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## SPECIAL ACT ELECTION ISSUE

### Candidates front TCC election forum



Candidates for the seat of Brindabella front the TCC Election Forum.

The Tuggeranong Community Council's (TCC) ACT Election Forum has been hailed a great success. The Forum was held recently at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre and chaired by ABC radio personality, Genevieve Jacobs. More than 80 people joined the audience and 13 of the 15 candidates contesting the seat of Brindabella sat on the panel.

Questions were taken from the floor, and despite some IT gremlins throughout the night, they were also submitted via Twitter. The event was webcast on the TCC website thanks to audio visual technicians, Simon

Byrne, Bevan Noble, Dug Holmes and cameraman, Graham Dyson. The Election Worm also featured throughout the evening.

All candidates were given an opportunity to answer questions that ranged from the environment, cost of living, taxes and charges, public transport, health, housing and local roads.

Liberal candidates led by Deputy Opposition Leader, Brendan Smyth, pushed cost of living issues pointing to the Quinlan Review claiming that rates would treble under a re-elected

Labor Government. Labor candidates, led by Minister, Joy Burch, confirmed stamp duty will be abolished under Labor but denied rates will treble and on several occasions she accused the Liberal Party of scaremongering.

Mr Smyth said Labor had still not explained how it intended to make up the revenue shortfall from the abolition of stamp duty. He claimed Labor had also trumpeted it would abolish certain taxes and charges but had still accounted for them in the Budget.

***“if the small African nation of Rwanda can ban plastic shopping bags surely Canberra can do it.”***

On the environment front, all candidates agreed that Lake Tuggeranong was in urgent need of attention with the Greens identifying untapped federal funds to improve water quality.

Mr Smyth said the Liberal Party would launch its Environment Policy closer to the election. However, he came under fire for his party's call to scrap the ban on plastic shopping bags. Greens candidate, Johnathan Davis, said, “if the small African nation of Rwanda can ban plastic shopping bags surely Canberra can do it.”

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"I'd also like to know how many plastic shopping bags lie at the bottom of Lake Tuggeranong, because I have collected hundreds from its shore during Clean up Australia," he said.

Meanwhile Greens and Labor candidates supported efforts to reduce air pollution. Candidates from both parties spoke on the introduction of cleaner more efficient wood heaters and restricting their use in new Canberra suburbs pointing to the serious health impacts of neighbourhood wood smoke pollution.

***"There is no point trying to drag people out of their cars and onto public transport if they don't want to...."***

Australian Motorists Party candidate, Burl Doble, scored highly with the audience when he defended Canberra's love of the car.

"There is no point trying to drag people out of their cars and onto public transport if they don't want to when a car can get you from door to door. Buses can't do that," he said.

"Buses are for people who want to use them. If you have children you need a car to transport them to school, sport and other activities. You can't do that on a bus. Cars are also getting cleaner and more efficient," Mr Doble added.

All major parties agreed improvements were needed in the provision of and access to health services in Brindabella. Mr Smyth promised to implement policies that would attract more medical professionals to Canberra, reduce the burden on the health system, provide easier access to health services and reduce waiting times.

Ms Burch pointed to her recent announcement of \$200,000 towards the establishment of a new bulk billing GP clinic at Chisholm in conjunction with the West Belconnen Health Co-op. The Greens' Amanda Bresnan highlighted ACT Greens plans for mobile clinics in Canberra to reach those who were normally unable to access a GP.

The Liberals' Nicole Lawder said she was concerned that her children will be forced to move out of Tuggeranong to find affordable housing. She was joined by her Liberal colleagues who said the government's land release policies needed to be reviewed to increase the supply and boost housing in the ACT. The Greens pointed to their successful push to increase the public housing stock which candidates said had helped to ease the need for housing.

A small group of Monash residents raised concerns over road safety and access to and from Isabella Drive for residents of Goodwin Village.

Labor's Mike Kinniburgh said he was concerned about road safety generally, while Karl Maftoum said he was aware of the intersection that has raised residents' concerns.

The Liberals Val Jeffery said he was interested in this and other basic "local government" issues that concern residents.

"These and other similar issues tend to get overlooked in the big wheels of government. These are the sort of problems I will focus on in government," Mr Jeffery said.

Candidates and attendees hailed the night a success and complimented the chair, Genevieve Jacobs, on her hosting of the event and for giving all candidates and opportunity to speak.

Darryl Johnston

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# TCC elects new team



*The new Tuggeranong Community Council Executive. L to R Vice President Russ Morison, Treasurer Frank Vrins, President Nick Tsoulas, Committee Member Ross McConnell and Secretary Darryl Johnston.*

Calwell businessman and local identity, Nick Tsoulas, has taken over the reins of the Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC).

Mr Tsoulas was elected unopposed last night as TCC President at the Council's Annual General Meeting. He replaces Darryl Johnston who retired from the position after a three-year term.

Mr Tsoulas, said he was proud to take on the job and looked forward to working with a new Council Executive. He said the Council will continue to play an active role in the community and work with other groups and organisations in the best interests of all Valley residents.

"My focus will be on better public

transport links, quality planning and development, improved services and facilities and a better environment."

"I will also work to attract youth to the Council and more employment opportunities for Tuggeranong residents."

"I thank Darryl Johnston for his work over the last three years during which time he built the Council into a powerful voice for Valley residents," Mr Tsoulas said.

Russ Morison was elected Vice President, Frank Vrins takes on the role of Treasurer, Ross McConnell was elected a committee member and Darryl Johnston appointed Secretary.

*Darryl Johnston*

## Greens welcome light rail

ACT Greens Transport Spokesperson, Amanda Bresnan, has hailed the Government's light rail announcement as testament to what can be achieved by Greens leadership on big issues.

Ms Bresnan said the ACT Greens have already launched a plan to deliver light rail in Canberra, committing \$200M.

"The ALP said it would commit \$30m to pursue the same model of public-private partnership together with seeking federal assistance. This is great news for Canberra," she said.

"We are pleased to see the case we've been making for Light Rail has finally been accepted by the ALP," Ms Bresnan added.

*Source: Media Release*

## Town centre plans released

The ACT Government has released two major planning studies for Tuggeranong.

Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development, Simon Corbell, released the Tuggeranong Master Plan and the Erindale Master Plan.

Mr Corbell said the Tuggeranong Master Plan will see an extra 7,800 housing dwellings, the transformation of major streets such as Soward Way into a people-friendly boulevard and boosting pedestrian access around the centre.

"A mix of on-street and basement car parking would be increased to ensure convenient parking for centre users for both quick trips and all day parking needs," Mr Corbell said.

"The Government is proposing to relocate the bus station in Tuggeranong to a more central location on Reed Street to incorporate these public transport services into the centre of the busy retail and residential area," he said.

"A precinct code will now be developed to outline land uses, heights and design details are appropriate for each block in the centre. As sites develop and redevelop they will be required to comply with the precinct code."

The Erindale Master Plan includes a new Rapid service bus station, park and ride facilities and relocation of the bus stop.

Mr Corbell said the final plan was based on an earlier version released in 2011 and which had received much public support.

However, retailers have objected to the plan based on its inclusion of an additional supermarket. Meanwhile, the Canberra Liberals say the master plan process is taking too long and have pledged to fix parking problems immediately if elected to government.

*Source: Media Releases*

# Who's Who on 20 October

Below are the biographical details of the candidates seeking your vote in Brindabella.  
All candidates are listed in alphabetical order



**Amanda  
Bresnan  
ACT Greens**

Amanda Bresnan was elected to the Legislative Assembly as the Greens Member for Brindabella in 2008. She held the positions of Greens Party Whip and Manager of Greens Business, the Greens Spokesperson for Health, Transport, Disability and Housing, Ageing, Multicultural Affairs, Industrial Relations, and Corrections. Amanda is originally from Brisbane where she graduated from Griffith University with an honours degree in environmental science. Since moving to Canberra over 10 years ago, she has been active in local women's, refugee, and human rights groups, and was a long term volunteer with the ACT RSPCA. Prior to being elected in 2008, she was the former Acting Director of Policy and Projects with the Mental Health Council of Australia. Amanda is married, enjoys reading, movies, listening to music, live concerts and travelling. She is a Bollywood dancer and proudly declares her support for the Brisbane Broncos.



**Joy Burch  
ACT Labor**

Prior to her election to the Legislative Assembly in October 2008, Joy was CEO of a national organisation working with the university sector for improved health through research, workforce training. Joy originally trained as a nurse and has both graduate and post graduate qualifications. She managed her own childcare business, managed community health and support services, and worked in policy roles in both the government and non-government sectors. In Government she has held various ministerial portfolios, most recently, Community Services, the Arts, Multicultural Affairs, Ageing, Women and Gaming and Racing. She also held the posi-

tions of Government Whip and ALP Caucus Secretary. Her interests are family, community, swimming, gardening, walking, reading and music.



**Rebecca Cody  
ACT Labor**

Rebecca Cody has lived and worked in Tuggeranong for more than 35 years. She was born in Sydney and moved here at the age of two. She is a former hairdresser, small business owner and now a public servant. She has two sons, Nathan and Mark, who attend schools locally. Her interests are health and fitness, although she has been limited after recently undergoing a shoulder reconstruction. She is also interested in work health and safety, a passion she has gained from her father who is a work health and safety consultant and with whom she has worked. Rebecca also made her own headline at the candidature launch when the Canberra Times spotted she had the word "STRENGTH" tattooed on her foot.



**Johnathan Davis  
ACT Greens**

Johnathan is the youngest ACT Greens candidate ever. At just 20, Johnathan has a passion for contributing to public life and giving a voice to those disenfranchised in our community. He is currently working in the property industry, studying politics and policy at the University of Canberra, and has many volunteering commitments, particularly within Canberra's gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (GLBTIQ) community. He lives in Kambah and attended Kambah High School where he was the school captain in 2007 and campaigned against the school's closure that year. Johnathan has his own entertainment business, sings, does stand-up comedy.



**Burl Doble  
Australian  
Motorists Party**

Burl was born in Cowra. He moved to Canberra in 1956 and attended Ainslie Infants School, Forrest Primary, Campbell and Deakin High schools. He grew up in the bush surrounding Deakin, had a terrific childhood. Played Australian Rules football and cricket. Worked for his father who was a motor mechanic in school holidays and learnt the motor radiator repair trade. Burl became an apprentice mechanic at the Deakin Service Station and worked in 5 different workshops over the next 10 years. He was married in 1972 and lives in Kambah. He was a member of the Kambah Lions Club for 15 years. Burl started a radiator repair business in Phillip in 1977 in which both his sons are employed. He stood as an Independent in the 2004 A.C.T. election and for the Australian Motorist Party in 2008. His interests include music, politics, motor racing, cards, friends, travel and work.



**Mick Gentleman  
ACT Labor**

Mick Gentleman was born in Canberra and raised his family in the Valley. Mick has worked previously in the Legislative Assembly; he was the Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee, Assistant Speaker and as a private member, introduced the Territory's very successful Solar Feed-In-Tariff. He is currently working in the private sector and is the Executive Director of the Motor Trades Association ACT. Mick has also served on many boards in the community sector; he is currently the President of the Tuggeranong Arts Centre and a member of the board of the Canberra Men's Centre.

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**Val Jeffery**  
Canberra  
Liberals

Val is well known in Canberra as *Mr. Tharwa*. Val has had an interesting and varying career in farming, cattle raising, farm supplies, trucking and development in Tharwa, the New England and Queensland. All the time encountering good and bad seasons and bushfires, most recently the disastrous Canberra fires of 2003. Val has been a tireless worker for his community starting with his early days in local progress associations, Junior Farmers, sporting areas, bush fires crews and raising money for various causes. His community efforts have brought him recognition with the awards of the Australian Fire Service Medal, an OAM and the one he values the most, the Rotary Vocational Excellence Award for service to the community. He has recently received a plaque on the Honour Walk in Civic.



**Mike Kinniburgh**  
ACT Labor

Over the past 25 years Mike has been involved in government and private sector management, in Australia and overseas, as well as extensive volunteer community service. Mike was born in Charleville in outback Queensland and moved to Canberra in 1990 from Papua New Guinea where he worked as Defence and High Commission representative in Lae. He has served on the ACT Chamber of Commerce and with many charitable and youth organisations. Mike is married and has five children and as a consequence is also very active in youth sport.



**Nicole Lawder**  
Canberra  
Liberals

Nicole is originally from a military family and arrived in Canberra in 1988 when her children were young and has lived

here ever since. Over that time she has worked in business and the public service and over the past 7 or so years she has been the CEO of two different national not-for-profit organisations – in disability and more recently the homelessness sector. Nicole graduated from the ANU with a degree in Psychology and later went on to post-graduate study and gained a Master of Business in eBusiness and Communication. She and her husband have 5 children between them, all of whom live in Tuggeranong with their families. Nicole interests include squash, which she has played for 25-years, firstly in SRA and now at Masters level. She is also interested and involved in many community service roles and organisations.



**Michael Lindfield**  
Independent

Most people in Tuggeranong will know Michael as president of the Tuggeranong Festival and leader of many community groups. Michael is married and together with his wife they have three children aged 23, 19 and 14. Michael has lived in Canberra for more than 20 years. He has been heavily involved in the community, including bringing two community banks to Calwell and Wanniasa, successfully lobbying for the construction of the Tuggeranong Town Park Stage, and organising many Tuggeranong Community Festivals.



**Karl Maftoum**  
ACT Labor

Karl Maftoum is a 33 year old public servant. He was born in Ghana Africa and has lived in the UK and western NSW. Karl moved to Canberra in 1996 from Batemans Bay to complete a Bachelor of Engineering at the University of Canberra. He has also obtained management qualifications through ANU and will complete an MBA later this year. Karl currently works as the Deputy Chief Information Officer at the Australian Communications and

Media Authority. He is married and his interests include car restoration and trains. He is a qualified railway man and often takes children and families on train rides.



**Ben Murphy**  
ACT Greens

Ben is a vocational trainer, electrician, and an environmentalist. Ben has immersed himself in the local cultures and languages throughout South America, Asia and Africa. Through experiences with friends and extended family Ben has become increasingly aware of the issues that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people face. Ben has retrofitted his home for increased energy efficiency, established and run commercial recycling facilities at his work and been actively involved in the Tuggeranong Youth Centre and Tummy Rumbles community food outlet. Ben has a passion for music, bushwalking, chess and has been recycling old computers and laptops for needy people.



**Zed Seselja**  
Canberra  
Liberals

Zed was born and bred in Tuggeranong as the son of immigrant parents. Zed grew up locally, attending Tuggeranong Schools and then the ANU. He has worked at everything from a cleaner with his parents to a lawyer in the public service. He is married and has four children. Zed was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in 2004 and then re-elected in 2008. He has served in various shadow portfolios and is currently Leader of the Canberra Liberals Team. His interests include basketball, cricket, touch football, jogging, reading, cooking and hiking. Zed has moved from the seat of Molonglo and is contesting his home seat of Brindabella.

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**Brendan Smyth**  
Canberra  
Liberals

Brendan Smyth is no stranger to politics having served in the Federal Parliament as Member for Canberra from 1995 to 1996. He was elected to the ACT Legislative Assembly in 1998 and again in 2001, 2004 and 2008. He has held various Ministerial portfolios during his terms in Government and is currently Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Treasurer. Brendan is married and has three children. His interests include bushwalking, astronomy, reading, computing, whisky and serving with the Guises Creek Bushfire Brigade.



**Andrew Wall**  
Canberra  
Liberals

Andrew Wall was born at the Woden Valley hospital in 1984 and has lived in Canberra his entire life. As a child he lived in Stirling, Fisher and Wanniasa with his parents, Peter and Barbara, and his sister Melissa and attended St Anthony's primary and Marist College. During his school years Andrew worked at McDonalds Restaurant, where he began sweeping floors and clearing tables and worked his way up to managing several stores. He graduated from Marist College in 2002 and worked as a Real Estate Agent and Hotel Manager for several years, learning valuable lessons in negotiation, planning and time-management. In 2006, Andrew enrolled in a Certificate IV in Building and Construction with CIT and began working in the family business, Patioworld Building Systems. In 2008, Andrew married his high-school sweetheart, Christine, at Old Parliament House. They moved to Fadden and, later, Macarthur where they live with their two cocker spaniels. Andrew enjoys motor sport, cycling and cooking.

*Darryl Johnston*

## Combined Councils call for better planning in Canberra



*Caroline le Couteur*

Environment and Sustainability Development Minister, Simon Corbell and Greens planning spokesperson, Caroline le Couteur spoke of their parties' vision for Canberra's future at a pre-election planning forum held at the Legislative Assembly.

The forum, sponsored by the ACT's Combined Community Councils and PlanWise ACT, focused on the question 'Is the ACT's planning system in good shape?' Both speakers emphasised their commitment to a more compact and denser city, with heightened use of public transport, including light rail.

Minister Corbell, acknowledging widespread concern at poor quality development in the city, said that if re-elected, Labor would institute design competitions for major Territory land releases.

Labor would also re-invigorate the Planning and Development Forum, an important venue for discussion between developers, ACTPLA and the community.

Ms le Couteur promised \$800,000 over four years from the Greens to

support community input into planning and development policy.

Amidst the hype of the election build-up, it was pleasing to be able to discuss Canberra's planning problems in a reasoned and reasonable way, said Ewan Brown, President of the Combined Community Councils.

However, there were still many issues that needed attention.

These included:

- Problems with inner-city development, including unregulated parking, poor use of available land, and a lack of units for families;
- A planning system that encouraged confrontation rather than collaboration;
- Plans to intensify development along transport corridors rather than in 'hubs' would simply slow down public transport;
- The need for a 'plain person's' guide to the operations of the development system;
- Improved consultative processes across government, as the activities of many agencies impacted citizens through building and development;
- Better coordination between the economic development and sustainability directorates.

*Source: Media Release*



# Head to Head — new rating structure



**The ACT Labor Government has reformed the rates system as part of an overhaul of the Territory's taxation system.**

We have made taxes – including rates – fairer, simpler and more efficient.

The Liberals are resorting to a desperate lie on rates to cover up their own lack of policy. They simply cannot show proof about how rates will triple. Instead they point to a table in the Quinlan tax review that the Government did not adopt, and call it “proof”. That isn’t proof. Here are the facts.

The Quinlan and Henry tax reviews told us the ACT’s tax system is inefficient and unsustainable.

We rely too much on stamp duty and insurance taxes, which are inefficient taxes and which cost our economy and our community.

As a result, in the 2012-13 ACT Budget we announced the major changes to our tax system.

We have reformed many taxes, and abolished others. We are cutting stamp duty and insurance taxes to make it easier to buy and insure homes. We have cut land tax to make renting more affordable. We have focused our concessions for our older Canberrans. We have made our rates system fairer.

The changes are revenue neutral – we are not collecting more tax, just changing the proportion collected by particular taxes. Because our changes abolish inefficient taxes, our economy will be \$169 million better off over the next five years.

The ACT’s rates system has been made more progressive, similar to income tax. Under this new system, around a quarter of properties will have a rates cut. The average increase will be around \$2.35 per week. It may result in increases in 2012-13 rates for some properties, mostly in the inner north and inner south suburbs, because they generally have higher land values.

Overall, total rates revenue will grow in line with wages, which will limit any annual rises for individual households.

Labor’s tax reforms have lowered the taxation burden on low- and middle-income households, and asked those who have the capacity to do so to pay a bit more. This is a fairer system.

We believe in making it easier to buy homes – it’s good for individuals and families, and good for our economy – which is why we’re abolishing stamp duty. If you bought a home and found it hard to save the extra upfront money for stamp duty, if you think you might ever move, if you want your children to buy a home and want that to be easier, cutting stamp duty is the way to go.

We knew the possible impact on some older Canberrans, and have concessions to assist. We increased pensioner rates rebates, expanded the Rates Deferral Scheme’s eligibility to include self-funded retirees, and expanded the Pensioner Duty Concession Scheme.

Labor’s tax changes are good for our economy. They have created a fairer system, and one that will help secure our economic future for decades to come.

*Andrew Barr MLA  
Treasurer*



**ACT Labor’s so called tax reforms are nothing more than a massive tax grab on the family home.**

Since the Budget was released, Andrew Barr has been boasting about his ‘progressive’ changes to abolish stamp duty. Abolishing stamp duty and reducing or abolishing other taxes will cost the government well over \$300 million every year.

Obviously, this money needs to be replaced, and Andrew Barr himself has said in his Budget speech that “Canberrans understand that tax changes like the ones I have announced need to be paid for.” (Budget Speech, June 2012)

What he has not been so clear about is just how much we will all be paying. The taxes Andrew Barr is abolishing cost over \$300 million a year.

The government has said repeatedly that the lost revenue will be replaced by rates. In fact, the government’s own tax reform brochure states categorically that those taxes will be replaced with rates. That’s over \$300 million to be paid for through rates every year.

To cover this loss of revenue, rates will have to be tripled. This approach was confirmed, when Andrew Barr finally answered about rates, ‘I refer you to the Quinlan Tax Review,’ (Hansard Estimates, June 2012.)

That document shows in black and white that rates will triple. This tax grab will be the biggest increase in cost of living pressures that the Territory has ever seen and will penalise all Canberra homeowners, particularly those on a fixed income. It will make it more difficult for retirees to continue to live independently, and will make homeownership for families on a low income much harder.

Canberrans are already being stung with the highest taxes in the country, tripled water prices and dramatically increased electricity prices. And despite being taxed more than anywhere else in the country, Canberrans are receiving poorer basic services than ever before, including the worst health system in the country and shockingly managed infrastructure-

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projects which have blown out in cost by hundreds of millions of dollars.

The Canberra Liberals have a plan to get back to basics and provide better local services and lower rates and charges. We will tackle housing affordability and reduce the cost of living. Our plan is backed up by stamp duty cuts, expanding the Home Buyer Concession Scheme, establishing a land bank, and implementing taxation reform. We will do this and we will not triple your rates at the same time.

As part of our overall plan for Canberra we will tackle housing affordability, we will rebuild the ACT's health system, we will invest in our education system, we will fix our roads, we will improve public transport and increase car parks and we will clean up our city.

It is a clear choice – people can vote to abolish stamp duty and have their rates tripled to pay for it, or they can vote for better local services and lower rates and charges.

I look forward to your support on 20 October 2012.

*Brendan Smyth MLA  
ACT Deputy Opposition Leader and  
Shadow Treasurer*

## News in Brief

### Tuggeranong ABS stats explained

A detailed picture of Tuggeranong will be painted at the next TCC meeting when the Australian Bureau of Statistics reveals all the statistics from the 2011 Census. Guests speakers will also address the TCC on the final Tuggeranong and Erindale Master Plans.

The next TCC meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2 October commencing at 7.30pm in the upstairs formal dining room of the Southern Cross Club at Greenway.

## Libs pool pledge



*Zed Seselja and Brendan Smyth  
Campaigning in Lanyon (Photo ABC)*

The Canberra Liberals have promised south Tuggeranong residents an indoor swimming pool if elected to government.

Opposition Leader, Zed Seselja and ACT Deputy Opposition Leader, Brendan Smyth say a Canberra Liberal government will commit \$15 million for the development of an indoor swimming pool in Lanyon.

Mr Seselja said the Canberra Liberals believe that all Canberra residents should have access to recrea-

tional and community facilities within a reasonable distance from their homes.

"That's why if elected, we'll commit \$15 million for an indoor swimming pool in Lanyon, and give the community the facility it deserves," Mr Seselja said.

"This pool will be a great asset for all members of the Lanyon community," he concluded.

Mr Smyth said that Tuggeranong residents have endured ten years of massive rates increases, but haven't been given adequate community facilities in return.

"A new indoor swimming pool for Lanyon is part of our comprehensive plan to improve local services with lower rates and charges," Mr Smyth said.

*Source: Media Release*

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# Off Beat

## Small brains are OK



An international research breakthrough with bees means machines might soon be able to see almost as well as humans. The Australian and French research shows that honeybees use multiple rules to solve complex visual problems.

The research team trained individual honeybees to fly into a Y-shaped maze that presented different elements to negotiate like above/below or left/right.

With extended training the bees were able to learn that the elements had to have two sets of rules. The findings show that possessing a large complex brain is not necessary to master multiple simultaneous conceptual rule learning.

*Connections*



- Oct 2:** TCC General Meeting, 7.30pm Tuggeranong Southern Cross Club
- 14:** Lions Club, Tuggeranong Homestead Markets
- 27:** [Canberra Nara](#) Candle Festival
- 30:** [Tuggeranong Festival](#) planning meeting, 6.30pm Tuggeranong Library
- Nov 6:** TCC General Meeting, 7.30pm Tuggeranong Southern Cross Club
- 16 to 18:** [Canberra Country Music Festival](#), Hall Grounds
- 23 Nov to 2 Dec:** [Tuggeranong Festival](#)
- Dec 1:** [Tuggeranong Festival](#) Family Day. Tuggeranong Town Park

# 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 may be interested in its contents.

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**BONYTHON**  
NEIGHBOURHOOD HALL

BARR SMITH AVENUE, BONYTHON



## AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

The **Bonython Neighbourhood Hall** is a contemporary community facility featuring modern decor and abundant natural light. The Hall has two function rooms with kitchen facilities and is ideal for dinners, dancing, aerobics, meetings (seating for up to 125 people) or other functions. Catering services available. Very competitive hire rates.

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