

**Tuggeranong Community Council Inc.**  
**General Meeting –6 June 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 6 June 2017.

**Apologies:** Gai Brodtmann MP, Andrew Eppelstun.

**President's Report: Glenys Patulny**

Glenys delivered the following Report:

The Tuggeranong Community Council welcomes the recent announcement of \$3 million to make improvements to the Tuggeranong Town Centre's Anketell Street and \$2 million for the stage 2 upgrade of Kambah Village.

The upgrade to Anketell Street, an Election promise, is very welcome, but we are disappointed that there appear to be no plans to complete the renovations to the laneway that links Anketell Street to the Lake. Currently work is being carried out to improve the first part of this laneway (which leads to the Tuggeranong Town Square) and we would like it upgraded all the way to the Lake. This would help with the overall revitalisation for the Tuggeranong area and would promote the lake areas where approximately \$27 million has been allocated to improve water quality. Such an upgrade would allow a smooth walkway between the two areas - Lake to the Hyperdome via the Town Square, promote active travel and help in the revitalisation of the whole area.

We have been assured that there will be further community consultation before all plans are finalised, hopefully in July and Hamish and I are following up on this and will inform you of any consultation dates – but wondering if adequate funds are available to complete the work.

As a follow up to last year's discussion on West Greenway, the West Greenway Stakeholder Panel (which then recommended against the development of the area into a new suburb of Thompson) met (on 10th May) with members of the TCC Planning and Community sub committees, to look at the possibility of the Community coming up with a proposal to create a Sporting/Environmental precinct in the area. At that meeting the group decided this was a good idea and should be followed up. The group also were happy for the Vikings Club to relocate their stadium to the area to enhance it as a sporting/environmental precinct, as well as contribute to protecting the environment of the area. So over the next few months we will be holding some public meetings to pursue this idea.

Other meeting I have been involved with include:

- Icon Water – further discussion on pricing structures;
- With Beverley and Max I attended the talk on Citizens' Juries; and
- Planning and Development – met the new Director General.

The next meeting of the TCC will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> July at the Tuggeranong Town Centre Club when we will be hearing from Ben Ponton, the new Director General of the ACT Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate about how he sees his new role.

Acceptance of the Report was Moved by Didi Sommer and Seconded by Frank Vrins.

**Police Report: Station Sergeant Chris Meagher**

Sergeant Meagher apologised for his absence last month (due to illness) and proceeded to provide the following details of local crime statistics and information on other related matters:

- Increases across a number of crime types including assaults and aggravated robbery.
- The use of stolen motor vehicles and the formation of a Targeting Team to act on these issues in the local area, resulting in:
  - 22 persons arrested with 15 currently remaining in custody, 202 charges laid for various breaches.
- 3 Search warrants executed across the ACT (two in Tuggeranong), resulting in:
  - Recovery of over \$100,000 worth of property, as well as about 30 stolen motor vehicles, including two sports vehicles valued at total of \$230,000.
- Also, decreases experienced between February and May for the following incidents:
  - 14.3% for Burglaries, 44.8% for Stolen Motor Vehicles and 24.9% for Thefts.

Sergeant Meagher offered to pass on some experiences during his previous service in Afghanistan (Kabul), including photos, at the next meeting. Finally, he also drew attention to the adverse road conditions likely during the winter months that require more care and attention to be exercised by motorists.

A query was raised regarding the removal of tamper proof screws and Sergeant Meagher confirmed that it could be readily arranged by attending any local Police Station.

#### **MLA Updates:**

##### **- Mark Parton (Canberra Liberals Brindabella)**

Mark commented briefly on the ACT Budget that had been handed down earlier in the day. He mentioned the following:

- No particular surprises - mainly just fulfilling Election promises;
- Not much joy involved for Tuggeranong;
- Net debt of \$3.5 billion against revenue in excess of \$6 billion; and
- Rates and taxes to increase, as well as steep hike in various fines.

He made reference to a Motion being moved in the Assembly regarding the process for selecting the zones for the Public Housing projects announced. Many had been in areas previously marked as Community Facility sites and it is unclear if other alternative sites had been considered.

Mark has also queried what engagement is being currently made by the Government with the Clubs ACT organisation.

##### **- Caroline Le Couteur (ACT Greens Murrumbidgee)**

Caroline also referred to the ACT Budget and produced a leaflet outlining the highlights, including various projects proposed for Tuggeranong, as well as the details of expenditure for the following new initiatives:

- Proposed Drug and Alcohol Court;
- Office of Mental Health; and
- \$0.5 million for Community Grants for project work related to zero emissions.

Caroline mentioned a recent Motion in the Assembly regarding poker machine spending limits and controls on cash withdrawals via ATM and EFTPOS facilities.

She also made reference to the consultation process for Stage 2 of the Light Rail project, with plans for it to stop at Canberra Hospital instead of Woden Town Centre as originally proposed.

A question was raised about the inherent dangers of unregulated on-line gambling practices as opposed to the controls being implemented for poker machines. Caroline indicated that such forms of gambling were not generally considered as addictive as poker machines.

**- Nicole Lawder (Canberra Liberals Brindabella)**

Nicole outlined the list of Budget promises for Tuggeranong. She said, despite the record revenue level, it would appear that the Government has no actual plan to repay the deficit debt, which attracts an interest figure this year of \$194 million.

A concern was raised in relation to the delays experienced with the introduction of the NBN in Tuggeranong. It was suggested that the ACT Government should put pressure on the Federal Government for early action with the more efficient 'Fibre to the Node' option. Nicole agreed to propose a Motion in the Assembly to this effect based on the concerns expressed. She also acknowledged that our local MP, Gai Brodtmann has been regularly pushing for a satisfactory and prompt outcome with the NBN implementation in Canberra.

Some additional background information was provided from the floor, with particular reference to the technical developments and several past complications involved with the delivery of the service locally. Various other related problems were mentioned by attendees and it clearly seems to be a confusing and contentious issue at present.

**Guest Speakers:**

**- David Collett (ACT Government Public Housing Renewal Taskforce)**

David addressed the meeting regarding concerns about the Public Housing issue and provided a video presentation covering the following updated information:

- Two sites at Monash – feedback by community has been considered.
- Modifications made and DA now submitted with extended consultation period.
- Aspects of Wetlands planning system also needs to be considered for other site.
- One site in Greenway relocated following local community's objections.
- Concerns re size of proposed buildings, availability of parking, etc. to be considered.
- Transport Canberra to meet with residents to discuss road changes and available transport facilities, including impact on school bus routes.
- Other sites identified in various Woden/Weston Creek suburbs and Taskforce is working with local residents and the Community Councils to address any concerns.

Several matters were raised by members, including the following:

- Are any further sites planned for Tuggeranong in the future?  
*Matter still under investigation for any suitable land being available. No firm plans at present and will inform the Council if other areas are identified.*
- Why so many sites chosen on Southside when equivalent land is available elsewhere?  
*Website indicates that similar developments also planned for Belconnen, Gungahlin, etc. with 177 units constructed on Northside to date. No urban open space areas being identified.*
- Why not consider arranging for future large housing developments to include a specific element as Public Housing?  
*Comments to be passed on to the area responsible.*
- How widely was letter boxing undertaken in Monash due to poor attendance at consultation meetings?

*Information not readily available – to be followed up.*

- What is the cost involved with relocation of public housing tenants from the City?  
*Total cost estimated at \$600 million with completion date of mid-2018.*

#### **- Purdon Planning (Kristi Jorgensen)**

Kristi returned on behalf of Empire Global and their Development Consultants to provide Council members with information about the next stage of the South Quay development. It involves the corner Guilfoyle House site in Anketell Street.

Kristi outlined the planning requirements covering the limitations under the local Building Code and Master Plan and she provided the following details:

- Site Characteristics – ground floor plan with retail spaces proposed;
- Three stage process involving 4 separate buildings with maximum height limit of 7/8 storeys up to 24 metres consisting of 375 dwellings;
- Extensive landscaping at ground floor level as well as essential parking facilities;
- Communal spaces included with various rooftop amenities planned;
- Architecture and building materials with high quality benchmark;
- Urban design – user friendly for residents and revitalisation of Town Centre.

Kristi explained the key features of the project, with benefits to include delivery of size diversity. Impacts of the project include traffic pressures and adequate car parking facilities, as well as the visual impact. Process timeframes indicate early lodgement of DA and anticipated approval by October this year.

The following queries were raised by members:

- What parking arrangements are available for the team of construction workers?
- Will all of the units have a separate parking space provided?
- Are there any frontages towards the Lake or only Anketell Street?

Appropriate responses were provided by Kristi, who indicated that further updates on the project would be presented at a later stage.

#### **- Michelle Robertson (Communities @Work)**

Michelle represented CEO, Lorcan Murphy who, unfortunately, was unable to attend the meeting. She delivered a video presentation featuring a snapshot of the varied services offered by the *Communities @Work* organisation, which is 40 years old this year. It included the following information about the essential services provided through their Centres in Tuggeranong and Gungahlin:

- Provision of food, clothing, education and shelter to the needy;
- 2,000 visits each month to Community Pantry facility – 17,200 kgs of food rescued yearly;
- Reference to a positive clothing program result where suitable items were provided to a client to assist with securing employment that avoided a shoplifting offence and likely apprehension;
- Independent school run by volunteers under normal education curriculum;
- Mention of ACT's high rate of homelessness with shelter space provided in Community Centres as a de-facto home – also transitional housing assistance available;
- Funding mainly generated from fees for various children's services provided:
  - Day Care schemes – 80% of revenue
  - Government funding allocation

- Grants funding received as well as generous community donations
- Use of their various children's services was strongly promoted;
- Good quality clothing and essential food items always needed;
- Accessing the website was encouraged, as well direct visits to their Centres.

Some minor queries were raised by members, including the following:

- Where did Communities @Work start?  
*Instigated by a group of local community members.*
- Will they remain in present Tuggeranong location (in Cowlshaw Street)?  
*Future at present location is uncertain but there are other outlets nearby.*
- What plans are involved for building available in Mannheim Street, Kambah?  
*Some renovations required for planned provision of educational facilities there.*

A welcome suggestion was made by Beverley Flint that members consider purchasing one extra item during their shopping trips to contribute to the containers available outside both Coles and Woolworths at the Hyperdome. Michelle indicated that items needed in particular are pasta, tuna and toilet paper, as well as personal care/hygiene products, including any surplus (sealed) travel pack items.

#### **General Business:**

##### **- Minutes of May 2017 Meeting**

Confirmed with minor amendments to the text in Beverley Flint's report under 'Any Other Business'. No issues arising.

Acceptance was Moved by Frank Vrins and Seconded by Bill Heins.

**- Correspondence** Nil

##### **- Treasurer's Report (Max Flint)**

Max delivered a brief Report showing net expenditure over the period of **\$947.11**

Balance of available funds currently stands at **\$21,419** comprising:

- Members' funds : \$ 8,932
- ACT Government Funds : \$ 12,487

He also reminded attendees that membership renewals were due as at 1 July.

Proposed: Max Flint and Seconded: Hamish Sinclair. Carried.

#### **Sub Committee Reports:**

##### **- Community (Taryn Langdon)**

Taryn provided some information regarding the Council's intention to establish a local Community Service award to recognise a Tuggeranong resident who has made a significant impact and contribution to the local community. Further details of the proposal, including broad criteria, type of recognition and timing (to open in July) will be included with the distribution of the Minutes later this month. Any comments/feedback from members is welcome and the award will be promoted widely, including relevant social media platforms.

Taryn also commented that it is the responsibility of the local community to make the Government aware of what we want for Tuggeranong to ensure that we get our fair share of Budget expenditure and infrastructure needs in the future.

**- Environment**

Relevant issues were covered in the President's Report above. Glenys made mention of a Climate Change related Forum that she was planning to attend the next day.

**- Youth**

The representative was unavailable to attend the meeting. However, Glenys mentioned that it was proposed to have a Planning Day to discuss various issues that have been identified to/by members of the Sub Committee.

**- Planning (Hamish Sinclair)**

Hamish made reference to the Council's objection to the DA submission on the new intersection proposed to connect Drakeford Drive to South Quay, based on concerns that the intersection clearly presents likely traffic congestion and safety problems in the area.

He also mentioned that he is awaiting a meeting with the Minister to discuss various Planning issues in Tuggeranong.

**Any Other Business:**

Beverley Flint reported on the outcome of recent submissions about various issues in Greenway, following Minister Gentleman's response on behalf of Minister Fitzharris.

Max Flint advised that a response had been received from Minister Rattenbury (ACT Greens) regarding the Foy Group's Plastics proposal to indicate that the ACT Greens party is opposed to the project.

**Meeting Closed** at 9.50pm. Next meeting 4<sup>th</sup> July at Vikings Town Centre Club.