

**Tuggeranong Community Council Inc.**  
**General Meeting – 1 November 2016**  
**Draft Minutes**

**Welcome:**

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

**Present:**

The Meeting was well attended - refer Attendance Record of 1 November.

**Apologies:**

Gai Brodtmann MP, Annalyse Betts, Taryn Langdon, Peter Lynch, Sgt. Chris Meagher, Paul Nicholl.

**President's Report:**

Glenys thanked Wayne and the team for conducting the last meeting in her absence. Glenys advised of a busy month of attending several meetings including:

- The 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the panel regarding West Tuggeranong (Thompson). The panel commented that “they are not convinced that there is any priority for urban development in the western Greenway location”.
- An Icon Water meeting that spoke about various choices being considered to determine future water pricing.
- Environment and Planning Forum, run by the Environment and Planning Dept. Participants were asked what they wanted to hear about in the coming months.
- Combined Community Councils meeting, where members of all Community Councils in the ACT get together to discuss common issues.

Other comments made included:

- Spring Lake Clean-up held on 23 October which 29 people attended. The TCC put on a BBQ for participants.
- We have put in a submission in regards to the FOY proposed plastic to liquid fuel processing plant.
- We have concluded our “Liveability in Tuggeranong Survey”. Issues of concern include: water quality in Lake Tuggeranong, local jobs, community safety, public transport. Most people wanted to have a more vibrant Town Centre. Look at our website for further details.

Glenys also spoke on the proposed community award for the schools. It will be a perpetual award. She said the TCC is also going to run another survey on the TCC running an annual Tuggeranong Community award. We want input on names to call the award and ideas how we should acknowledge people.

Glenys received a call from the Canberra Times saying they are going to run an article on Tuggeranong in the Allhomes section of the weekend newspaper as there is increased interest in people moving to the area.

The next TCC meeting will be 6<sup>th</sup> December and we will hear about Guilfoyle House and then have a Christmas gathering afterwards.

### **Police Report (Sergeant Karen Drake):**

In the absence of Station Sergeant, Chris Meagher, Sgt. Drake provided some crime statistics for this time of year compared to last year. No major variations, but there is a slight decrease in burglaries and property damage, minor increase in motor vehicle thefts and assaults.

Karen also spoke on the Restorative Justice Program and the inclusion of adult referrals. As of 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016, all offenders, regardless of their age, who commit “less serious offences” are eligible to be referred to the Restorative Justice Program by ACT Policing. Examples of offences that are eligible are: Theft, burglaries, common assaults, property damage.

Karen was asked if this type of program is used in other jurisdictions, with the answer being yes. It is used almost Australia wide.

Karen also mentioned that November is White Ribbon month, and that we will likely see ACT Police officers walking around the shops selling ribbons.

### **MLA Updates:**

Nicole Lawder spoke first and indicated it was nice to be back as our local MLA. Nicole congratulated all other elected representatives and expressed her thanks for the involvement of the unsuccessful candidates. Nicole said that the Liberal Party will be announcing the Shadow portfolios in the coming days.

Next speaker was Mark Parton, who opened by paying tribute to fellow Liberal candidate, Ed Cocks. He apologised for the excessive number of corflute signs.

Caroline Le Couteur, who is Greens MLA for Murrumbidgee also addressed the meeting. As Kambah is 20% of Murrumbidgee she will be attending and talking at future meetings. Caroline also said she will work for the Brindabella Greens voters, to do what she can for them as well. The Greens have been busy since the election, as they hold the balance of power in the Assembly. Caroline said that the Greens and the ALP have formed a 14 page agreement on issues and policies to be worked on over the current term of the Assembly. She closed by thanking the voters.

### **Guest Speakers:**

**- Visiting Students (St Mary MacKillop College) - Chloe Boyd, Elizabeth Batten, Matthew Dredge**

Chloe, Elizabeth and Matthew spoke on issues that they think affect them as young adults entering the adult world. They are interested in finding out what services are locally available for them to access. Their main point of focus was student liaison. They said that if we are to engage with them, they would be happy to respond.

Their main concerns around the area are:

- Town Centre revitalisation – not much for young people
- Active Youth Centre – would be good to have one in Tuggeranong
- Bus safety – some students don’t like to catch buses after dark.

One person asked if they thought we should push for a University closer to Tuggeranong. Their response was it was not a major concern. It was also mentioned to them that the new CIT welcomes Uni students who live in the area to use their resources, rather than always travelling to distant facilities.

**- Tony Gill and Ben McHugh (Roads ACT) - Footpaths, Road resurfacing, street lights and cycle paths.**

Tony began by stating that out the 18 suburbs in Tuggeranong, there is work happening in 15 of those. There is road resurfacing which will cover 3,400 kms of roads in Tuggeranong. They have an annual program to cover 1,000,000 m2 per annum, and this year in Tuggeranong, there is 200,000 m2 redone in Tuggeranong, including residential streets and main arterials. Tony reinforced the reasons behind maintenance of roads.

Tony then went on to say there were about 78,000 street lights in Canberra, which are owned by the Territory, which is different from other jurisdictions. They are rolling across a changeover from high energy usage globes, to low energy usage globes. He said his department gets about 200 enquiries per week about street lights. He mentioned that street lights are inspected every month to detect blown lights. Tony said there is an ongoing process to change all the older lights in the older suburbs, with the new style of lighting, as the life span of the light technology is about 30 years. There were questions asked about specific areas having lights and others not having lights. Tony explained that priority for certain areas is ahead of others due to public safety concerns, and high accident zones are addressed first.

Ben McHugh then spoke on Capital Works, which looks after upgrade projects in the Territory, ranging from parks and BBQ areas, right through to major roads like the Majura Parkway. He mentioned the following:

- That they have been working on designs for the upgrade of the Tuggeranong Town Centre, and hopes that works will start soon.
- On the age-friendly suburbs, Capital Works is looking at improving the condition of the footpaths and pedestrian crossings for these areas.
- Erindale food precinct is also getting some major works done with \$1 million to be invested in the area to improve the look and feel of the area. They are also working with the building owners for the shops towards improving the parking situation.
- Park and Ride at Erindale is another project they are starting in 2017, and hoping to make it as effective as the Park and Ride facility at Mawson.
- Training for school children, with the development of a rider training facility to be built by the lake. There are also plans to upgrade the walking/cycle paths around the lake.

There was further discussion around other lake facilities, and how these can be improved.

**General Business:**

- **Minutes** of October 2016 meeting accepted.

Moved: Wayne King                      Seconded: Frank Vrins.

- **Correspondence:** Nil

**- Treasurer's Report**

There is currently approximately \$16,600 in the bank account.

The Deed of Grant has been accepted by the Combined Community Councils, and our invoice has been sent to the Government to be paid in the region of \$12,800.

Report was moved by Max Flint, seconded by Frank Vrins.

Max has submitted a response to the FOY, expressing our objection to the building of the proposed plant.

Also, Max proceeded to move the following **Motion**:

“That the Tuggeranong Community Council Executive seek permission to organise perpetual school awards for each of the high schools and colleges in Tuggeranong to recognise a student from each school who has supported the community. The Council was asked to approve funding up to \$1,000.”

Proposed: Max Flint

Seconded: Frank Vrins.

**- Other Business: Nil**

Meeting Closed at 9.35pm.