calwell Centre.

"What I find even more worrying, however, is that the parties have ignored a range of concerns about this matter; concerns which have been clearly expressed at a number of community meetings over recent months," he said.

"Clearly, it is the Canberra Liberals who are interested in resolving the concerns of the community and, in this instance, the concerns of the people of southern Tuggeranong who are not happy with the lack of planning for the broader Calwell Centre precinct," he said.

"ACT Labor and the Greens might pay lip service to community concerns but they ignore them when decisions on important community matters are to be made. In the face of the lack of concern shown by ACT Labor and the Greens, it is doubtful whether the community of southern Tuggeranong will enjoy good outcomes from planning decisions which are being made for the Calwell Centre precinct," he added.

"The Canberra Liberals have been listening to the community of southern Tuggeranong about their concerns and we will continue to listen carefully and develop appropriate responses to these concerns and not ignore them," he said.

"It's part of our commitment to give Canberra the best local government in the country," Mr Smyth concluded.

Source: Media Release

# Watching our water quality



ACT Water watch volunteers take water samples at Tidbinbilla Reserve.

Southern ACT Catchment Waterwatch is part of a national community water quality monitoring program that brings people together from all parts of the community to raise awareness, educate, monitor, restore and protect our waterways.

Waterwatch involves local community groups such as Landcare and Parkcare as well as residents, schools and landowners who regularly monitor the water quality of local creeks, wetlands, lakes, rivers and stormwater drains.

Waterwatch aims to create awareness of

water quality issues by involving all members of the Southern ACT community. Water quality information collected throughout our catchments provides a picture of the health of our waterways.

Waterwatch groups have initiated many positive, community based conservation activities such as creek restoration, weed and rubbish removal from waterways, development of habitats and reducing the use of pollutants.

Waterwatch members remain informed about local environmental issues through our online network and contribute to debates and forums on matters of concern at community, local government and federal levels.

If you are interested in improving the health of your waterway and meeting or forming a group of like minded individuals, you should begin by contacting our Waterwatch Coordinator. Ring 6296 6400 or email:

[water-watch@sactcg.org.au](mailto:water-watch@sactcg.org.au)

Source: ACT Catchment Waterwatch

**SOZO**  
P R O D U C T I O N  
PRINT | DESIGN | WEB

- Business Cards
- Letterheads
- Fridge Magnets
- Books / Magazines
- Flyers / Brochures
- Posters
- Stickers
- Banners
- Envelopes
- A-Frames
- Logos
- iPhone Apps
- Signage
- e-Commerce
- Websites

(02) 6293 1188  
**WWW.SOZO.COM.AU**  
Shop 8, Homeworld Tuggeranong

## Redistribution report released



The 2011 redistribution of the ACT's electoral boundaries has been formally completed with the publication of the 2011 Redistribution Report.

The report was tabled in the ACT Legislative Assembly on 27 October 2011 and is available at: [www.elections.act.gov.au/page/view/487/title/2011-redistribution](http://www.elections.act.gov.au/page/view/487/title/2011-redistribution)

The report details the steps leading up to the decision to alter the ACT's electoral boundaries to transfer the suburbs of Crace and Palmerston from the Molonglo electorate to the Ginninderra electorate. No changes are proposed for the electorate of Brindabella.

The new boundaries will apply at the ACT Legislative Assembly general election due to take place on 20 October 2012.

Source: Media Release

## Plenty of breath in walkers



Walkers take a break after covering a total of 84kms during World COPD Day.

World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Day was marked in Canberra on 16 November with a walk along the shores of Lake Burley Griffin. Walkers included COPD sufferers and their supporters. The day is organised by [Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease \(GOLD\)](#) in a world-wide effort to boost understanding of COPD and advocate for better patient care.

About 210 million people have chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). The World Health Organisation (WHO) predicts that COPD will become the third leading cause of death worldwide by 2030. Key risk factors for COPD are tobacco smoking, indoor and outdoor air pollution, and exposure to occupational dusts and chemicals.

## News in Brief

### Cost of living rises, Zed

Recently released Australian Bureau of Statistics data shows Canberra's cost of living is continuing to rise under ACT Labor, according to Opposition Leader, Zed Seselja.

Mr. Seselja says In the past year, the ACT has experienced increases in the price indices of rents (5.8%), utilities (6.9%), electricity (5.3%) and water and sewerage (12%). He said the ACT is also equal to Sydney with a consumer price index of 3.7 per cent.

### Youth Network

The Tuggeranong Re-Engaging Youth Network is seeking members for its Board.

Nominations are sought from community providers, registered training organisations, employment agencies, schools and community members with a connection and commitment to the Tuggeranong region and relevant expertise and experience associated with the re-engagement of disengaged young people.

For further information please contact Ms Penelope Butt on 6205 7873 or email: [penelope.butt@act.gov.au](mailto:penelope.butt@act.gov.au)

### Gold Award

Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher, is encouraging Canberrans to nominate family members, friends and colleagues who have lived in Canberra for 50 years or longer to receive a Canberra Gold Chief Minister's Award.

Businesses and community organisations who have served our city for 50 years or more are also eligible to be nominated.

The certificates will be awarded as part of Canberra's birthday celebrations. Individuals, groups and organisations who have achieved 50 years of residency or service as at 12 March 2012 will be eligible for nomination.

Nomination forms can be collected from Canberra Connect Shopfronts, your local library or by phoning 6205 0192 or 6205 3031. Nominations can also be made online at: [www.cmd.act.gov.au/communication/gold](http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/communication/gold)

Nominations must be received by 31 January 2012.

# cruise through summer

### Governor Generals Cruise:

Exclusive tour includes guided walk through Government House gardens.

Thursday 9am-11.30am

(Commences 2nd February 2012)

Adults \$23 Members/Seniors \$18, Children (U12) \$13

### Sunday Lunch & Thursday Night Dinner Cruise:

Indulge in a sumptuous three course meal, ever-changing views and a relaxing ambience. Sunday lunch

12 midday-2.30pm, Thursday dinner 7pm-10pm

Adults \$70, Members/Seniors \$60, Children (U12) \$25

### 1 hour Sight Seeing Cruise

Includes commentary, tea and coffee.

Adults \$15, Members/Seniors/Pensioners \$12

Children U12 \$9, Family (2 Adults & 2 Children U12) \$40



For all cruise schedules and bookings call 02 6273 1784  
For details visit [cscoc.com.au](http://cscoc.com.au) Bookings are essential.

Canberra  
Southern  
Cross Club  
Yacht Club  
[www.cscoc.com.au](http://www.cscoc.com.au)

# Countdown to Festival

The 23rd annual Tuggeranong Festival is just days away.

The Festival Program will be launched by a surprise guest at 11am on Friday, 25 November in the Centre Court of the Tuggeranong Hyperdome.

It will be followed by a night of Festival Frolics at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre featuring the Leonid Film Awards, a dazzling street of lights projector display, the Brindabella Chorista, and the acclaimed Woden Valley Youth Choir.

The main event will be on Saturday 26 November with Family Fun Day in Tuggeranong Town Park.

Festival Committee President, Michael Lindfield, said the lively carnival atmosphere will include free community entertainment on the park's new performing stage, rides, amusements, games, community stalls, children's activities, giveaways, scarecrows, and community group demonstrations.

Mr. Lindfield said there will also be organised walks with a "Canwalk" theme, and Walking for Pleasure will be out and about doing their bit.

"Lake Tuggeranong will be awash with activity, including a mass of colourful sails, and free "come and try" canoe rides with the Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scouts. Festival goers will also be able to reel in a prize with the Great Carp Catch fishing competition," he said.

"The Lake activities will conclude with the racing of the inaugural Tuggeranong Festival Rowing Quads Cup," Mr. Lindfield said.

"All Canberra's rowing clubs have been invited to participate in what will become a prestigious and sought after trophy for the start of Canberra's rowing season."

"The event is being organised by the Lake Tuggeranong Vikings Rowing Club," he added.

Mr. Lindfield said true to its form of bringing legendary Australian musical performers to the Tuggeranong region, this year the Festival has secured Doc Neeson, formerly the front man of *The Angels*, and his band for the free evening concert.

"Unlike stadium events, the Festival concerts are intimate affairs where people can actually get close to the performers without being crushed in a mosh pit. Doc and his band will be the first major act to

perform on Tuggeranong's fully-fitted out main stage, delivering up to seventy-five minutes of Australian rock classics, finishing with a spectacular fireworks display over the Lake," Mr. Lindfield said

Mr. Lindfield said the festival will continue on Sunday with the Dawn to Dusk charity football competition, organised by Tuggeranong United FC.

He said there will also be a "come and try" at the Tuggeranong Vikings Archery Club, where their brand new centre will be available for viewing. Canberra Exercise Walks have organised an easy walk along the Murrumbidgee River corridor, and the Tuggeranong Lawn Bowls "King and Queen of the Valley" tournament will also be part of the last day.

# TCC at Festival



The Tuggeranong Community Council will be represented at the 2011 Tuggeranong Festival. Members will be distributing flyers, membership forms and free fridge magnets and 2012 calendar mousemats. Members of the public are also invited to visit the TCC booth and discuss any community related issues of concern.

# Community Roundtable ideas get go-ahead

ACT Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher, has announced that the Government will move to implement a range of ideas put forward at the recent Community Roundtable, including developing options for low-interest loans as part of the Government's banking contract and boosting funding for financial counseling services.

The Chief Minister has also announced she is commissioning an Expert Panel to develop a broader strategy to examine additional ways of supporting those Canberrans who are struggling with their day-to-day expenses.

In September Ms Gallagher hosted a Roundtable with Community Services Minister, Joy Burch, and community sector organisations to identify ways to further support families and individuals facing financial stress.

She said the Community Roundtable produced a dozen ideas- some of these have budgetary and legislative implications so further work is needed, but around half of the initiatives we are able to act on immediately."

The Chief Minister said that in response to the issues raised by participants at the Roundtable, the Government has decided to:

- develop flexible payment options for fees and charges for those Canberrans struggling to meet their everyday costs to help manage their household bills by smoothing out the peaks. This includes extending the period of time in which fines have to be paid by up to 6 months to ensure unexpected costs don't prevent people from paying for essentials;
- include access to socially responsible banking products such as low-interest loans as part of the ACT Government Banking contract;
- develop arrangements to extend the benefits of Government purchasing power to assist non-government organisations;
- develop options to enhance current food bank arrangements and access in the ACT;
- increase funding for financial counseling services by \$60,000 over two years;

- establish a community support website that provides information on the wide range of supports and concessions currently available; and
- work with our community sector partners to streamline service purchasing arrangements, reduce overheads and increase flexibility in the provision of financial and material aid.

Ms Gallagher said the Expert Panel will complement the work the Government is already doing and that of the ACT Taxation Review.

She said the Panel will include experts across the fields of community service and government and report directly to the Chief Minister by the end of March 2012.

Terms of reference and panel members will be announced shortly.

"Bureau of Statistics figures suggest that the ACT is a comparatively affluent community with Canberrans earning above-average salaries," the Chief Minister said.

"However, this measure can mask underlying areas of disadvantage and hide the true extent of need in our community.

"That's why it's important that experts in the field undertake this in-depth analysis so we can be confident that the Government, the community sector, and businesses are targeting support in a way that is effective, equitable and efficient," she concluded.

*Source: Media Release*

# Multicultural awards

Nominations are now being sought to honour Canberrans who contribute significantly to the vibrancy of our city's multicultural sector through the 2011 ACT Multicultural Awards, Minister for Multicultural Affairs Joy Burch has announced.

Winners will receive their awards, glass trophies sculptured by the talented hands of artists at Canberra Glassworks, at a gala dinner reception to be held at the Hellenic Club on 30 November.

Multicultural champions will be recognised in seven categories that include: outstanding volunteer; community organisation; business employer; public sector; education; media; and ACT Multicultural Advocate of the Year.

Ms Burch said Canberra is a community that has at its heart a thriving hunger for multiculturalism.

"Our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths. It underpins our economic prosperity and contributes to our social, cultural and intellectual wealth," she said.

"The ACT Multicultural Awards recognise the people and groups who have helped make our city such a caring, dynamic and prosperous place to live," Ms Burch added.

The awards will be judged by an independent selection panel comprising representatives from across government, education, volunteering and community sectors. Nominations will close on 18 November. Nomination forms can be downloaded at: [www.dhcs.act.gov.au/multicultural](http://www.dhcs.act.gov.au/multicultural) or by phoning 6207 0555.

*Source: Media Release*



Canberra  
**OzHarvest**  
food rescue

**Rescuing food for  
Canberra's charities**

Donate online at [www.ozharvestcanberra.org](http://www.ozharvestcanberra.org)  
or call 6288 0709

Managed by *Communities@Work*

# Annoying “bureaucrat speak”

Inspired by a similar campaign in the UK, [Our Community](#) recently asked its members to contribute to a list of words it believes the public sector should stop using. Here's what came in at the top of the hit-list.

**1. Incentivising:** To provide someone with an incentive for doing something. A quarter of all respondents nominated this as one of their top three hated words.

**2. Synergies:** The interaction or cooperation of two or more organisations, substances, or other agents to produce a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate effects. It's a word that sounds nice and means nice things, but it's despised by almost a quarter of all respondents.

**3. Going Forward: In the future**  
A phrase one Guardian journalist described as “superfluous, meaningless, ubiquitous”; a “kind of burp” – ‘going forward’ was hated by 22% of our respondents.

**4. Can-do culture:** A feature of organisational culture characterised by willingness and ability to act. Just over 19% of all respondents have a can-do attitude to eliminating this word from the vernacular for good.

**5. 360-degree feedback:** A performance appraisal tool that takes in feedback from many directions – e.g. subordinates, peers and supervisors, rather than just from the top down. Exactly 19% of all respondents nominated this as among their top three hated terms.

**6. Working families:** Definition unknown (families who work?). Described by political author Dr Nick Dyrenfurth as “the latest in a long line of rhetorical appeals to the middle ground or swinging voters of the Australian electorate based upon the politics of grievance,” this is a phrase despised by 18% of all respondents.

**7. Moving forward:** Definition unknown (antonym: moving backwards). Not to be confused with “going forward” (#3), this phrase was popularised by Prime Minister Julia Gillard when she used it 24 times during her 2010 election launch speech (prompting Chaser comedian Julian Morrow to reflect on the ‘vomit principle’ – “If you haven't said it so much that saying it again will make you vomit, you haven't said it enough”).

A total of 17% of all respondents would prefer to never hear these two words together again.

**8. Paradigm:** A worldview underlying the theories and methodology of a particular concept or subject. A word with scientific origins, the movement of ‘paradigm’ into government parlance has irritated 17% of all respondents.

**9. Promulgate:** To promote or make widely known an idea or cause. 14% of all respondents would like to make it widely known that they do not approve of the use of this word in official government documents.

**10. Disconnect:** A break in connection; as in, ‘There is a disconnect between this and that’. When used in the traditional way, as a verb (‘to disconnect the power’), there's little to complain about. When used as a noun, there is a vast disconnect between what our bureaucrats like to say and what respondents like to hear – 14% would like to see the word banned.

**10. Tranche:** A portion of something, especially money. Coming in at equal 10th, 14% of all respondents picked this is one of their top three hated words.



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

**11:** Lions Club Tuggeranong  
Homestead Markets.

**30:** Comments due on Canberra  
[Centenary Trail](#)

## 2012

**Feb 7:** TCC General Meeting,  
7.30pm Tuggeranong Southern  
Cross Club.

## 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* is produced on a regular basis and is circulated amongst TCC members and friends. 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.

*Valley Voice* is published by the Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC). Material in this publication comes from a variety of community and government based sources and therefore does not necessarily reflect the views of the TCC.

Material submitted to the TCC for inclusion in *Valley Voice* may be subject to editorial changes. Material that includes dates, times and contact details is correct at the time of publishing. Therefore, the TCC cannot be held responsible if it is not informed of any changes to that information prior to publication.

Tuggeranong Community Council.  
E: [info@tuggcc.com](mailto:info@tuggcc.com)  
W: [www.tuggcc.com](http://www.tuggcc.com)

*Tuggeranong Community Council Inc. (TCC) is an incorporated, voluntary, not for profit, non political, community based association operating within the Tuggeranong district of the Australian Capital Territory.*

*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.*

## Tuggeranong Community Council acknowledges its supporters.



it's about you. Always!  
**Communities@Work**

