

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc.
General Meeting –2 May 2017

Welcome/Acknowledgement:

Meeting opened 7.35pm by President Glenys Patulny who welcomed the attendees.

Present: The Meeting was well attended - refer Attendance Record of 2 May 2017.

Apologies: S/SGT Chris Meagher, Tarryn Langdon, Rob Lovett, Gai Brodtmann.

President's Report: Glenys Patulny

As you are aware they have lowered Upper Stranger and Isabella Ponds, where they removed over 2000 carp, some a massive size. They are also going to lower Tuggeranong Pond by 1.5 metres so they can work on the dam construction. Both Isabella and Tuggeranong will be lowered for the duration of the dam construction likely to be anything from 12 to 18 months

Following the concern expressed by one of our members at our last Council meeting about a mountain bike track at Bonython, we wrote to the Deputy Director of the Environment and Planning Directorate. I am pleased to say that he has looked into it and is arranging a meeting with the relevant people to talk to our member about the issue.

Last year a community panel was set up to look at the development of West Greenway and recommended against such a development. The Minister commented that therefore the proposed development is "unlikely to go ahead". I have spoken to a number of people who attended the West Greenway stakeholder panel and am organising a meeting at 6pm on Wednesday the 10th May to talk about the possibility of the community coming up with a proposal to create a sporting, environmental precinct in the area that we can then present to government as a community proposal. If this original panel agrees then we can organise broader consultation with other members of the Tuggeranong community to garner their suggestions and opinions and then move on to a planning stage to come up with a comprehensive community proposal for the area that we can then put to the ACT government.

Glenys mentioned other meetings she (and others) had attended including:

- Speaking with other members of the TCC with Minister Gordon Ramsay and Events ACT about possible support for a future Tuggeranong Fair/Markets.
- Attending a meeting this morning (accompanied by the Chair of our Planning Sub Committee) with people from Capital Works Department, Minister Meegan Fitzharris' office and Transport Canberra regarding re-routing buses and the development of Anketell Street.
- Attending a couple of meeting on the ACT Zero Emission proposals – will be asking Minister Rattenbury to talk to us, hopefully in July, about this as well as other matters pertaining to his portfolio.
- With other members of the TCC attended "Our Future History: Community pathways to a future we want".
- Waste Feasibility Study – talked about market sounding, green bin roll-out, container deposit scheme and where to from here.

The next meeting of the TCC will be held on the 6th June at the Tuggeranong Town Centre Club where we will hear from the Communities @ Work team about the work they do here in

Tuggeranong as well as around Canberra, also the latest about Public Housing here in Tuggeranong.

Hamish Sinclair (Planning Subcommittee)

Hamish delivered his Report at this stage due to his early departure for another commitment. He mentioned having a meeting with people from Transport Canberra and City Services in regard to the Anketell Street revitalisation. He said they implied that it was too late to change anything significant, at least in the first section – the laneway. Hamish expressed concern that certain items had not been taken into consideration and that better consultation with the community was needed. They commented that they would look into further consultation of the main part of Anketell Street perhaps in July.

He mentioned the discussion that arose regarding re-routing the buses from Anketell Street. We were told this would add an extra five minutes for buses that use the route, but he ran a test himself and it only took an extra minute. The transport delegate commented that they would look at this in the light of future overall changes.

Hamish also mentioned that the Development Application (DA) is out for changes to be made to Drakeford Drive relating to the new road being built for entry to the new East Greenway development.

MLA Updates:

- Mick Gentleman (ALP Brindabella)

The Minister spoke to the Council about the ACT Heritage Festival. There are about 160 events over the course of the Festival being run to help promote heritage matters in the ACT.

- This year the government allocated \$351,000 towards heritage projects.
- The Festival runs from 18th April to 7th May. More information on the Festival can be found on the website: www.environment.act.gov.au.
- He mentioned upcoming events for Tuggeranong, including the Lanyon Homestead open day, and a workshop at the Homestead to learn how to care for heritage objects.
- Mick also revealed the discovery of brachiopods at the Woolshed Creek, which have been proven to be more than 420 million years old. Brachiopods are little mussels that live in the ocean, which indicated that the ocean once came as far as Canberra.
- He said that if anyone is interested in going on the heritage tour, there is an ‘app’ to download that scans barcodes to explain the locations.

A question was asked about the submissions in regards to the FOY project. The Minister said once the report is received on the findings, it will be released to the public.

- Nicole Lawder (Canberra Liberals Brindabella)

- Nicole spoke about the Community Facility Zone (CFZ) land in relation to public housing, and how public housing is being built on these zones. Some local residents feel they have been misled as they were expecting things like child care centres, etc to be built on this land.
- Nicole mentioned that the public housing being demolished on Northbourne Avenue needs to be replaced; there is government land zoned for residential use and this should be used rather than the CFZ.

- Mark Parton (Canberra Liberals Brindabella)

- Mark also spoke on Public Housing, saying he has received many email messages from concerned residents around Canberra wondering what is happening.
- Mark spoke about two businesses in Tuggeranong that have recently closed. They are The Schnitzel House in Erindale and On the Rivet in Tuggeranong. He mentioned these businesses to reinforce the fact it's hard work running a business, and we need to show support to our local businesses in the Tuggeranong area to ensure they keep operating.

- Caroline Le Couteur (ACT Greens Murrumbidgee)

- Caroline spoke about the new ACT justice program "Justice Reinvestment" designed to help the Indigenous community in Canberra with trying to decrease the number of Indigenous people in the public justice system.
- Caroline also touched on the Public Housing issue.
- Caroline said that consultation is open now for the second stage of light rail from the city to Woden. She urged that we all get involved and give feedback to government.

Guest Speakers:

- Trinity Christian School (Jasmine Lyons, Sophie Spokes, Michael Hugh)

- The students appreciated the time given to them to come and talk to the Council.
- They have spoken to the students of their school about what they want for the community, and the key areas are marketing, events, relationships with local schools and volunteering opportunities.
- The feedback from the students is they feel there is 'nothing' for them to do in Tuggeranong, however, Jasmine said there is plenty to do, it just needs to be promoted better.
- The students would like more events, ranging from street markets to live music.
- They would also like more opportunity to volunteer in the community.
- They feel public transport is an issue for travel for extracurricular activities.
- They think a safe place for youth from troubled homes to go to would be a good idea.

- St Vincent De Paul Society (John Feint)

- John provided a broad background on the Society. Founded in 1833 in Paris by Frederic Ozanam, they operate in 140 countries and was established in Australia in 1854 by Fr Gerald Ward - now have 40,000 members.
- They run four conferences in Tuggeranong- Kambah, Wanniasa, Gowrie and Calwell, with one store in Tuggeranong.
- He spoke about how they raise their funding and donations, with government help, annual Door Knock Appeal, CEO sleep out, Winter Appeal and Christmas Appeal.
- John also mentioned their special works projects. They help the homeless and less advantaged with things like Night Patrol, Samaritan House, etc. They assist people with mental illnesses, education, justice (Throughcare at Alexander Maconochie Centre), and they also manage properties to house the homeless, looking after more than 100 houses throughout the ACT.
- They assist the community with social visits to people's homes, and help in emergencies, with food, clothes, petrol vouchers, etc. They also offer support services like prison visits, social visits, and organise whitegoods and furniture for the needy.
- John gave a great overview of the workings of the Society.

General Business:

- Minutes of April 2017 Meeting

Confirmed with no issues arising. Moved Paul Nicholl, Seconded Didi Sommers.

- Correspondence Nil

- Treasurer's Report (Max Flint)

Net expenditure over the period was **\$1,262.21**

Available funds currently stand at **\$22,914** comprising:

- Members' funds : \$ 8,917
- ACT Government Funds : \$ 13,997

Proposed Max Flint, Seconded Albert Orszaczky. Carried

Sub Committee Reports:

- Environment: Glenys mentioned that in Stranger Pond 1300 carp were collected and weighed up to 11kg. They are being turned into organic fertiliser.

- Community: Glenys and Taryn had a meeting with Minister Gordon Ramsay to discuss funding for the street markets. It is too late for anything major this year, but it's possible to have something minor included.

- Youth: Matthew said the Committee has just had its first meeting in the new school term and met for the first time at the Tuggeranong CIT. They are going to approach other schools and recruit students to join the Committee to offer a bigger idea range and voice of the youth in the Tuggeranong region.

Matthew said the banner that was donated by the Vikings group is ready for collection and will be displayed at the next TCC meeting.

Any Other Business:

- Beverly Flint mentioned the NBN works have begun in north east Greenway.
- Beverly has also been contacted by the local Baptist church to advise they offer free tea, coffee and biscuits from Tuesday to Thursday.
- She has not received any feedback from the letter she wrote to Minister Fitzharris regarding her concerns about the bike paths around the lake.
- There are also concerns about the lack of lighting and safety for those living in Greenway who have to walk from the bus interchange in the dark. Beverly has suggested more bus stops along the route, or a Blue Rapid service along Drakeford Drive.
- Max Flint commented on the complaints re ActewAGL sending out inaccurate estimated gas bills. He said it had been investigated and an apology was made by the CEO. Glenys commented that estimated bills had apparently been sent out as the Regulator stated that when meters could not be read within a set period, estimated bills needed to be sent out to meet their deadlines.

Meeting Closed at 9.35pm. Next meeting 6th June at Vikings Town Centre Club.