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TCC releases Tralee legal advice



The TCC's long opposition to residential development at Tralee is based on concerns aircraft flight paths will be relocated over parts of Canberra that currently do not suffer from aircraft noise. (Photo ABC)

The Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) has received legal advice regarding the planned South Tralee residential development and its possible future impact on Canberra residents.

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The TCC requested its lawyers to advise *what if any legal options are open to Canberra residents who find that their lives, health and neighbourhood amenity are negatively impacted if aircraft flight paths are changed as a result of concerns about increased air traffic and noise by future residents of South Tralee.*

TCC's lawyers have advised Canberra residents may have the option to take individual or group legal action if flight paths are changed in a way which will adversely impact their amenity.

They advise in such circumstances, action could be directed at the Federal Government or its agencies as they have responsibility for air traffic.

The TCC does not envisage taking legal action itself, however it will provide advice and support to individuals and groups of Canberra residents who may decide to take legal action themselves in the future.

The TCC opposes residential development at South Tralee. It believes that despite all assurances from the

NSW Government, Queanbeyan City Council and the developer Tralee residents will express concerns about increased air traffic and noise in the future and successfully campaign to have flight paths relocated over parts of Canberra and Queanbeyan that currently do not suffer from aircraft noise.

Gallagher reluctantly accepts Tralee decision

The ACT Government has reiterated its opposition to the proposed South Tralee residential development but says it will work constructively with the NSW Government and Queanbeyan City Council if and when the development goes ahead.

In a written response to issues raised at a recent meeting with the Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) executive, Chief Minister Katy Gallagher said the ACT Government and Legislative Assembly had consistently expressed ongoing opposition to the Tralee development.

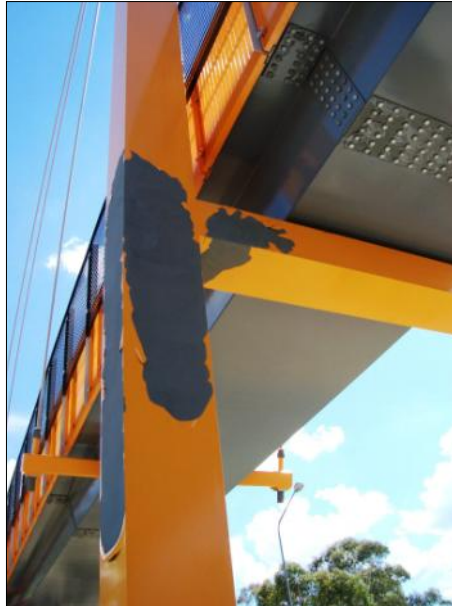
She said key concerns included:

- aircraft noise being a likely problem for future residents of South Tralee leading to pressure for changes to aircraft flight paths to provide for noise sharing by Canberra and Queanbeyan residents.

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New bridge losing its shine



Large section of bare steel is exposed as protective paint flakes off the new \$6m pedestrian bridge at Kambah.

The new pedestrian and cycle bridge over Drakeford Drive is already losing its shine. The \$6 million construction was completed late last year and adjoins the new Kambah super school.

However, in just a matter of weeks great strips of orange paint began peeling off the structure.

Areas on the giant stanchion, that carries the weight of the bridge, are already down to bare metal with paint strips, the size of a dinner plate, strewn around the base and road.

Liberal Member for Brindabella, Andrew Wall, said it is another example of a poorly finished infrastructure project overseen by ACT Labor.

"With school returning soon the Government must ensure it is completely safe for all users," Mr. Wall said.

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- The possibility of a curfew for Canberra Airport which would restrict the operations of the Airport and limit economic development of Canberra and the region.
- The lack of agreed funding arrangements in place to adequately compensate the ACT for the infrastructure and services required to support these developments.

Ms Gallagher said the proposed development appears to be inconsistent with the National Airport Safeguarding Framework which was endorsed by Australian State and Territory Ministers at the Standing Council on Transport and Infrastructure meeting on 18 May 2012.

"While very disappointed with the decision to approve South Tralee, the ACT Government will work constructively with the NSW Government and Queanbeyan City Council if and when the development goes ahead, she said.

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Chief Minister to address TCC

Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher will be special guest speaker at the first 2013 general meeting of the Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC).

Ms Gallagher is expected to talk on a range of issues concerning Tuggeranong residents and take questions from the floor.

The meeting will be in the upstairs formal dining room at the Southern Cross Club Greenway on Tuesday, 5 February commencing at 7.30pm.

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Chief Minister answers TCC's concerns



L to R: Secretary, Darryl Johnston, President, Nick Tsoulas, Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher, ALP Members for Brindabella, Joy Burch and Mick Gentleman, Vice President, Russ Morison and Treasurer, Frank Vrins.

Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher, has responded to a list of concerns raised during a recent meeting with a delegation from the Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC). The delegation was led by TCC President Nick Tsoulas and ALP Members for Brindabella, Joy Burch and Mick Gentleman also attended. Issues raised included progress on the Tuggeranong Master Plan, Tuggeranong Homestead, a master plan for the Calwell Group Centre, Ashley Drive duplication and tertiary education facilities in Tuggeranong.

In a detailed letter to the TCC Ms Gallagher said the Tuggeranong Town Centre Master Plan was endorsed by the ACT Government in September 2012. She said the Master Plan recommends up to 7800 new dwellings in the Tuggeranong Town Centre, to support the viability of existing retail and other services and facilities in the Centre.

"As it grows Tuggeranong will become an increasingly desirable place to live," Ms Gallagher said.

The plan calls for a range of building heights from two storeys to eight to nine storeys. Ms Gallagher said the heights have been determined in consideration with street hierarchy, views to the lake and surrounding mountain ranges and protecting solar access to public spaces.

"Further work will need to be done on proposals to relocate the bus in-

terchange from Pitman Street to Reed Street North. It will need analysis and investigation to clarify costs, opportunities and appropriate timing," she said.

Ms Gallagher said the Plan will also help deliver a new town square connecting the Centre to the lake, improve pedestrian and cyclist access and protect views to surrounding hills and mountains.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister does not believe there is a need for a Master Plan for the Calwell Group Centre. She said the requirement to prepare a Master Plan for Calwell has been addressed in response to correspondence from former MLA Amanda Bresnan's Assembly Motion passed on 26 October 2011. Ms Gallagher said the motion addressed the community's concerns for park and ride facilities, improving truck parking and lighting and providing bus shelters and additional footpaths.

"The motion also sought priority for a master plan for Calwell to identify an alternative pool site, dental practice and second childcare centre. All these issues can be addressed without the need for a master plan," she said.

In regard to Tuggeranong Homestead, Ms Gallagher said the Parliamentary Agreement between Labor and the Greens commits the Government to constructing wetlands to

assist in improving the water quality of Lake Tuggeranong and the Murrumbidgee River.

"The CSIRO has identified a number of sites in Tuggeranong that could improve water quality in the Tuggeranong Catchment. These include sites adjacent to Drakeford Drive, Kambah and Isabella Drive, Fadden, Wanniasa and Tuggeranong Homestead," she said.

Ms Gallagher said in 2013/14 a water quality feasibility study to determine optimum wetland sites will be undertaken and community consultation program will begin with the construction of two wetlands to be completed by 2014/15. She said the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) will be submitting a business case as part of the 2013/14 Budget for the construction of the \$7.5 million new Learning Centre for Tuggeranong.

"The development will be undertaken in stages. Final sketch plans have been completed with the next step being to prepare construction documentation. A temporary facility will be required for students while refurbishment of the Tuggeranong Arts Centre takes place and during construction of the new facility," she added.

Finally Ms Gallagher said design for the upgrade of Ashley Drive Stage One is currently underway with the construction tender to be called in early 2013.

"Funds of \$7 million were allocated for these works as part of the 2011/12 Budget. The initial stage of works includes the duplication of Erindale Drive from Sternberg Crescent to Ashley Drive as well as some intersection improvements and shared path in the vicinity of the Erindale Group Centre," she said.

"Part of the Government 2012 Election commitments is to progress the second stage of the Ashley Drive duplication from Erindale Drive to Johnson Drive over the next four years," she concluded.

Darryl Johnston

Restored firestorm tree unveiled



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Carved by artist Bryan Carrick on one of the trees that was left standing after the devastating 2003 firestorm, and unveiled in October 2005, the tree has become a symbol of the Mt Taylor Estate community's spirit and resilience.

Ms Burch said she instructed artsACT to fund and manage the restoration of the memorial mid last year following representations from the Mt Taylor Estate Residents Association.

"Over time the tree had deteriorated, and I am pleased that the ACT Government has been able to work with residents and the artist to complete this restoration in time for the 10th anniversary of the fires," Ms Burch said.

"As a Tuggeranong resident I understand how significant the *Firestorm Story Tree* is to the residents who were affected by the January 2003 bushfires, and I considered it important to preserve it for future generations," she said.

"International Conservation Services were engaged to prepare a scope of works which included stabilising the tree, restoring the tree, engaging the artists to undertake carving new elements and painting the artwork, and installing a protective fence."

"Also, an original time capsule included with the artwork has been updated with contemporary material from the restoration and returned to the tree for future reference," she added.

Ms Burch was joined by Mt Taylor Estate Residents Association chair, Graham Fuller in unveiling the restored work. The residents association held a community event on site on Saturday 19 January to mark the anniversary of the Canberra Firestorm.

Citizen of the year

Nominations are sought for the 2013 Canberra Citizen of the Year Award and the Chief Minister's Canberra Gold Award. The Citizen of the Year Award will be presented by Chief Minister Katy Gallagher on 12 March 2013 – Canberra's 100th birthday.

Nominations for the Citizen of the Year Award are open to outstanding individuals and groups in any field, including the arts, health, education, community work, sport and business.

Ms Gallagher said Canberrans are encouraged to nominate family members, friends and colleagues who have lived in Canberra for 50 years or more for a Chief Minister's Canberra Gold Award, which acknowledges the long-term commitment of individuals, sporting and community groups, and businesses to the ACT.

Ms Gallagher said the Gold Awards are in their ninth year, and in the Centenary year they will have special significance, with recipients receiving their award as part of Centenary celebrations in early March.

Nominations for both awards must be made by 31 January. Nomination forms are available at Canberra Connect shopfronts, libraries, by calling Canberra Connect on 13 22 81, and online at www.cmd.act.gov.au/communication/gold and www.cmd.act.gov.au/communication/canbcitizen



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Tiled path a reminder of youthful days



Former Bonython resident, Anne Walker, sits by the tiles made by her children almost 20-years ago.

A community project organised in Tuggeranong nearly two decades ago recently prompted a nostalgic moment for a family that called the

area home during their early years.

The Tuggeranong Town Park has a special path containing many small tiles. Each tile bears the handprints, messages and drawings of the young people living in the area during the early nineties. These personalised tiles have been set in a patchwork of little mementos reflecting innocent years.

“This was his prolific period.”

Travis and Lisa Ranson, were around five and three years of age and living in Bonython when they created their tiles. Now these young adults live in Adelaide with their mother, Anne Walker.

Travis is 22 years old and is very physically active. He has nurtured a Parkour community, which has ties with Canberra and other cities, where young people use the built

environment to practise their skills such as balance, speed, discipline and grace. Lisa is 20 and studying public relations at university and she enjoys photography.

Neither of Travis nor Lisa remember making their tiles, but when Anne visited Canberra recently, she visited the park to check if the path was still there.

She was pleased to see the tiles looked just as they did when they were first laid nearly a generation ago between the aquatic centre and the playground.

Travis and Lisa feel sentimental to know a mark of their childhood is still present in the area where they used to play. Lisa has one 'original work' in the path and Travis has three.

“This was his prolific period,” quips Anne.

Anne Walker

Demolition begins



Macarthur Preschool is due to be demolished soon to make way for a childcare centre.

Demolition is expected to begin soon of the old Macarthur Preschool.

The Southside Chronicle reported last week the site will be used to construct a new child care centre due to be opened by the end of the year.

Earlier this year, Canberra Liberals Leader and Member for Brindabella, Zed Seselja, expressed concern over the state of the building and ongoing vandalism.

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TCC welcomes drop in crime

Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) President, Nick Tsoulias, has welcomed the latest statistics showing a drop in property crime in Tuggeranong.

The latest quarterly crime statistics released by ACT Policing show the majority of offences reported to police have decreased when compared with the same period in 2011.

Acting Superintendent of ACT Policing, Chris Meagher said, of note, property damage incidents in Tuggeranong have decreased 27.5 per cent over the same period, from 406 in October-December 2011, to 295 reported offences in the October-December 2012 quarter.

Mr Tsoulias said the TCC welcomed the fall in property crime in Tuggeranong and congratulated ACT Policing for its tireless work.

"Of course police can only succeed in reducing crime with the help of the community. ACT policing has a good working relationship with many schools, colleges and community groups in Tuggeranong including the TCC, Mr Tsoulias said.

Lung group moves

The Canberra Lung Life Support Group has moved to the Burns Club at, Kambah. The Group's first meeting for 2013 was held at the new venue.

The Canberra Lung Life Support Group offers support for people with a variety of chronic lung conditions and their carers and partners.

Most members suffer from the various forms of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) including emphysema or chronic bronchitis while others suffer from bronchiectasis or pulmonary fibrosis or other lung diseases and conditions.

Group Coordinator, Helen Cotter, said the group meets from 10.15am to mid-day on the second Thursday of every month often with a guest speaker and many members follow the meeting with lunch.

"Those who are unable to attend meetings can keep in touch through our monthly newsletter," she said.

For more information contact Helen Cotter, at Lung.life1@hotmail.com or phone 6281 2988.

News in brief

Dental plan scrapped

Thousands of vulnerable Canberra residents will suffer as a result of the Greens siding with Labor to scrap the Chronic Disease Dental Scheme (CDDS), according to ACT Liberal Senator Gary Humphries.

Senator Humphries said the scheme provided Medicare dental treatment to people suffering chronic diseases, was dumped just before Christmas.

"In the last three years almost 8000 Canberrans, who needed extensive dental work but who could not otherwise have afforded it, have accessed the scheme. Labor says a new system will be introduced but will not be in effect until 2014," he said.

The CDDS has been shut down without thinking about what to do in the interim and those in need are going to be 19 months without anything, Senator Humphries said.

NDIS funds

Member for Canberra, Gai Brodtmann has announced three ACT-based organizations will receive close to \$300 000 to get ready for the introduction of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

"A National Disability Insurance Scheme will change the way we deliver care and support for people with a disability here in Canberra," Ms Brodtmann said.

The National Rural Health Alliance will receive \$77,000 to consult with people with a disability, their carers and families, on the delivery of services in rural and remote communities. The Disability Advocacy Network of Australia will receive \$123,480 to develop an online tool about advocacy and the NDIS. ACT Disability, Aged and Carer Advocacy will receive \$90,200 to develop tools for supported decision-making, helping people with a disability make



Off beat



The car (pictured) was recently spotted "parked" on its roof in the Calwell Shopping Centre car park.

Morning shoppers were more than a little bemused when confronted with the sight. Despite sitting on its roof, the little hatchback sat perfectly within the parking space lines.

The scene begged questions from passers by and other motorists as to how it got there.

Was this a result of a new form of parking space rage between frustrated drivers?

Had the driver just finished in the nearby car wash and was now drying the underside of the vehicle? or is this an example of the future Calwell Park and Ride?



- Feb 5:** TCC General Meeting, 7.30pm Tuggeranong Southern Cross Club
- 9/10:** Carnival in the City
- 22/24:** Royal Canberra Show
- Mar 1/9:** Enlighten Canberra
- 4/17:** Canberra Balloon Spectacular.
- 6:** TCC General Meeting, 7.30pm Tuggeranong Southern Cross Club
- 16:** Skyfire
- Apr 2:** 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.

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

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

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