

Treasurer's Report:

Frank Vrins presented on behalf of Max Flint, a brief Report showing bank balance of \$17 993, which consists of Members' funds of \$8,800 and ACT Government funds of \$8500. Expenditure during the past month totalled \$640.32.

The current Deed of Grant from the ACT Government is still waiting to come through.

Moved: Frank Vrins

Seconded: Albert Orszaczky

Correspondence:

Nil

Police Report:

S/SGT Chris Meagher, OIC Tuggeranong Station opened by saying that car thefts are down and that his team are doing well keeping the rates down.

He mentioned that it was Neighbourhood Watch week, and encouraged the audience to get involved in their Neighbourhood Watch. He included an example of proactive community result in the theft of a car in Kambah.

Chris also told the audience that the coming Saturday (8th October) was Graffiti Busters Day. He said if anyone was interested to meet at the Caltex service station Kambah to help cover up some serious graffiti. Transport Canberra and City Services, ACT Policing, Neighbourhood Watch are all involved and there will be media presence.

Chris was asked about juvenile detention, and mentioned that there are currently only 6 occupants in Bimberi. He said that there is an Aboriginal Healing farm being built at Tharwa.

Guest Speakers: Catherine Jones and Ciara Duggan speaking about the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA)

Catherine delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing a history of the YWCA as a global member movement, including an outline of the vision, purpose, values, strategic directions, and the range of programs and services provided by the YWCA Canberra to the ACT community.

The YWCA operates as a federated model in Australia that consists of 11 affiliated member associations. YWCA Canberra is a not for profit organisation that has been providing community services and representing women's issues in Canberra since 1929. YWCA Canberra works in areas including child care, youth services, accommodation and homelessness, community development, training, advocacy and women's leadership.

The YWCA Canberra has a strong focus on policy and advocacy work to address key issues such as: Gender equality; Violence against women; Housing affordability and homelessness; access to quality early childhood education; economic wellbeing; health and wellbeing; education and training; the environment; and peace.

As a Registered Training Organisation the YWCA delivers nationally recognised courses in fields of: early childhood education and care; leadership and management; training and assessment; business administration and first aid.

The YWCA School Age Care service offers *Before and After School Care* as well as *School Holiday Programs* across 13 ACT locations. The YWCA operates Early Childhood Education Centres operate in three locations: *Winyu House (Gungahlin); Campbell Cottage; and Conder Early Childhood Service*. In addition, the YWCA supports *Family Day Care* services in the suburbs of Belconnen and Gungahlin.

The YWCA provides a range of community service programs for the ACT community, including: *Housing Support; Circles of Support; and the Mura Lanyon Youth and Community Centre*. The *Housing Support Unit* assists with access to affordable and transitional housing, outreach and supportive tenancy services. *Circles of Support* is a counselling service for children and young people aged eight to 15 years and their families. The service aims to strengthen family relationships and improve family members' wellbeing. The *Mura Lanyon Youth and Community Centre* (MLYCC) at Conder is part of the local community and plays an important role in providing opportunities for community members to engage in social, cultural, recreational and educational activities.

Ciara provided information about the assistance and range of programs provided by the youth engagement team to young people living within the Tuggeranong region. Programs include: afternoon drop-in at the Lanyon Youth Centre; school holidays programs; short-term case work; *YWCA Clubhouse*; Y-Aspire; an arts program in collaboration with the National Gallery of Australia; and Relationship Things, a program designed to promote respectful relationships amongst adolescents aged 14-18 years.

MLA Updates:

The only current MLA to attend was Nicole Lawder. Nicole spoke about the government being in caretaker conventions, and that there wasn't much going on. Nicole said that she has been out campaigning and answering questions and concerns from the constituents.

Sub-Committee Reports

Health, Community and Education: – Taryn Langdon

Taryn and Catherine Jones, who are members of this sub committee, are seeking more members to join.

CACG- Canberra Airport Consultation Group: - Wayne King

Wayne spoke about the committee and its role. He also talked about Canberra Airport becoming an international airport. Wayne then showed a small video, showing the first international flight to land in Canberra from Singapore, QS291 on the 21/09/2016.

Any Other Business:

Nil

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, 1 November.**

Meeting closed: 9:00pm