

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc
Annual General Meeting – 03 September 2013

Present:

See attendance record of 03 September 2013.

President Nick Tsoulias opened the Annual General Meeting at 7.50pm.

Welcomes:

Local and Federal Politicians; Rosemary and David Lissimore

Apologies:

As per General Meeting

President's Report (Mr Nick Tsoulias):

President, Nick Tsoulias presented the attached Annual Report:

Moved: Barry Bright Seconded: Bill Heins

Confirmation of Minutes of 2012 AGM Meeting:

The Secretary presented the Minutes of the last AGM as circulated.

Amendment from Eric Traise to change Treasurers Report: "Excess of *Income over Expenditure*."

Accepted: Frank Vrins Seconded: Alison Ryan

Matters Arising from Last Meeting:

Nil

Secretary's Report

As the Acting Secretary, Ross had nothing to add.

Reports from Members

Gai Brodtmann thanked the Council and wished the new Council well.

Mick Gentleman thanked the Council, recognized Rosemary Lissimore and wished the new Council well..

Nicole Lawler thanked the Council and wished the new Council well.

Annette Ellis apologized but wished the Council well.

Vice-Presidents report

Russ Morison presented a pictorial summary of the past year. The text and photographs are attached.

Rosemary Lissimore, past President was invited to speak:

Her summary of the first 30 years is attached.

Treasurer's Report (Mr. Frank Vrins):

The Treasurer delivered his report as attached and thanked the honorary auditor, Roy Zacharias.

Moved: Jeff Bollard Seconded: Alison Ryan

Jane Hiatt thanked the outgoing committee on behalf of the members.

30th Birthday Cake Break

Nick invited MLAs and then members to be part of a photo with the cake.

Election of incoming Committee

President asked the 2012-3 committee to retire and handed the meeting over to the Returning Officer, our honorary lawyer: Archie Tsirimokos, Managing Partner at Meyer Vandenberg Lawyers.

Archie announced the nominations received in advanced as there was only one nominee per position.

President: Eric Traise

Vice-president: Glenys Patulny
Vice-president: vacant
Treasurer Max Flint
Public Officer: Beverley Flint
Committee Member: vacant
Secretary: Vacant

He called for nominations for the vacant positions:

Lynn Bott was nominated for Secretary by Carole Traise, Seconded Alison Ryan, accepted.

Eric accepted the position of President, thanked the outgoing committee, welcomed his incoming committee and stated that he would be focused on the needs of the Valley, has some ideas but wants to hear from the members before or at the October meeting. One focus would be membership and structure. Eric advised that he is the independent chair of the Airport Consultation group so would avoid any conflicts of interest. He has been in the TCC for over 7 years.

The new committee is looking for subcommittee members for the Transport and Environment sub-committees

General Business

Nick wished the new committee all the best and reminded them that the past committee was only a phone call away.

Bill Heins advised that community consultation on Sternberg Crescent at Erindale Shops was open – see Canberra Times.

Ross noted that the Secretary's role currently included webmaster, Valley Voice Editor, correspondence in and out, and media. It was a large task that could be easily split.

Eric declared the meeting closed at 9pm.

AGM Attachments:

Attachment 1: President's Report

Attachment 2: Vice-President's Report and Photographs

Attachment 3: Rosemary Lissimore's 30 year Summary

Attachment 4: Audited Treasurers Report

Attachment 1: President's Report

Dear Members of the Tuggeranong Community Council

Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) Changing of the guard

As the time draws near for the completion of our term of the Tuggeranong Community Council for 2012/13, I look with pride at what we have achieved as a committee, and with our sub committees and also with a touch of sadness but a large amount of optimism for the Tuggeranong Community Council future. After 10 years as an ordinary member of the TCC, Vice President and President, I felt it is also the right time to open up the floor to other people who could tackle the new challenges facing Tuggeranong in the 21st century, and I am confident our nominated incoming President, Mr. Eric Traise and his new committee will serve the ACT and represent our Council with the highest regards.

Through the stable, committed group of councillors and members and residents that have been focused on working for our community during my term as President, I feel that so much had been accomplished during this time, highlights which are vast and include our much loved appreciation of the Chief Minister of the ACT visit to the Tuggeranong Community Council, the first Chief Minister to visit our council since its inception, and to also share with us our reflection on commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Canberra Bushfires. We also welcomed leaders of the Canberra Liberals Mr. Jeremy Hanson and Mr. Shane Rattenbury from the ACT Greens during this council year.

Our strong Council voice has continued to be heard in this term via a number of submissions made for master plans and upgrades; petitioning to keep our (FAHCSIA) public service jobs in Tuggeranong and for the implementation of our MY Way Terminal for all town regions of the ACT, much of which our Vice President, Mr. Russ Morison will share with you in this joint annual report.

We were pleased to lobby for Tuggeranong's new SOUTHQUAY suburb, in which our TCC had a major impact in seeing this land sales fast-tracked sooner rather than later, now expected to see the first sales of land by the end of this year into 2014. With these we will see new growth for our Tuggeranong Valley, new residences, jobs and mouths to feed for families to call Tuggeranong Home.

Our support for the Tuggeranong Masterplan, Tuggeranong Town Park plan submission has been a priority and vision of my Executive and its members in 2012/13, where population continues in decline of 0.6% since 2006 has now become the common concern of our local employment and community sector. My confidence in the ACT Government and all our MLA's to continue to work with these groups, and the TCC through a recommended needs analysis for the area, could attract more people back to the Tuggeranong Valley.

I would also like to take this time to say thank you to the ACT Government for the support and the opportunity they've given to our Council of the last year, their supportive annual grant which makes our council function.

To our MLA's Mick Gentleman, Brendan Smyth, Joy Burch, Andrew Wall, Nicole Lawder and former MLA's we worked with, Zed Seselja, Steve Dospot and John Hargreaves and Amanda Bresnan and to all their staff that have communicated with us, and managed our meetings over this time, and the precious time you spent at our council forums when you could be home with your families, I sincerely thank-you.

I also wanted to acknowledge our Federal member for Canberra Ms Gai Brodtmann whom has worked like a "hand in a glove" with the Council over the last year on many local issues, in particular her support for our FAHCSIA petition.

The Tuggeranong Community Council also wishes to thank outgoing Senator for the ACT Gary Humphries for his support to the TCC over the last 23 years in his capacity as MLA, Chief Minister of the ACT and Senator for the ACT. Senator Humphries was the impetus behind the South Care Helicopter project who continues to this day to put the whole community behind the lifesaving venture.

To Communities @ Work, Ms. Lynne Harwood, and Tuggeranong Hyperdome management Ms. Jodie Marques, to Mr. Michael Lindfield, President Tuggeranong Festival, and to our Southside Chronicle journalists, Emma Kelly, and Meredith Clisby, that have covered all the news that is news of the TCC, and to the TCC honorary solicitor, returning officer and President of Communities@Work Mr. Archie Tsirimokos, thank-you to you all.

I also wish to note the many contributions of the past Council committees that have made the council what it is today and in particular Mrs. Rosemary Lissimore one of the Councils founding members and longest serving President as well a past president Darryl Johnston, whom all through the years have pursued a similar vision for this community to become one of the best places to grow up a family in the ACT, I thank-you.

Our committees have all left something behind for future generations on this 30th anniversary of the TCC, and with this Presidents report, I will be happy to include our 30th Anniversary photo of all our members present tonight, in which our photo will be archived with the National Library of Australia.

And to you, our members, finally I and the TCC Executive, wish to thank-you for the last 12 months of our Council term in office, as we retire from the TCC, I am pleased to acknowledge my sincere appreciation for all the hard work from our Executive Committee, Russ Morison, Frank Vrins, Darryl Johnston, and members Ross McConnell, Bill Heins, Glenys Putulny, and Beverly Flint.

We retire from the Council leaving it with many new doors open, and a Council that has progressed in this time frame that has served the region at the highest regards for all diverse residents of Tuggeranong.

On behalf of the 2013/14 TCC Executive, thank-you.

Yours Sincerely,

Nick Tsoulis

President Tuggeranong Community Council

The Photo of AGM attendees at the Council meeting



Attachment 2: Vice-President's Report

(Photos are available from the secretary)

Good Evening and Welcome. Thank you, President Nick for your speech.

As retiring Vice President it has been a privilege to work with a group of passionate, committed members of this council in the persons of President Nick, Secretary Darryl, Treasurer Frank, Acting Secretary Ross, Members Bill Heins and Wayne King. Council life is an evolving one, building on the seeds planted over the previous 30 years, continuously planting, continuously nurturing, continuously harvesting.

Your Council Executive team have worked collaboratively to take your decision making from our regular monthly meetings, and sell your ideas and responses to our local government MLAs and the relevant government departments, as you will see from our pictorial history of the past 12 months. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of the past 30 years also tonight.

Over the past few years we recognized that perhaps the best forum for sharing our skills, knowledge and vision for a better Tuggeranong Valley and for Canberra as a whole was to join the Executive.

Hardly a day goes by when we don't receive a phone call or an email asking for help or advice, be it from residents, members of this Council, business and commercial interests or the government.

As you know, there has been some considerable exodus of our Tuggeranong Valley population to elsewhere in Canberra and beyond, an imbalance in the sharing of services in the Valley compared to other parts of the region.

We have worked on many initiatives that will mean leaving the Valley in better shape than it was 12 months ago.

If I may refer you to the screen of the many issues we as an Executive and members have lobbied for on your behalf. The list is by no means complete, and is not in any order of importance:

PIX 1 September 2012 With the ACT ELECTION due, the first event we organised **was a community panel with ABCs ROSS SOLLY and our members** discussing on air the issues that matter to the community

PIX 2 12th September 2012 ACT Election forum TCC hosted a forum to introduce to the community all the candidates standing in the seat of Brindabella at the ACT elections held on 20 October 2012.

PIX 3 THE CANDIDATES

PIX 3-4-5 VIEWS OF AUDIENCE

PIX 6 Nov 2012 Tuggeranong Festival. **We manned the** TCC information booth at the Tuggeranong Festival. We also bought a new MARQUEE thanks to Mr Frank Vrins our Treasurer who found a very practical and easy to set up marquee that will last for many years to come.

PIX 7 Sunday 3, March 2013 was Clean Up Australia campaign hosted by ourselves and the Tuggeranong Lake Carers (TLC) group during the annual Clean Up Australia campaign around the shores of Lake Tuggeranong

More than 30 bags of rubbish, shopping trollies and a computer were collected. Volunteers also reported a lounge dumped on the lake foreshores and retrieved a stolen handbag. The TCC wishes to thank everyone who took part in the campaign, Bunnings Tuggeranong Hardware Store and the TLC. Thank-you to around 50 TCC Volunteers and residents that participated. We look forward to an even bigger effort next year.

PIX 8 Certificate of Appreciation Lake Carers Group President Nick presented the Tuggeranong Lake Carers Group Coordinator, Glenys Patulny, with a certificate of appreciation following another successful Clean Up Australia Campaign

PIX 9 VISIT TO COUNCIL BY ACT Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher
The first time in the 30 year history of the TCC and our first TCC forum for 2013 we were honored to have the ACT Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher, address the Council at its meeting on 5 February 2013.

We also reflected on the 10th Anniversary of the Canberra Bushfires with a minute silence remembering those people that lost their lives and those ACT residents that lost their property and homes.

PIX 10 MYWAY PETITION At the meeting we presented the Chief Minister with a petition from 1200 Tuggeranong residents calling for the expansion of ACTION BUS MYWAY terminals to be operating in the group centres of Chisholm and Calwell. They are both up and running!

PIX 11 PHOTO OP CHIEF MINISTER (L to R) TCC Secretary, Darryl Johnston, TCC President, Nick Tsoulis, ACT Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher, TCC Vice President, Russ Morison and TCC Treasurer, Frank Vrins.

PIX 12 GAI BRODTMAN - PETITION RETENTION OF PS JOBS

Our TCC led the way again, spearheaded by the Executive, and working with the Tuggeranong Town Centre and Communities@ Work with probably its most important petition in the last decade, and comprising around 1000 signatures.

We presented our petition to the Federal Member for Canberra, Gai Brodtmann, which called on the Federal Government to do all in its power to;

1. Maintain and improve existing public service jobs that are located in the Tuggeranong region; and
2. to locate in Tuggeranong CBD the required 40,000 to 42,000 square metres of space that is needed to house the newly consolidated Commonwealth Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

PIX 13 Tuggeranong Town Park Master Plan. In February 2013 TCC made a formal submission to the Tuggeranong Town Park Master Plan. You may remember the submission draft was sent out along with your endorsement of the Hawker College students' presentation made at the TCC meeting in 2012.

PIX 14-15 New Suburb South Quay. In December 2012 the TCC met with the Chief Minister of the ACT and also Land and Development Agency in March 2013 at the Tuggeranong Hyperdome atrium for the launch of Tuggeranong's new suburb of South Quay. You may remember that at the TCC meeting in April 2011, our members supported a TCC submission to the Tuggeranong Master Plan which now includes South Quay.

The new suburb South Quay will consist of 1000 dwellings in stage one, a children's playground, a lakefront boulevard and two new pedestrian bridges.

Our executive met with the Chief Minister of the ACT, Katy Gallagher MLA, Joy Burch MLA and Mick Gentleman MLA with the view to see South Quay developed as soon as possible, within a construction timeline of 3-5 years, and with a turn around achievement of the first land sales in late 2013 and early 2014, which will mean a lot of jobs for Tuggeranong.

PIX 16 Supportive Housing development Chisholm In 2012 the TCC hosted a presentation from representatives of the ACT Government's Community Services Directorate (CSD) and concerned residents over plans for a Supportive Housing development on the corner of Mead and Benham Streets in Chisholm.

The TCC Executive met in August 2013 with the department and were informed that the final plans were lodged and were consistent with the views of the TCC. Development of this project should begin within a year.

PIX 17 RELOCATION OF WIN TV Recently the Tuggeranong Community Council launched an online petition calling on WIN TV management to reverse its decision to downgrade its Canberra and regional news service. This Petition continues today.

PIX 18 CIT facility for Tuggeranong The Tuggeranong Community Council has been lobbying for many years and now welcomes the ACT Government commitment in the 2013 ACT Budget for a purpose-built CIT facility for Tuggeranong.

Our executive held talks with the Chief Minister late last year and raised the view of the members to see a new learning centre in Tuggeranong Valley which has been the priority of the Tuggeranong Community Council now for nearly 10 years right back when then President Mrs Rosemary Lissimore and the members moved to support this institution for Tuggeranong. We are delighted to have Rosemary with us tonight to celebrate this and other achievements.

PIX 19 CHISHOLM PARK forum 21 Jun2012

Our members lobbied hard to retain Chisholm Park and see it developed as a community park, and prevent it from being sold for residential purposes. A forum was held on 21 Jun2012 to discuss the future of of the block located on the corner of Heagney and Deamer Crescents at Chisholm. The government has agreed to the needs of the residents.

PIX 20 ERINDALE DRIVE PROJECT Our Erindale resident members continue working with the ACT Planning and Land Authority (ACTPLA) during their regular consultation process to ensure the robustness of planning and design study for the Tuggeranong and Erindale centres and their connecting transport corridor (Erindale Drive).

PIX 21-THREE CALWELL MASTER PLAN The South East Tuggeranong community have lobbied hard over the past four years to ensure that Calwell has a Master Plan is included in the ACT Government budget. Interestingly, Calwell and the surrounding catchment have been neglected over many years, but now an Over 55's development, an Aged Care Centre, a Learn to Swim and Hydrotherapy pool and a Park and ride are in various stages of development in the South East Tuggeranong catchment.

The Minders of The Tuggeranong Homestead have been lobbying hard to achieve a series of wetlands which aims to improving the water quality of Lake Tuggeranong. One hopes that government funding will be available sooner rather than later to get this very important project up and running to improve the life of our lake.

What we do as a residents and members of the Council and residents groups is critically important to the residents of the Valley.

Can I urge you all to find that which is important for you, join that sub group and help to change our city; whether it be community, transport and social, environment, etc. Join the Executive and take your issues to those who can help bring about the desired change. For me, getting involved in the life of the TCC has meant improving the place where I live which is surely worth investing in!

We will be returning to local issues but will continue to work with the incoming Executive to ensure that they have their reins firmly in hand, and remain as contributing members of the Council membership.

Thank you for your time this evening. Thank you team for your passion, commitment, dedication and vision for Tuggeranong Valley.
Author: Russ Morison

Attachment 3: Rosemary Lissimore's 30 year Summary

AS YOU CAN PROBABLY GUESS (FROM MY ACCENT) MY ROOTS ARE IN ENGLAND.

BEING AN ELECTED MEMBER IN THE U.K., I ORIGINALLY DECIDED THAT MY NEW LIFE IN AUSTRALIA WOULD BE MINE. ARRIVING IN CANBERRA IN 1987 DAVID TOOK ME ALONG TO A COUNCIL MEETING, TO SEE HOW THEY DID THINGS IN AUS. AND THE REST, AS THEY SAY, IS HISTORY.

SOME SIGNIFICANT COUNCIL MILESTONES 1988 TO 2008

1993 SKATE BOARD PARK AND BMX TRACK PROPOSED, DESIGNED AND DEVELOPED BY THE YOUTH.

1995 KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL (TIDY TOWN) ENVIRONMENT (NATIONAL F.P.)

1996 KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL (TIDY TOWN) WASTE MANAGEMENT (NATIONAL F.P.)

1996 KEPT JET SKIS OFF LAKE TUGGERANONG

1996 LANYON MARKET PLACE, DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT.

1996 JOHN KNIGHT HOSTEL DRUG DEPENDENCY MEETING

1999 DRUG FORUM FOLLOW UP FORUM RE JOHN KNIGHT MEETING

1999 GUIDE TO TUGGERANONG FIRST EDITION

2000 GUIDE TO TUGGERANONG SECOND EDITION

2001 BENDIGO BANK FIRST CALWELL, SECOND WANNIASSA

2001 TIME CAPSULE TWO BURIED IN HYPERDOME, TO BE OPENED IN 2001

2003 RACE TRACK PROPOSED FOR BACK OF MACARTHUR

2001 TO 2004 MEDICAL CONCERNS CLOSURE OF WANNIASSA AND ATTEMPTS TO OPEN OTHERS IN TUGGERANONG

1998 TO 2004 MURA YOUTH CENTRE

2004 KARRALIKA DRUG HALF WAY HOUSE IN FADDEN

THESE HAVE BEEN SOME OF THE 'HIGHLIGHTS' IN THE YEARS I WAS PRIVILEGED TO BE PART OF DURING MY YEARS AS, FIRST CHAIRMAN THEN PRESIDENT, OF THE TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

THERE WERE, OF COURSE, MANY OTHER MINOR PROJECTS THAT TOOK PLACE DURING THESE TIMES.

I ALSO HAD THE CHANCE DURING THESE TIMES TO ASSOCIATE WITH BOTH MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. ACTING AS A CONDUIT BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF TUGGERANONG AND THESE AUTHORITIES I FOUND THAT (THEY) WERE INTERESTED AND CONCERNED WITH THIS PART OF THE A.C.T.

I VERY MUCH ENJOYED MY PARTICIPATION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND FORMATION OF TUGGERANONG THROUGH THE T.C.C.

I WISH THE COUNCIL EVERY SUCCESS IN THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVOURS.

ROSEMARY LISSIMORE
COUNCIL PRESIDENT (PAST)

Attachment 4: Audited Treasurers Report

TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL INCORPORATED

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

| INCOME | <u>2012-2013</u> | <u>2011-2012</u> |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| ACT Government Community Grant | \$12,539 | \$12,144 |
| Membership fees | \$329 | \$171 |
| Bank Interest | \$444 | \$427 |
| TOTAL INCOME | <u>\$13,312</u> | <u>\$12,742</u> |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Advertising | \$3,748 | \$1,914 |
| Meeting Expenses | \$2,638 | \$2,159 |
| Insurance | \$993 | \$886 |
| Travel Reimbursements | \$0 | \$523 |
| Office Equipment | \$0 | \$550 |
| Office Operating Costs | \$840 | \$456 |
| Communications | \$1,021 | \$1,143 |
| Web site Costs | \$90 | \$1,147 |
| Bank Charges | \$3 | \$14 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>\$9,333</u> | <u>\$8,792</u> |
| EXCESS OF INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR | \$3,979 | \$3,950 |
| OPENING CASH BOOK BALANCE | <u>\$14,859</u> | <u>\$10,909</u> |
| CLOSING CASH BOOK BALANCE | <u>\$18,838</u> | <u>\$14,859</u> |
| Current Account Balance | \$2,869 | \$1,863 |
| Deposit Account balance | <u>\$15,969</u> | <u>\$12,996</u> |
| Total Cash Position | <u>\$18,838</u> | <u>\$14,859</u> |
| | Deposit Account | Current Account |
| Opening Balance | \$12,996 | |
| Deposits (Grant) | \$12,539 | |
| Withdrawals | -\$10,000 | |
| Interest earned | \$437 | |
| Bank Charges | -\$3 | |
| Closing Balance | <u>\$15,969</u> | <u>\$2,891</u> |
| Outstanding Cheque | | \$22 |
| Closing Cashbook Balance | | <u>\$2,869</u> |