



### **Other Reports – Police:**

Sergeant Rod Anderson attended the meeting and presented the usual report on crime statistics and information on other local Police activities during the past month. He provided the following details:

- Increase in crime incidents during September, particularly burglaries and thefts including car break-ins through smashed windows – usually more damage caused than the value of property taken.
- Burglaries mainly prevalent in Wanniasa and Richardson – 21 years old male arrested earlier this week is a recidivist property offender and was remanded in custody as he is suspected of being responsible for many of the break-ins over recent weeks. Also, another juvenile arrested over related offences.
- 36 people arrested in the Tuggeranong area during the month for a range of offences - assaults, sexual assaults, burglaries, thefts, other property offences.
- Police conducted about 670 Suburban Policing Strategy patrols throughout the suburbs.
- Well publicised recent incident of suspected dog baiting with unknown substances. RSPCA led the investigations in the matter and assisted by Police.
- 4 cars burnt out in Richardson, with 2 identified as stolen vehicles and other two just opportunistic – suspects have been identified.
- Continuing with bail compliance checks for offenders released on bail to ensure that conditions set down by the courts are being adhered to.
- Major issue continues to be cars left on the street with visible property items resulting in opportunistic break-in and damage and causing frustrating police involvement.

A query was raised regarding a recent case of a compensation payment of \$200,000 to an offender following an apparent breach of bail conditions. Sergeant Anderson clarified the circumstances involved in relation to a legal issue involving the wrongful issue of an arrest warrant by the Corrections Department for non-attendance for weekend detention. It was later determined that the offender was not afforded natural justice to state his reasons for non attendance, resulting in the compensation decision.

Concern was raised whether the figure of 36 arrests during the month was normal for Tuggeranong and the Sergeant confirmed that it was fairly standard, but a fairly low rate compared to other jurisdictions.

### **Public Officer: Mr David Lissimore**

President, Rosemary Lissimore invited the Public Officer, David Lissimore, to address the Meeting regarding the procedure and arrangements for the Annual General Meeting next month. David indicated that the required notice will be provided by way of advertisements appearing in The Canberra Times on Saturday, 3 October and in the Chronicle the following week.

The Returning Officer will be Liz Buckley from the Engagement Unit of the Chief Minister's Department and nominations should be returned to her by no later than Monday, 26 October to satisfy the requirement for lodgement by 10 days prior to the Meeting. The Nomination forms were made available at the Meeting, with the relevant details and eligibility requirements recorded on the reverse of the forms for convenience.

Nick Tsoulias suggested that members may wish to have some information on the nature of the various Executive Committee positions. David provided some brief details on the background and role of the TCC and the extent of the activities involved, particularly by the President. He indicated that further relevant information was available on the Council's website at: [www.tuggcc.com](http://www.tuggcc.com).

### **Guest Speaker (1): Mr Peter Johns**

Rosemary called on our first guest speaker, Mr Peter Johns from the Housing Development Branch of the ACT Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services. Peter came to address the members on the development of land in Bonython, Conder and Kambah for the construction of Government supportive housing. He provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the following details of the project:

- Background for development based on Federal Government's 'Nation Building and Jobs Plan' initiative in response to global financial crisis.
- One component involves the investment of a significant amount of funding for the development of social housing to assist people who are homeless or have been on the public housing waiting list.
- Amount of \$100 million committed with construction to be completed by 2010.

- Two stages of the ACT Affordable Housing Scheme project are involved:
  - Stage 1 was to accelerate current plans for 57 dwellings to be constructed on existing Housing ACT properties;
  - Stage 2 involves various options including using existing community facility land suitable for the proposed development of supportive housing – as defined in the Territory Plan – for the elderly and/or disabled.
- Various sites available in the Belconnen area, also at Curtin, Rivett and Chapman, as well as the sites in the three areas in Tuggeranong.
- ACT population is ageing with almost 3,000 public housing tenants aged 65 years or more and 5,800 tenants aged 50 years or more – overall total of 11,500 dwellings;
- New development to consist of mainly 2 bedroom, single-storey, independent living units with minimum 6 star EER rating and universal design principles:
  - (approximately) 30 at Bonython, 58 at Conder, 40 at Kambah.
- Some 3 bedroom properties also to be trialled to allow for live-in family member or carer support.
- Site plans were displayed showing each of the selected areas adjoining existing community facilities and with convenient bus transport nearby.

The extent and appropriateness of the consultation process was queried by residents, particularly in regard to the proposed Bonython development, and more information was sought by way of a public display (ideally) at Lanyon Market Place. Several concerns and strong objections were raised by Mr Jason Ryan (and his partner) who were well informed on the aspects of the development based on their attendance at previous similar presentations, including the following issues:

- Lack of notice and disclosure provided to local residents and the Lanyon Valley Community Forum;
- Fear of the proximity of the development to the local Child Care Centre and safety impact;
- Concern about the likelihood of adequate car parking facilities;
- Use of land subject to ACT Territory Plan and subject to formal variation process;
- Noise issues from nearby Community Hall to be adequately addressed;
- Concerns about crime prevention and anti-social behaviour issues with increased population.

Peter responded to the various issues raised and advised details of the processes involved to date with notification / consultation and other related matters, including the restrictions imposed under the Territory Plan. He agreed to arrange for a suitable display to be made available at Lanyon Market Place, and perhaps also at Tuggeranong Hyperdome as requested. He indicated that further information was available on the DHCS page through the ACT Government website and agreed to also provide hard copies of the information to the President for the benefit of members without internet facilities. Further comments and input from the community regarding the project were welcome.

### **Guest Speaker 2): Mr Russell Yell**

Rosemary introduced our next guest speaker, Mr Russell Yell, Senior Engineer with Cardno Eppell Olsen, to address the meeting on the ACT Pedestrian and Cycle Infrastructure Plan. Cardno have been engaged by the ACT Department of Territory and Municipal Services to carry out the preliminary study for the Plan. Russell provided a PowerPoint presentation that featured the following details:

- Objectives of the study – update of previous 2007 “Priority Report”;
- Assessment of requirements for pedestrian and cycle facilities in Tuggeranong and other major Town Centres and nearby employment areas;
- Various issues under consideration – safety, transport access, parking, lighting, etc.;
- Three stages of consultation process:
  - Stakeholder Workshop
  - Various Community Council presentations
  - Public Consultation
- Objective Prioritisation Process;
- Site Visits to assess key issues and potential Schemes for development in the area;
- Input sought from local residents to identify relevant issues;
- Impact of future development also to be investigated / considered;
- Next steps on prioritisation / costing;

- Draft Priority Report to be produced for public consultation and develop program of works.

**Questions from the floor:**

Various issues were raised for discussion by members, including the following matters:

- Problem highlighted with common disregard for road rules and safety issues by cyclists.
- Width of cycle lanes/paths queried and inconsistencies highlighted.
- Reference mentioned of suitable models in overseas countries, eg. UK, Holland. Why not rely on more appropriate USA experience/culture?
- Involvement and role of Roads ACT with the project queried and clarified.
- Query on available budget **\$200,000 for consultation plus \$1.6 million per year X 4.**

Public display being planned in Hyperdome during November as well as other major Centres, and direct contact from the community is welcome.

**Any Other Business:**

No matters were raised by members.

**Next meeting:**

**Thursday, 5 November 2009**, which will be our Annual General Meeting and the final meeting for the year. No guest speaker(s) planned at this stage due to the lengthy process involved with the election of Office Bearers.

The meeting concluded at approximately 8.55pm and members were invited to stay on for the usual light refreshments and informal chat.