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Southquay development unveiled



Tuggeranong Community Council President, Nick Tsoulis, on the site of the planned Southquay development on the banks of Lake Tuggeranong

The Land Development Agency (LDA) was recently on-site at the Tuggeranong Hyperdome updating the community on the proposed Southquay Development Application (DA) currently being assessed by the ACT Government.

The DA will provide planning approval for the construction of proposed roads, park, and public realm. It will also create the land parcels for sale.

LDA officials say in general, the community response was positive, with a majority of Hyperdome shoppers applauding the increase of residential housing stock within the Town Centre.

The investment by the ACT Government, particularly in parklands and pedestrian and cyclist links, was recognised and considered a benefit to the wider Tuggeranong Town Centre that would contribute to the vitality and vibrancy of the area.

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The LDA is committed to keeping the community informed on this exciting project and expect to be present at the May 2013 Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) meeting, to further update interested members of the public.

The Greenway Lakeside Master Plan was developed in 2010-2011 by the LDA, in consultation with the community and, in particular, the Tuggeranong Community Council. The Master Plan will ultimately deliver approximately 1,000 dwellings over the coming 4-5 years.

The Master Plan was prepared based on a set of planning principles, which include elements such as design that focuses activity towards Lake Tuggeranong, to encourage a lively water front for the Town Centre. Development will also maximise views towards the Lake and a lake front destination will be created, to draw people to the shoreline.

Anketell Street will be strengthened through development, to encourage street life and activity. The public accessibility of the lakefront will not only be maintained, but enhanced through provision of upgraded shared pathways and pedestrian walkways that will better connect Anketell Street to the lake's edge.

The Tuggeranong Town Centre Master Plan (TTCMP) was prepared by Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate (ESDD) parallel to the Greenway Lakeside Master Plan, throughout 2011. The Greenway Lakeside precinct is incorporated into the TTCMP, reflecting the development densities and building heights proposed in the Greenway Lakeside Master Plan.

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Work off fines

The Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) has welcomed changes to Road Transport Legislation announced recently by Attorney General, Simon Corbell. The changes allow ACT drivers who can't afford to pay traffic and parking fines to be able to work off their debt through community service or pay by instalments.

TCC President, Nick Tsoulis, said the Council had campaigned for almost two years to establish a scheme that allowed people in financial difficulty to pay off their debts to government.

Under changes financially disadvantaged people will be allowed to combine multiple parking and traffic infringements into one debt, which they can pay off through instalments. Mr. Corbell announced they will start from \$10 a fortnight.

"The new scheme, which starts on May 24, will also allow drivers to undertake community work or social development programs in place of payment, Mr. Corbell said.

Participation in such programs will discount an individual's debt under a set rate, and applications must be supported by the organisation that provides the program. The only existing option for ACT drivers struggling to pay their fines has been to write to the Chief Police Officer and ask for an extension of time to pay a penalty notice.

"The new payment options will assist people whose personal situation makes it significantly harder for them to pay their traffic and parking penalties, particularly those who are disadvantaged financially or may be going through a difficult period in their lives," Mr. Corbell added.

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Land on the western side of Lake Tuggeranong is predominantly within Commercial Zone 3 (CZ3). The building heights proposed within the Greenway Lakeside Master Plan comply with the Greenway Map and Code, set out in the Territory Plan. A Draft Variation to the Territory Plan (DVP) has been triggered by the finalisation of the TTCMP. The DVP will facilitate the proposed development of the eastern side of Lake Tuggeranong.

The LDA anticipates commencing construction of the Greenway Lakeside western estate in mid-2013, with the first sale of land blocks to commence by the end of this calendar year. Greenway Lakeside East is not expected to be ready for sale for another 4-5 years.

A static display on the planned development has been located at the Tuggeranong Library, where it will be in place until 7 April 2013. For further information on the Greenway Lakeside Master Plan, please visit: www.lda.act.gov.au or to view the current DA, or to provide comments on the development, please visit: www.actpla.act.gov.au and click 'Have Your Say' tab, then search for Greenway.

TCC President, Nick Tsoulis, said the TCC supports the Southquay project. He said it will help to revitalise the Tuggeranong Town Centre, help to reverse the population decline in the Valley and provide jobs in the building and the construction industry.

"In its support of the Southquay development the Council has also called for the setting aside of funds by developers to be used to maintain and care for Lake Tuggeranong.

Main article submitted by LDA.

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Changes planned for Macarthur streets

The ACT Government has moved to stage two of its community consultation program over street improvements in Macarthur, Fadden and Gowrie.

The ACT Government says the proposed improvements to residential streets will address community concerns and improve the safety and amenity of residents. Consultants, Browns and Purdons have been engaged to jointly undertake this study.

The consultants say an important part of this project is seeking feedback from local residents and the surrounding community.

In December 2012 the consultants collected feedback about issues of concern from local residents in the three suburbs, as well as the wider community.

They are now seeking further feedback on potential options to improve traffic conditions in this local area. These options have been developed to address feedback received during the earlier consultation period and the results of the technical analysis of traffic data.

The consultants say key concerns raised by the community included speeding, dangerous intersections,

driveway safety and "rat running" through the suburbs. The concerns identified as requiring immediate solutions were speeding, traffic safety and excessive traffic volumes.

Technical analysis of traffic data showed the worst streets were Coyne Street, near Carson Street, Bugden Avenue, near Partridge Street and Bramston Street, and Castleton Crescent, near Partridge Street.

Traffic volumes on Sternberg Crescent, Kellett Street and Coyne Street, near Bugden Avenue and Carson Street, also exceed the acceptable limits for the road environment.

The study is considering various methods of traffic management treatment including physical devices to slow traffic and to improve safety.

For further information and to participate in the consultation program please visit: http://www.tams.act.gov.au/about-us/community_engagement/current_community_engagement/macarthur_fadden_and_gowrie

Pay rise for aged care workers

Older people in the ACT will be the ultimate winners from a landmark deal that will provide higher wages, better conditions and more rewarding careers for the nation's 350,000 aged care workers, according to Member for Canberra, Gai Brodtmann.

Ms Brodtmann said as part of its Living Longer Living Better aged care reforms, the Australian Government has provided up to \$1.2 billion to address workforce pressures.

"This funding will flow from July through a 'Workforce Supplement', delivering pay rises for aged care nurses, care workers and others in the aged care industry. This is a big boost for thousands of aged care workers in our local community providing an extra 1% pay rise above minimum annual wage increases or wage rises negotiated through enterprise bargaining agreements," she said.

"This effectively means a personal care worker currently paid the award rate and who is employed by an aged care provider that meets the requirements would effectively see a pay rise of up to 18.7% over four years. Enrolled nurses would receive 25% higher pay and registered nurses 29.9% higher pay in the same situation," she said.

"We know aged care workers in our local community are likely to almost triple over the next few decades with our ageing population reaching the age where they need support. Most Australians who pursue a career in aged care do it for much more than the financial reward, but pay rises of that level are a big incentive to work in this growing industry and a reward for those already working in aged care," she added.

"We want the best possible aged care workforce to support our parents, grandparents and, at some point, ourselves, and this funding will help attract more good people to work in the industry," Ms Brodtmann said.

Source: Media Release



Zed last week



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Former minister questions Tralee decision



Former Howard Government Aviation Minister John Sharp, says when it comes to airports and residential development we should learn from past mistakes.

(Image: News Limited)

A former Howard government minister has questioned the decision by the NSW government to approve residential development at South Tralee.

John Sharp, who served in the Howard Government as Minister for Transport, Aviation and Regional Development, said he found the decision hard to comprehend.

“The Tuggeranong Community Council and others are right to be concerned....”

“I cannot understand how the NSW Government can say it is looking to Canberra Airport to help ease the burden of Sydney and then turn around and approve a development that can have a negative impact on its operations as well as the community,” Mr Sharp said.

“Neither proposal seems to make any sense to me. When I was minister the Howard Government opposed this development based on expert opinion from my department and others and my mind has not changed today. I still believe it is the wrong place to build homes,” Mr Sharp said.

“The Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) and others are right to be concerned that it will lead to aircraft noise sharing over Canberra

and Queanbeyan. Your fears are real and you are on the right track in voicing concerns. However, I believe it will be sooner than you expect, not in 10 to 15-years,” he warned.

Mr Sharp’s statements echo those of Labor Federal Transport Minister, Anthony Albanese and Labor ACT federal and Legislative Assembly politicians.

Mr Sharp served in the Federal Parliament for 14-years as the National Party member for Gilmore and then the seat of Hume. He served in the Howard ministry as Minister for Transport from March 1996 to September 1997 and retired from politics in 1998.

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During his parliamentary career he embarked major reforms to the aviation industry and aircraft safety, including a complete rewrite of the aviation regulations to simplify them.

He is also a director of Australian Aerospace, a director and part owner of Skytraders, Deputy Chairman of Australia’s largest independent regional airline Regional Express (Rex), and Chairman of Pel Air.

Mr Sharp is also a pilot. He says when it comes to airports and aircraft noise we should learn from experience.

“When people knowingly buy homes close to airports they complain about noise and want the flight-paths moved,” Mr Sharp said.

“It makes more sense to develop Tralee for light industry, an extension to the Hume Industrial Estate.”

“When I was minister we had a classic example at Coolangatta Airport when homes were built close to the end of the runway. We erected billboards warning people they were buying into an aircraft noise affected area, but the land was cheap and they still built their “macmansions” there. No sooner, they started complaining about the noise and campaigned to close the runway,” he said.

“They wanted the runway relocated to run from east to west instead of north to south which meant it would have cut through the middle of the Coolangatta central business district, across the beach and into the ocean. They honestly believed this outrageous plan would solve all their noise problems,” Mr Sharp said.

“So, it makes more sense to develop Tralee for light industry, an extension to the Hume Industrial Estate as the TCC and others have suggested,” he concluded.

Humphries accepts preselection defeat

Long serving ACT Liberal Senator, Gary Humphries, has accepted the outcome of the latest round in the bitter Liberal Party preselection contest. Senator Humphries lost preselection for his ACT Senate seat to Member for Brindabella, and former ACT Liberal Leader, Zed Seselja in a second round of voting.

Senator Humphries says he will retire from politics at the next Federal election in September.

NDIS support for disabled

Tuggeranong residents with a disability or mental illness can apply for their share of an extra \$7.8 million available over two years under the ACT Government's agreement with the Commonwealth on the implementation of a National Disability Insurance Scheme.

ACT Minister for Disability and Member for Brindabella, Joy Burch, has announced how the first tranche of funding from the landmark agreement will flow, providing enhanced services to residents, some of whom may previously not have received Government support for their disability.

"From July eligible ACT residents with disabilities or mental illness will be able to apply for one-off grants that may be used in a variety of ways to improve their quality of life," Ms Burch said.

"These grants may be for aids and equipment or other services that reduce the impact of their disability, improve independence and increase participation in community activity," she said.

Ms Burch said the grants are aimed at those in most need of immediate and additional support ahead of the ACT's transition to the NDIS from July 2014.

For more information about the NDIS in the ACT visit:
www.act.gov.au/NDIS

Source: Media Release

Sick warned about medical supplies company

A Tuggeranong woman with serious health problems has issued a warning about a Queensland company she alleges is pressuring the sick into purchasing thousands of dollars worth of specialised furniture.

The resident claims she received a phone call from the company suggesting it was undertaking a health survey.

She says the phone call was then followed by a visit from a woman she believed was a nurse.

I received another call from the company saying she would be arriving at my house soon.

"She arrived at my door and then asked to sit at the table," the resident said.

"I asked, 'who are you with?' The woman said she was with a company that supplies equipment for the aged," the resident added.

"She then proceeded to grill me about all the details of all my health problems."

"I asked what she might be selling, she said, '*Never mind about that, I'll just ask you all about your health problems first.*'"

"Next it was into my bedroom. I had to find pillows to build up the bed head and then lie down on my back," the resident said.

"She then demonstrated what a vibrating mattress would feel like. She

said it was supposed to be very therapeutic and help all my ailments."

The resident said the woman presented a picture of a bed with a price tag of \$7,000, showed her a DVD about the product on her computer and then used her house phone to ring the office.

"I heard her say, '*Yes she can see it's a good idea and I'm just giving her the payment details.*'"

The resident then cried out, "*I'm not buying it today.*"

"She came back to me, wrote out payment methods and then called the office again," the resident said.

"This time I had to speak to the lady in the office and she said she had an extra good deal for me, one king single bed for only \$3,100. But, I said I couldn't possibly buy it today."

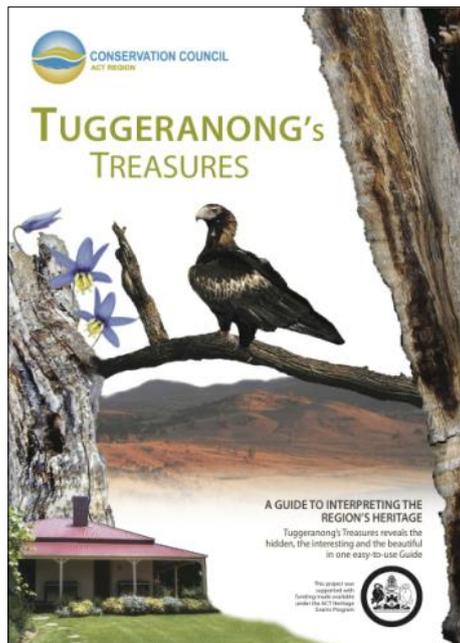
"I could see the saleswoman wasn't happy," the resident added.

The resident claims she was then pressured by the saleswoman who said she had instructions to ring her head office soon with a sale or else the good offer won't last.

Despite the resident's requests she was not given a copy of information about therapeutic beds, medical conditions they can help and other information. She has warned others to be ware of this company and its high pressure sales tactics.



Valley treasures unearthed



A new publication, highlighting the hidden treasures of Tuggeranong, will be available from April

Tuggeranong's Treasures is the latest publication in the Conservation Council ACT Region's *Treasures* series. This guidebook informs readers of the history and the natural features residing in the Tuggeranong Valley.

Funded by the ACT Heritage Grants program, the guidebook features many natural and cultural heritage sites of Tuggeranong such as Farrer Ridge, Cooleman Ridge, Tuggeranong Homestead and many more.

The guidebook enables residents and visitors to enjoy outdoor activities in the valley such as biking, bushwalking, birdwatching, swimming, picnics and photography, while gaining an understanding of the Valley's heritage and environment.

Tuggeranong Treasures will be available for purchase from April. For copies contact the Conservation Council ACT Region on 6229 3200 or email: info@conservationcouncil.org.au

Other booklets also available in the *Treasures* series include: *Gungahlin's Treasures* and *Belconnen's Treasures*.

Ground fees increase

Shadow Sports Minister, Steve Doszpot, has called on the ACT Government not to increase sports ground fees.

Mr. Doszpot claims sports ground fees have increased 54% and accuses the ACT Government of not consulting with sporting clubs.

"On the one hand, we have clubs telling us that ground fees are a huge impost, and on the other, we have a minister who says they are a mere trifle," Mr. Doszpot said when introducing a motion in the ACT Legislative Assembly.

"And to add insult to injury, there are no warnings, no consultation about any fee increases," he said.

Mr. Doszpot said the fees listed on the website notionally expired in September last year.

News in brief

AHHA accused of electoral breach.

The Australian Home Heating Association (AHHA) is one of two industry lobby groups facing fines from electoral authorities after breaking political funding laws in last year's ACT election, according to the Canberra Times.

On 14 March the newspaper reported the Law Society of the ACT, battling against changes to the territory's third party insurance scheme, and the AHHA, fighting restrictions on wood fire heaters, had both breached the \$60,000 spending cap.

The Canberra Times reported ACT electoral commissioner, Phillip Green, told a Legislative Assembly committee each group could be fined for twice the amount of the breach.

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Call for grants

ACT Attorney-General, Simon Corbell, is calling for grant applications as part of the Confiscation of Criminal Assets Trust Fund (the COCA Fund) grants program.

Up to \$80,000 from the COCA Fund is available in grants to eligible projects that focus on crime prevention and victim support. Grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded to eligible projects.

Applications close on 29 April 2013.
Visit: www.justice.act.gov.au

TCC Meeting

The next meeting of the Tuggeranong Community Council will be held on Tuesday 7 May 2013.

The topics for discussion include the development of the land opposite Bunnings hardware store in Greenway for the new residential suburb of Southquay.

The meeting will commence at 7.30pm in the upstairs formal dining room at the Southern Cross Club in Greenway. For more information visit; www.tuggcc.com



- Apr 13:** 1913 Country Fair
National Museum of Australia
- Apr 13/14:** Australian Running Festival
Telopea Park
- Apr 14:** Tuggeranong Homestead Markets
- Apr 21:** National Carillon Frolic
- Apr 25:** Anzac Day
- Apr 28:** Australian Institute of Sport Open Day
- May 7:** TCC General Meeting,
7.30pm Tuggeranong Southern Cross Club
- May 12:** Tuggeranong Homestead Markets

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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