

Tuggeranong Community Council Meeting Minutes – 5 July 2016

Welcome:

Meeting Opened 7:30pm and President, Glenys Patulny welcomed the attendees, acknowledged the Ngunnawal people and introduced the Committee.

Apologies: Paul Nicholls, Brendan Smyth, Albert Orszaczky, Ross McConnell, Annalyse Betts, Bill Heins, Russell Morison, Tom Lindenmayer,

President's Report:

As you will hear it has been a very exciting month for Tuggeranong. By now you should all have seen our new improved Tuggeranong Community Council website launched on the 18th June. I would like to officially thank the following people who have made this possible.

Foremost I would like to thank Max Flint, our Treasurer, who spent days researching the look of existing websites and came up with the basic redesign principals for the overall layout of our website. I would also like to thank Wayne King, Second Vice President for his technical insight into the layout of the website; Beverly Flint, TCC Second Vice President and Public Officer, for her assistance in gathering information and compiling news stories, Frank Vrins, Committee Member, for gathering information for the new website and Tom Lindemayer, Committee Member who offered advice on various aspects including social media. Finally I want to thank our web designer, Lance Williamson, from Gaffer Design, who took all the information and molded it into our current website. If you have any comments or suggestions for improvement, please let us know.

After talking about it for a long time we are finally ready to put up our new survey to find out what people want for Tuggeranong. The survey will be ready for viewing in the next two weeks.

Other events that members of the TCC executive have been involved with include attending:

- I represented the TCC at the inaugural meeting of the Icon Water Community Consultative Forum designed to find out community views on long term delivery of water and sewerage in the ACT and region.
- Wayne and I attended the opening of a new Chisholm public housing project, the first comprehensive project to date by the Public Housing Renewal Taskforce construction
- Beverley attended a day tour of Hindmarsh Retirement Villages
- I attended the Departments bi- monthly Environment and Planning Forum
- I attended the Combined Community Councils Public Forum “Meet the Candidates” on 16 June at the Albert Hall. Questions asked included: location of Federal departments in relation to impacts on (Town Centre’s), our heritage listing in Canberra, sustainable development in regards to infill, and renewable energy.

The Tuggeranong Community Council is currently arranging for our own “Meet the Brindabella Candidates Forum” on 14th September before the ACT election. ABC presenter Genevieve Jacobs has agreed to MC the event.

I was asked last month about what is happening in West Greenway (Thompson). I have been asked to participate in a “stakeholder and community panel” that the government is forming. This panel will be headed by an environmental expert from the ANU and be a *“vehicle for community feedback to the ACT Government. They will guide the broader community engagement program including public workshops, and have input into the development of the brief for assessments and studies of the area.*

As I mentioned last meeting, as this club is looking to renovate in the near future, we have been informed that we will be unable to use these facilities after this meeting. We are now pleased to announce that our next meeting on the 2nd August we will now be meeting at:

Vikings Town Centre Club - Cnr Athllon Drive and Rowland Crescent, Greenway.

It is interesting to note that the Tuggeranong Community Council has been serving the residents of this region since the year 1983 and for many of those years we met at the Vikings Town Centre Club, until they renovated about seven years ago. So it is very appropriate for us to return to the Vikings Club and we look forward to holding our meetings again in our new accommodation. I would like to thank the Southern Cross Club for housing and looking after us for the last seven years.

It is with sadness that I report that Max Flint our treasurer has tendered his resignation as treasurer from mid August. Max had been an invaluable member of the TCC Executive for the past couple of years. He is most thorough, has kept us on track, spent hours checking the books to clarify what is our money, what has been deeded to us by the government and been instrumental in the development of the new website. He will be sorely missed. If any of you are interested in being TCC Treasurer, please let me know.

Just a reminder that the September meeting will include our AGM. Please think about joining our committee. If you want to find out more about it please talk to any of the current committee. Details about the AGM will be available at our next meeting, which will be held on the 5th August at the Tuggeranong Town Centre Club. We will be advised about the new proposed redevelopment of the Vikings Club; students from (Mackillop College) will be our guest speakers to advise Council of their ideas to improve Tuggeranong for young people for the years ahead, and we will hopefully hear the latest plans for the Kambah Group Centre.
Moved: Frank Vrins, seconded Angie Drake

Police Report: Sergeant Chris Meagher

Acknowledged country then talked about NAIDOC week. He commented that crime statistics had decreased but there were increases in some types. eg there was a slight increase in offences against persons and push bike thefts. Sergeant Meagher talked about anti social activities in underpasses on weekends. He said they were currently being actively targeted. He mentioned that 22 July at the HYPERDOME is (Dob in a Dealer) day where a kiosk will be set up, sponsored by Crimestoppers. From 12pm to 2pm, near Woolworths and Lennard's Chicken shop.

MP/MLA Reports: Nicole Lawder MLA.

Ms Lawder advised the meeting of the reason for her non- attendance at last month's meeting. Ms Lawder also advised the meeting that unfortunately her colleague Brendan Smyth is unwell this week. In reference to the problem of the tip smell, Ms Lawder advised that she is still following this up and also mentioned the two weeks of sitting coming up in August to pass the ACT budget. Ms Lawder stated there is an additional \$85M for schools for special needs integration.

What Erindale Students Want for Tuggeranong?

Sarah Fowler, Ruvimbo Matsika and Sed Lex Bustilo from Erindale College Students spoke about what they wanted in Tuggeranong.

They talked about the need for a health centre and different services for youth who are struggling with criminal problems and drugs. These centres, should be like a "Community Centre" where students can go and hang out, be safe and talk with each other and people/teachers who could help them or advise them where to go. Some students are not always willing to ask parents or guardians. They should be a place where students could spend their leisure time instead of vandalising or tagging. Often these students are disengaged from school and such Centre could give opportunities for better use of student time to do better and more productive things, be a place to study. The comment was made that libraries aren't always open, especially at night and some current centres can be daunting and scary.

Other comments from the students included:

- They want to know more about what is happening in Tuggeranong. They wanted more commitment to improve communities and more community events, multicultural events is only once a year in Australia.
 - Need more drop in centres and need to communicate this information to youth better so they know what is out there.
 - Need places that are not daunting to students, so they can express themselves and feel safe.
- They felt that Youth are misrepresented because of problems with crime, media are negative but lots of students do really care about this negative attitude.
- They felt it beneficial to focus on the environment in younger education phases instead of unfortunately causing problems e.g. vandalism. They need better education on pollution, how to clean it up and appreciate the environment.
 - They understand a lot of effort has been put into the Lake issues but feel students don't understand the problem and how much effort goes into it fixing it up.
 - Also the skate park is not appreciated that much, there's been fires there lately on weekends.

When asked about what sort of atmosphere they are you looking for, they commented something like a coffee shop or a centre that targets multiple events eg ping pong, computers, Internet access for assignments. Glenys mentioned the TCC Youth Sub Group might want to look into this.

When asked what was good in Tuggeranong they said

- The 300 buses are really good for transport to get around.
- HYPERDOME is a good place to meet, positive and has variety, different seating areas.
- Tuggeranong is a good place to mix and live.
- Monkey bars etc around the lake are good and Community is good.

The comment was also made by one of the students who had lived in the UK that in London you worry all the time about gangs, kids can't walk to school anymore. Overall it is much safer in Tuggeranong. Parents don't need to worry so much. When asked about how we make youth more aware of what is happening and to make them more appreciative, the students replied the best way is to share information with many people is through school and social media. They also commented that they wanted transport to operate later at night as many students work late shifts and transport at night better is much safer than walking

Tuggeranong CIT Update: Joy Terry, CIT Business Development

Mentioned online learning starts on the 18 July and the Open day for the new Tuggeranong CIT is on Saturday 30th July, 10 - 2pm. Tuggeranong is not a large facility (CIT now spread over 3 campuses), but is exceedingly modern.

- Designed in centre of town to encourage people to come through.
- Computer terminal, phone recharging in foyer.
- Study nooks, quiet, Wifi available.
- Upstairs has a bar and functions centre for hire.
- Home for new cyber security and also early "childhood courses".
- Not a trade facility at all. Possible partnerships with Erindale and Tuggeranong
- Looking at partnership to support young people. Link course into Aged Care or nursing, disability care. Land conservation management for young people.
- Night programs or run on weekends.

Joy commented that Pathways programs operate mainly from Bruce and would need a demand to run the old Connect 10 program (to complete year 10). When asked by Beverley Flint about running Courses for seniors to update with the new technologies, Joy commented that this was a brilliant idea.

Save Energy but still be Warm in Winter: Guest Speaker Mr. Matthew Ruffin from (Progressive Sustainability) on behalf of ACTewAGL spoke Handed out Tip Sheet with lots of info. 60% of energy consumption in Canberra goes to heating. 3 major things to do:

- 1st is address the building envelope, stop leaks, insulate properly and double glazing.
- 2nd is the type of heating and how you use it.
- 3rd Heating technology.

Important things to do include look at the draught seal of the home envelope. Houses are very leaky, cold air in and hot air out, creates draughts. Matthew explained how to find leaks on a windy day with incense or get a test done professionally. He said down lights are very leaky and should be replaced with LED's or get special covers that are fire retardant. Exhaust fans need a draft stoppa.com.au but not over a Tastic. Door surrounds need self adhesive draught sealing tape, rubber more expensive but lasts better than foam. Bottom door seals, can be spring loaded or automatic roller (snake). Cracks and gaps around skirting boards and architraves, use a caulking gun, foam core wood beading. Check permanent opening vents in laundry and bathrooms, toilets.

He said bulk Insulation really important. Measured in R values, the higher the R value the better it is. R1=5cm R4 = 20cms. Always insulate ceilings (R4) first, then walls (R2+), then floor. Skylights are a big hole in your insulation, so use bubble wrap on your diffuser. Foil sarking is only useful for keeping heat out in summer. Windows have very low R value. Insulate with multi layered curtains and/or double glaze. Should have pelmets and curtains should touch floor- can use Velcro at sides and heat saver covers designed for evaporative vents are also good, they attach by magnets and are so easy to go up and down.

Two factors influence heating: behaviour (space, time, thermostat) and technology (central or room heating, heater efficiency).

General Business:

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Have been circulated on website.

Moved: Beverley Flint, Seconded: Frank Vrins. Approved

Matters Arising from Minutes: Nil

Correspondence: letter / West Greenway

Treasurer's Report: Expensive month, \$4,650 spent in June. Avail funds \$20,946. (As per Max's report). Storage, 12mths due in July, need approval.

Moved by Max Flint, seconded: Barry White. Approved

Sub Committee reports: Beverley Flint (Community, Health and Education).

1. Beverley advised that a resident of Kambah has complained about two abandoned sites that have been left derelict in Kambah (Summerland Circuit, Livingstone Avenue). Correspondence to Minister Fitzharris.
2. Beverley made another request to the Dept. of Roads to complete the last six large open sumps on Drakeford Drive (between Western and Cotter turn offs). The work will be completed at the end of this month. Beverley thanked Ross Schofield and all Dept. staff for their excellent co-operation.
3. On the 15th June, the Sydney Hindmarsh Group organized a day of inspecting their company's retirement villages. Beverley attended this inspection.
4. A workshop on "Prediction of Harmful Algal Blooms" by Dr. Klaus Joehnk, Senior Research Scientist CSIRO. Dr Joehnk will keep Beverley advised of the outcome of the workshop.
5. On 6th July Beverley attended a COTA- ANU Forum "Aged Friendly Communities". Two Guest speakers from the U.K. University of Manchester were excellent. COTA will provide feedback on this Forum for the community.

Next Meeting to be held on Tuesday **2nd August**, 2016 at the **VIKINGS TOWN CENTRE CLUB**, Tuggeranong.

Meeting closed at 9:45pm.