

Tuggeranong Community Council Meeting Minutes – 7th June 2016

Welcomes:

Meeting opened at 7:33pm and President, Glenys Patulny, welcomed everyone in attendance - refer Attendance Record of 7th June 2016.

Apologies:

Paul Nichol, Tom Lindenmayer, Nicole Lawder MLA, Martin Wright.

President's Report:

Glenys delivered the following report.

It has been a very exciting month for Tuggeranong with announcements:

- News that the Federal Government has committed \$27 million to clean up Lake Tuggeranong. The money mentioned, together with the \$4 million the ACT government has committed in today's budget should make a great contribution to improving water quality in Lake Tuggeranong. Thanks go to all those who have supported and pushed for this result, particularly our Federal members and our local MLAs from both parties. We will hear the details later tonight
- Ashley Drive will be fully duplicated to Johnson Drive.
- New SES Centre at Calwell.
- Shopping Centre upgrade at Kambah Village and new street furniture and outdoor space upgrades in Anketell St, Tuggeranong
- Kambah has been included in the 'green bin' trial
- Hearing about the Vikings Club Proposal for their future development.

Members of the Executive have been busy with:

- Attending the opening of the upgraded Ambulance Station at Greenway. (5 May)
- On the same day attending the launch of the Draft ACT and Region Catchment Strategy at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre. I am pleased to say it was a packed audience, with a number of Tuggeranong Community Council and Tuggeranong Lake Carers attending, showing how interested Tuggeranong residents are in future water strategies in the ACT and region.
- Attending one of the forums run by the University of Canberra's CURF (Canberra Urban and Regional Futures) group. The focus group meeting was designed to find out the views of residents (from a Kambah resident's perspective) relating to the 'sustainable future of the Tuggeranong district'.
- Attending meetings about the City and Gateway Urban Renewal strategy.
- Attending regular meetings of the Department's Environment and Planning Forum.
- Working with our Web designer to plan our new website.

Annalyse Betts, coordinator of our new Youth sub-committee, met with the TCC Executive to tell us about the recruitment of students for this committee and the progress to date of their idea to organize a future street festival. Annalyse will give us an update about this later in the meeting.

The Combined Community Council of the ACT is holding a "Meet the Candidates" public forum at 7pm on 16 June at the Albert Hall. All are welcome to attend to hear discussed:

- What should be the national responsibilities for planning in the ACT; and
- How to preserve the unique characteristics of Canberra as the nation's capital.

Questions could cover:

- location of Federal departments in relation to impacts on town centre's employment, transport and parking;
- impact of recent changes to the National Capital Plan;
- heritage listing of Canberra in its overall design concepts;
- ACT government projects that affect areas under NCA responsibility such as City to the Lake, Manuka Oval and West Tuggeranong. (Details are on our website)

The Tuggeranong Community Council is currently arranging for our own "Meet the Brindabella Candidates Forum" in September before the ACT election. ABC presenter, Genevieve Jacobs has agreed to MC the event and we should have the date finalised by the next meeting.

Recently, we have received unfortunate news. Due to the fact that this club is looking to renovate in the near future, we have been informed that we will be unable to use these facilities after our July meeting. We are now looking into what to do and will make an announcement at our July meeting.

The next meeting of the Tuggeranong Council will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th July at the Tuggeranong Southern Cross Club. We are currently investigating the following speakers for next meeting. Possibilities include:

- The Vikings Club to give us a presentation on their new development proposal.
- Having ACTewAGL coming along to talk to us about how to keep warm and save energy in winter.
- Seeing if we can have students from another college in the Tuggeranong to address the Council
- Perhaps have an update about what is happening in South Quay?.

Accept report: Beverley Flint. Seconded: Albert.Orszaczky

Police Report:

Sergeant Chris Meagher provided a brief report with an update on high profile robberies, at Goodwin Village. He commented on the recent loss of a member of the community from Kambah at the Cotter River in the floods, saying it was a complex, dangerous and emotional rescue in horrendous conditions. This matter is subject to a "coronial inquiry". He praised staff and first responders.

Sergeant Meagher then introduced Patrick Nolan from TAMS who spoke about Graffiti clean -up and working with and between directorates to combat it in the future. Patrick looks after graffiti clean-up in our area. Along with Neighbourhood Watch, TAMS is asking artists in the area to take younger ones under their guidance, rather than doing tags. The department has opened areas for legal graffiti walls and developed a website for young people to connect, re legal murals on walls. They are working with AFP using cameras to pick up people responsible for the graffiti and trying to organise volunteer days for those who want to clean up with TAMS assisting with cleaning materials (subject to approval). The best way to stop graffiti is to clean it off straight away. Patrick spoke of a site in Belconnen where this has worked.

Patrick commented that they needed the support of the community to deal with graffiti, to get to the root of the problem. TAMS does restorative justice with offending school kids and parents need to know what their children are doing at night. Any assistance will be very much appreciated. Patrick then responded to questions.

MP/MLA Updates:

Gai Brodtmann MP

Ms Brodtmann thanked Sergeant Chris Meagher's team for work over the weekend with the recent floods and gave condolences to the family and children of the young man. She talked about the recently NBN forum she had held with her colleague the Shadow Minister for Regional Communication, Steven Jones. She spoke about struggles and frustrations people are having with lack of decent NBN connection. Ms Brodtmann has written to the Minister for Canberra to be prioritised and she said parts of Tuggeranong eg Calwell and Theodore have some of the worst internet connections in the country. Ms Brodtmann advised that she will continue to campaign on this and mentioned a petition she has organized that can be signed on line at her website or at her office.

Brendan Smyth MLA

Today's ACT Budget includes both good and bad news. Good news included some small projects: Lake Tuggeranong \$9m, upgrade program to improve some shopping centres, including Kambah Village, new ESA headquarters, Ashley Drive \$3.5m, renovation of Community Centre and Rural bush fire brigade upgrade. But the bad news is future price rises: parking fines up 24%, traffic infringements up 24%, land tax up, motor vehicle transfers up, rates up, parking fees up 22%. He commented that hospital waiting lists are getting longer, and the additional \$30 levy (on top of rates) to fight domestic violence seems strange. He said that Tuggeranong and most households come out of it badly. He also congratulated Sergeant Meagher AFP and Rangers at the Cotter for their work in the recent flood situation.

Guest Speakers

National Broadband Network – Peter Gurney, General Manager, Community Affairs, NBN

Peter said that NBN is a government business enterprise that like Australia Post has a simple mandate to build Australia's new landline and internet, broadband network. They are wholesale only. They are laying a fixed line network using existing facilities as much as possible. Fixed line technology, has 3 main types: fibre to - premises, node and basement. He commented that public information is available on their website where they have published a three year rollout plan. Unfortunately only Kambah, Wanniasa and surprisingly Tharwa are listed on their proposed plans. Check your address on their website for your suburb roll out. He also mentioned that:

- NBN has experienced graffiti on their street infrastructure. In Dubbo they are doing a trial with local artists which is highly successful
- Sky Muster satellite launched last year, which is an exciting service in the bush. Great feedback already.

Questions

People asked why only Kambah, Wanniasa and Tharwa were listed when there is very poor service in a lot of the Tuggeranong Valley. Peter commented it was mainly because of the availability of space in existing exchanges and the need to upgrade exchanges. He said NBN needed to work with delivery partners in sequencing of resources. When questioned why was Tharwa included, he said it was because as it has a direct connection to the Deakin Exchange.

Peter commented that the NBN is the biggest infrastructure in the country and while two million homes have been connected there are still six million still to go. In planning the rollout they needed to deal with issues of sequencing and working collaboratively with other providers to get access to particular exchanges and to upgrade exchanges as appropriate.

Many expressed concern about the current rollout of fiber to the node and then copper to the home being obsolete technology. Peter said they needed to work within government requirements. When asked about NBN's funding plan once \$29.5B is spent he said they intended to then go to the equity market for private funding.

Plans to improve the quality of water in Lake Tuggeranong

Matt Kendall and Justin Foley, Basin Priority Project

Matt talked about the background to the project that they have funding from the Federal Government (agreed to in 2014) to come up with ways to improve the quality of water flowing into the Murrumbidgee River. Over the last 18 months they have been working to identify the most effective water quality treatments for each catchment, taking into account the different characteristics and environmental impacts, community preferences and cost-benefit analyses of the interventions. Now they have come up with and had approved by the Commonwealth twenty five projects, of which nine are for the Lake Tuggeranong catchment.

Identification and decisions were made on looking at “whole of life costs”, ongoing operations and maintenance. All communities were surveyed re water quality attitudes, values and Open Houses held. Projects will include: rain gardens, ponds and wetlands, channel naturalisation (remove concrete channels), community extension, water quality monitoring and education like “Waterwatch” program. *Note; A rain garden was explained to be Bio retention, where coarse sand with vegetation growing in it, like a sand, will filter nutrients into the soil rather than the water course.*

Beside the original twenty five agreed projects, there are also twenty four reserve projects. All construction has to be completed by 2019, if there are problems eg asbestos found below ground at a site, a reserve project will be looked at. There will be further consultation with those most directly affected by the projects. Matt emphasized that the ACT government has committed to ongoing operation and maintenance of these assets.

Justin:

We are now in Phase 2 with the following indicative timeline,:

- Preparing more detailed plans now,
- Enhancing design and costing in Aug 2016.
- Procurement and contract Oct 2016 - Mar 2017.
- Community consultation Aug/Sept 2017.
- Work commences April 2017.
- Projects completed in March 2019.
- Isabella Pond in April 2017 there is a two year construction time, need to get started and work efficiently.

In Tuggeranong there are nine projects costing \$27M. Best options presented are on the southern end of lake due to total numbers of nitrogen, sediments and phosphorous. They include:

- Erindale Drive Monash, naturalise, remove concrete channel, restore wider swale, traps sediment and processing nutrient, above Isabella pond. Diverting water out of storm water drain system, low flow diversion, predictable amount of water, minimise’s potential for doing damage.
- Fadden Pines is a bio retention system with water diverted, through plants and sand filters, treated and re-enters system.
- Chisholm District Playing Fields, bio retention system, a medium that sits at surface level, not a pond.
- Drakeford Drive, Kambah East District Playing Field. Uses existing tanks, pond system, utilise treated water into tanks for use in irrigation on playing fields. Sensible use of treated water, going through pond and applying water and nutrients to fields.
- Chirmside Circuit Kambah – south of Kambah West district playing fields rain garden
- Wanniassa Playing fields, complex site with bio retention system, overflow swale into a sediment pond and pump water back up to tanks for application on playing fields.

- Isabella Pond, drainage line will be turned into a swale. Will take advantage of work to be done on the weir when dam being upgraded (a great opportunity to get in and build a wetland) and construction appropriate wetlands. Note wetlands generally shallow, up to 600mm, water moving through plants catch sediment and process nutrient.
- Upper Stranger Pond, bio retention opportunity to use on playing field, tapping existing stormwater, treating and pumping to playing fields, value adding keeping sports fields alive.
- The ninth project is a three year 'research project' at Lake Tuggeranong itself. The in-lake trials will focus on sediment movement reduction and bubblers to reduce the frequency of blue green algal blooms.

Comment was made that we also need to educate and make people aware how certain actions eg sweeping leaves down gutters, goes straight into the lake/rivers and adversely affects water quality and promotes the growth of blue green algae.

When questions were asked about how people could find out more detail the following comments were made:

- Matt said you could look up ACT Basin Priority Project at environment.act.gov.au for any updates
- The TCC would be inviting Matt and Justin back to talk to us when any significant changes occurred

GENERAL BUSINESS.

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Proposed acceptance Beverly Flint, Seconded: Frank Vrins. All in favour

Matters Arising from Minutes: None

Correspondence:

Glenys advised, nothing additional to report that hasn't already been mentioned.

Treasurer's Report:

Max said that a new Debit card account had been set up for paying where cheques are not accepted and a new TCC computer with appropriate software had been bought.

Max Flint presented his Report showing bank balance of \$25,832.11 with routine expenditure totalling \$2,770.28 during the past month. Financial statement for May is attached below.

Max Flint requested his report be moved. Proposed Max, Seconded Wayne, Accepted.

Motion: Proposal to spend \$890 to buy an Ipad for the President.

Proposed Carl, seconded Jane Hiatt, Motion accepted

Reminder of membership renewals, due on 1st July. We can accept payments at next meeting.

Sub Committee Reports:

Annalyse Betts, Youth Sub Committee report:

Last Tuesday was first meeting of group, good turnout with 13 people attending. Set up social media platform to get word out. As of next week, TTC's new Facebook will be up. Also had interview with Chronicle, and received feedback from many residents and youths. It has been suggested that we should run an Anketel Street fair/street market. Group members have been in touch with Kulture Break dance group and Lanyon Market and talked to potential food stalls. CMA students in Diploma in Make-up could run a face painting stall and there has been a suggestion for a

fireworks show at end of street market, over the lake. Also discussing the idea of a Gala Dinner to raise money for charity.

When asked about the possibility of using the TCC's Facebook and Twitter pages, Annalyse said the Youth Group would prefer to create their own Instagram, for easy access and photographer posting photos. This would be then linked to the TCC site.

Beverley Flint Community Health and Education Sub Committee:

Discussions with Mick Gentlemen about public housing tenants being moved from City to East Greenway. Issues with children getting to Wanniasa schools through Oxley, without transport.

Any other Business:

A question was asked about the new suburb in West Greenway (Thompson). Concern was expressed about recent government publications, which seem to give an impression that it is going ahead. A lot of people are unhappy about this. Glenys said she would follow up what is happening and will report back at the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 5th July, 2016

TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL (TCC) TREASURER'S REPORT EXECUTIVE MEETING		
	5-Jul-16	SCrossC
ACCOUNTS FOR MONTH ENDING		
	June 2016	
Account	Date	Balance
Operating Account		
Start of Period	1/06/16	8,677.92
Net Change for Period		- 4,848.33
Investment Account		
Start of Period	1/06/16	16,870.09
Net Change for Period		- 591.51
Card Account		
Start of Period	1/06/16	50.00
Net Change for Period		562.02
Petty Cash		
Start of Period	1/06/16	184.10
Net Change for Period		42.00
Total Accounts		
Start of Period	1/06/16	25,598.01
End of Period	30/06/16	20,946.29
Net Change for Period		- 4,651.72
Ownership of Funds		
Members Funds	30/6/16	8,676.31
ACT Government Funds	30/6/17	12,269.98