

**Tuggeranong Community Council Inc**  
**Minutes General Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014**

**Present:**

See attendance record of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014.

Vice President Glenys Patulny opened the Meeting just after 7.30pm.

**Welcomes:**

All MLAs and the guest speaker, Emma Thomas from Capital Metro.

**Apologies:**

Eric Traise, Clem & Jill Longdon, Rusty Woodward, Peter & Judy Brentnall.

**President's Report (Mr. Eric Traise):**

Glenys Patulny presented the attached report written by Eric Traise.

Moved: *Carole Traise*

Seconded: *Alison Ryan*

**Confirmation of Minutes of March Meeting:**

The draft Minutes of the previous meeting were presented, as circulated and the website.

Moved: *Darryl Johnston*

Seconded: *Janice Petrie*

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

Reference to Visitor from Neighbourhood Watch changed to Visitor from **Bonython** Neighbourhood Watch.

**Secretary's Report (Ms Lynn Bott):**

"As Minute Secretary I am not always available for the TCC General Meeting and no one seems willing to take on the job, so please if you move or second anything at the meeting state your full name so that it can be picked up from the tape recording of the meeting. Also the microphone needs to be used whenever people speak. I apologise in advance for any mistakes or omissions."

**Treasurer's Report (Mr. Max Flint):**

The Treasurer delivered his report as attached.

Some initiatives were listed for promoting the TCC.

All members of the TCC are welcome to make suggestions to the Committee for ways of spending some of the Grant money to promote the Tuggeranong Region.

Copies of the criteria for gaining a grant from TCC were placed on the table for members to read.

Q. Where do the criteria originate?

A. The committee prepared them incorporating an extract from the grant between TCC and the ACT Government, as in, the Charter on how we can spend money. It also takes in our Constitution.

Moved: *Greg Downing*

Seconded: *Robyn Chapman*

**Sub-Committee and other Reports:**

- *Web Master*

Darryl Johnston gave an update on the TCC web site, and gave a PowerPoint presentation. He mentioned that an electronic newsletter is now being sent out to members.

We are now on Facebook and need more 'Likes' so that TCC will be promoted by Facebook.

*- East Greenway*

Beverly Flint reported that the East Greenway Planning & Development Infrastructure is on a tight budget. The footpath lines on the lake foreshore can only be updated on bends. Some signs relating to cyclists ringing their bells have been removed and may not be replaced.

Speed signs and lighting need improvement. Lobbying on these issues will continue.

Anyone who was involved with the Parramatta Hospital (NSW) in the past or has any information on its beginnings, please contact Beverly.

*- Environment Committee*

Glenys Patulny reported on:

Letter from Simon Corbell in relation to the \$85m. to be spent on water quality in the ACT.

Lake Tuggeranong has been included as one of the six representative catchments to be funded under this project. A two step process to be followed: firstly, further data collection of each catchment through till 2016. This data combined with other historical data will give the best indication of priority needs. Further details of this can be found on the Department's Environment Website.

Commencement of Lake Tuggeranong project expected to start mid-year. In light of this Tuggeranong Lake Carers' (TLC) have decided to hold a Public Forum on April 29<sup>th</sup>, called 'Fix the Stink'. Specific people will be invited to attend as well as general public. Brochures will be available plus a petition to the Government looking for signatures to Clean up Our Lake.

Question (Meg Blackman): Any progress on arranging to get Ian Lawrence and or Peter Andrews to come and talk to us here at TCC?

R: Come to the Forum in two weeks' time as these people will be there.

*- Transport Committee*

Russ Morison had nothing to report.

*- Planning Committee*

Wayne King advised that the Planning Meeting has been postponed till next week (April 9<sup>th</sup>). Wayne will bring us up to date at the next meeting.

**Police Report (Sergeant Jo Cameron):**

56 Burglaries, 78 Property Damage, 36 Assaults, 15 reports of Stolen Motor Vehicles, 18 reports of Number Plate Thefts, 53 Reports of Thefts from Motor Vehicles, 30 Arrests, in all 1,366 Incidents.

Information received from the public helps the Police force to target specific problem areas.

Q. Do you have business cards with emergency numbers on them?

A. Contact number 000 in a life threatening emergency for Police to attend. To report a crime 131 444, speak to an operator and they will determine the severity of the crime.

Q. Do you expect crimes to go up next month?

A. School holidays can lead to young people going on a spree. So it is a possibility. People can report incidents to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or via the website.

Q. Motor Vehicle break in stats for return of property?

A. Clearance numbers on website and in annual report.

Q. Can you state the recent problem in Jim Pike Avenue, Gordon?

A. Report of a deceased person caused police presence.

Q. Do you need to remove tow bar tongues from vehicles when not being used to tow?

A. Will be taken on notice.

Q. Mortimer Lewis Drive issue.

A. Taken on notice.

If possible, note the registration of the vehicle and advise the police.

**Update from Local Members:**

**Mick Gentleman:**

- Opening of the Health Centre was well represented by the TCC.
- Katy Gallagher made mention of our support for the Health Centre. It was an ambitious but necessary expansion of the old facility for the Tuggeranong community.

- There is a 25% increase in floor space. A staff of 90, which will grow to 120, with the capacity to provide up to 55,000 consultations in a year.
- A range of services will include: Aged Care and Rehabilitation related services, Adult Mental Health, Community Nursing Services, Community Pediatric and Child Health Services also Dental Services, Women's Health and Dialysis will be available shortly at the Centre. The room structure is in place but fit-out is still needed in some of the consulting rooms. Should be open around June.
- In the Assembly they have been looking at the expansion of the number of Members in the Assembly. Both major parties have agreed on the expansion that was recommended in the recent report to 25 Members at the next election. A special committee has been created to look at Amendments to the Electoral Act. They will be looking at related issues to the Electoral Act 1992, the recent High Court decision the Unions NSW, ORS in NSW that occurred last year and the Elections ACT Report on the Legislative Assembly Election 2012 which highlighted some issues.
- Mick Gentleman is the Chair of that Committee, Alistair Coe from the Canberra Liberals is Deputy Chair and Shane Rattenbury joins them from the ACT Greens. They meet this week and submissions will be open to the inquiry. They would like the TCC to make a submission to the inquiry.
- Facebook issue. The Hawks have 691 likes, maybe we could like each other to improve our exposure. The Theodore Walking Group also has a web page, they walk every Tuesday and Saturday and their events are on the Facebook page.

**Nicole Lawder:**

- Nicole is very keen to hear from people on the subject of the Lake and the \$85m allocated in funds. No one has approached her at this stage about the subject although she has had meetings with Greg Hunt & Simon Birmingham the Federal Politicians who are responsible for that portfolio. She has spoken about her personal interest in the subject and would like to remind us that we have politicians at this meeting that could be useful for our Community Groups. It is important if you speak to one side that you say the same things to the other side. She is the Shadow Minister for the Environment also Housing and Family & Community Services.
- Today Nicole spent 4 hours planting trees in the Jerrabomberra Wetlands.
- Also another 4 hours at Ronald McDonald House.
- Last weekend Nicole shaved her head for the Cancer Council, Relay for Life. Her sister in law (who is a breast cancer survivor) shaved Nicole's head and loaned her a wig. They are hoping that the Cancer Council have broken the world record for the most number of heads shaved simultaneously. But they will have to wait to hear from the Guinness World Record people for confirmation.

**Brendan Smyth:**

- Nicole is very brave to have had her head shaved.
- Three years ago TCC advised the ACT Government that Valley residents were facing serious financial hardship and the recent Budget would only add to their woes. For the second year in a row Tuggeranong residents had been hit with an average rate increase higher than any other district in the ACT. Looking at the budget document another increase of 10% in the next budget due in May. Charitable organisations are seeing an increase in demand for their services.
- Three years on has anything changed?
- What does the Council want out of the Budget, what direction is the Council taking and what do you expect from your Local MLAs?
- What are the projects that really count now for Tuggeranong?
- Well done to the Council for the work they do, but the question is how do we build up the community and how do we make Canberra a better place to live?

Q. Are there any figures on recent Rate rises?

A. The Government refuses to release any figures. But the rates are expected to triple over the next 10 years.

Q. General question to all MLAs. The Government legislated that baby car seats could not be used after they become 10 years old. The question is, how do you dispose of the car seats when they reach that 10 year age?

A. The legislation was made to protect the child as the plastic deteriorates after a number of years. Brendan will follow up on disposal issue.

Q. Mr Corbell wants to introduce some rather radical changes to the Planning Bill. Is there anything that can be done to stop this new legislation?

A. The Territory Plan lists what you can do and where you can do it and how you can do it. There are a number of variations that have made it very onerous for builders and those who want to build their homes. Some of the objectives are fine, some of the application is not so fine. The Land Development Agency is now probably the sole developer of land in the ACT, because they have set such high reserves on blocks of land they haven't been able to sell them in the private sector, so the Government has now taken the decision to be its own developer and on top of being its own developer it is now virtually its own approval authority by designating its own priority zone and going "hell for leather". Katy Gallagher said the day she became Chief Minister that this is a new era of openness of accountability and yet in terms of openness and accountability the Government certainly through Planning becomes less and less accountable by the way they are running this aided and abetted by the Greens.

### **General Business:**

Nil

### **Coffee Break:**

#### **Guest Speaker: Emma Thomas**

Emma gave a PowerPoint presentation on Capital Metro. Will be on the TCC website.

Christine Bloom assisted.

Q. What is the population of Gungahlin?

A. Will have to get back to us on that one.

Q. Will the track come down Northbourne Avenue the same as the road?

A. Light Rail may get traffic light priority, which will help the traffic as well as the Light Rail in the north/south direction.

Q. Why is Monaro Highway not listed as one of the tracks?

A. It's a long distance to travel that can't be justified by peak hour traffic alone. Express buses could be the answer.

Q. How do the people of Gungahlin feel about this project?

A. Gungahlin Community Council is very supportive. Light Rail Policy has been published in the latest edition of the "Gunsmoke" Newsletter. From all indications people are supportive in that area.

Q. Can we buy one ticket to take us from say Woden to Gungahlin or do we have to travel to the city by bus then buy another ticket?

A. Capital Metro will be working with Action and the network planners to make sure people can get good connectivity.

Q. When would Lanyon and Tuggeranong see the network under that model?

A. A reasonable distance into the future for Lanyon.

Q. How can Woden plan an upgrade of the Action interchange to incorporate Light Rail?

A. There will always be buses in these areas. There is a master plan for public transport in the ACT and it will look at integration of bus and light rail.

Q. Is there going to be enough funding for Light Rail and Action buses when the bus service is already lacking?

A. Metro will be working with Action on this.

Q. What are today's costs going to be for this project?

A. Metro is working through these costs at the moment.

Q. How do you see Light Rail being a transforming thing for this side of the Lake?

A. Employment is not restricted to one part of Canberra. Job creation and sustainability will be benefited by Light Rail.

### **Other Business:**

Nil

The next General Meeting will be **Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014. Meeting closed** 9.40pm.

Attachments below:

Presidents Report

Treasurers Report

## **TCC PRESIDENT'S REPORT - 1 APRIL 2014 GENERAL MEETING**

**There are 3 things to report on this month.**

**The first is on the official re-opening of the Tuggeranong Community Health Centre by the Chief Minister on Saturday morning 22 March. This was followed by a community cabinet meeting and an open day until 3 pm.**

**It was great to see a good roll-up from the public interested to see what the refurbished Centre looked like.**

**Plenty of people took the opportunity to buttonhole the various Ministers which is the purpose of the Community Council meeting.**

**The Centre re-opened for business on 27 March. The Walk-In Centre will probably be opened later this year.**

**If you've seen the latest Chronicle, there is a front page story about Kings Swim, Calwell. It's a good news story. The project looked like floundering because of the 'late fee' imposed by the ACT Government on the developer. As a result of the Government's decision to implement economy stimulus measures, the fee has been cut back to a low figure and the developer is proceeding.**

**A good result for Tuggeranong.**

**The final topic is just an update on the ongoing issue of the DSS's future accommodation. My DSS contact advises that no decision has yet been reached. However, you may have noticed that Sen. Seselja recently weighed in supporting DSS staying where they are but rebuilding on the current site.**

<b>TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL (TCC)</b>			
<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>			
<b>GENERAL MEETING</b>			
		1/04/14	S Cross Club
<b>ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD ENDING</b>		<b>March</b>	<b>2014</b>
		<b>Date</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Operating Account</b>			
	Start of Period	3/03/14	8,315.74
	End of Period	31/03/14	7,930.82
	Net Change for Period		-384.92
<b>Investment Account</b>			
	Start of Period	3/03/14	18,203.92
	End of Period	31/03/14	18,203.92
	Net change for Period		0.00
<b>Petty Cash</b>			
	<b>Start of Period</b>	0/01/00	3.60
	End of Period	31/03/14	3.60
	Net change for Period		0.00
<b>Total Accounts</b>			
	Start of Period	3/03/14	26,523.26
	End of Period	31/03/14	26,138.34
	Net change for Period		-384.92
<b>SN INCOME FOR PERIOD</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Sum</b>
	<b>Total Income (excluding transfers)</b>		0.00
<b>SN EXPENDITURES FOR Period</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Sum</b>
1	CSCC Room Rent	7/03/14	125
2	Optus	7/03/14	62.96
3	Aust Post PO Box Rent	7/03/14	107
4	Committee expenses	21/03/14	67.82
5	Optus	24/02/14	22.14
6			
	<b>Total Expenses (excluding transfers)</b>		384.92
<b>NOTES:</b>			