

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc.
General Meeting –7 March 2017
Minutes

Welcome/Acknowledgement:

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

Present:

The Meeting was well attended - refer Attendance Record of 7 March 2017.

Apologies:

Dennis O'Connor, Sergeant Steve Harris, Tarryn Langdon, Rob Lovett, Gai Brodtmann MP.

President's Report: Glenys Patulny

Glenys spoke about the successful Cleanup Up Australia day at Lake Tuggeranong on Sunday 5th March. She said over fifty people helped clean up the Lake and many bags of rubbish plus other assorted items were collected. The Tuggeranong Lake Carers were well supported by Tuggeranong Community Council, who put on a BBQ for all participants (thanks Beverly and Max), and the Tuggeranong Sea Scouts.

Other groups who supported us included:

- The Lake Tuggeranong Rowing Club
- The Clean Up Australia people who supplied some bags, gloves etc.
- The Southern ACT Catchment Group who supplied a lot of equipment
- Bunnings – who supplied (free of charge) additional bags and gloves
- NCA – who gave us some additional pickers, rakes and bags
- Icon Water – who gave us water bottles for distribution.

Overall it was a great success and showed how various groups working together can achieve success.

Glenys also mentioned other activities that the Council has been involved with including: Social Media talk by ACT Government; re invigorating the Youth Sub-committee; the launch of H2OK – the new Stormwater Education program that was launched here in Tuggeranong; attending 'Blueprint for Zero Emissions' – ACT's Climate Strategy to 2050; speaking at Calwell High School assembly about the TCC and the Youth Sub-committee; meeting with the head of Capital Works about the Anketell St development; and, attending community meetings about the FOY Plastics to Diesel proposal where members of the public came to express their concerns.

She also spoke about a newly created Awards Sub Committee that is looking at a possible new TCC Community award - *to recognise an individual who lives or works in Tuggeranong and has contributed significantly to Tuggeranong and/or the ACT Community.*

Police Report:

Acting Officer in Charge, Sergeant Steve Harris was unable to attend due to illness but provided a brief report on local crime statistics.

MLA Updates:

- Mark Parton (Canberra Liberals):

Mark started by saying he had attended the recent FOY meeting in regards to the plastics factory.

He also paid tribute to the Vikings Club for their efforts in the Sports Awards they recently held. Mark said he was enjoying being an MLA as he likes helping people. He holds the Shadow portfolios of Gaming and Racing as well as Housing. Mark is also doing a small social media business promotion called Brindabella Business Buzz.

- Nicole Lawder (Canberra Liberals):

Nicole mentioned that there are awards currently open for volunteers of the year under a number of categories.

Guest Speakers:

- Mick Gentleman MLA

Mick was invited by the Council to address the meeting and give an insight on what is happening around Tuggeranong.

- Mick is the Manager of Government Business, and he gave a brief outline of that position. The leading role of MGB is to prepare the government business for the sitting weeks.
- He mentioned that the views of the government is to see the city grow and move with the times, including getting a balance between the upgrade and vibrancy of the Town Centres and the city.
- Mick said that the city area and major Town Centres are being upgraded to move towards the goal of being a Smart City, with free WiFi in these areas and smart parking being implemented.
- He also touched on the Healthy Water Ways program set up for the ACT. He said that particularly with Lake Tuggeranong, work will be starting soon. This will start with the draining of the Isabella Weir, and the removal of carp.

There were questions from the floor to the Minister, which included:

- *What is the current position with the FOY refinery?*
There is still a lot to be considered for this project. Mick also said that the vision of Canberra is to be 100% carbon emission free by 2020, and he is not sure that this program fits into this.
- *What is the current status of the Thompson/West Greenway proposal?*
There was a lot of negative feedback from the community, and it's a strong belief that it is unlikely to go ahead.

- Hugh Howarth - Vikings Group

Hugh spoke to the Council previously and gave an update on the possible relocation of Viking Park and the future of the current location. He said the current location is not ideal for the number of supporters attending and there is no opportunity for expansion in the area, which is the reason why they want to relocate the Viking Park. Hugh mentioned that they are seeking a suitable location to move and build a like for like of the current park. They want to find somewhere in Tuggeranong as Vikings is a Tuggeranong based sporting group.

Hugh outlined the activity that takes place at the park, including game days, training, and other activities that are run in conjunction with the Brumbies. If they are successful in moving the site, they would engage with the community to gain ideas and support for to what they do with the site, such as an urban village complex.

Hugh indicated that there is a bigger vision of a sports precinct that could include many other sporting groups to house them all in the one area.

General Business:

- Minutes of February 2017 Meeting

No issues arising. Accepted Mark O'Neil and Seconded Frank Vrins.

- Correspondence Nil

- Treasurer's Report

Expenditure during the past month was \$ 470.94

Available funds currently stand at \$ **25,105** comprising:

- Members' funds \$ 8,880
- ACT Government Funds \$ 16,225

Proposed Max Flint and Seconded Frank Vrins

- Sub Committee Reports:

Environment: Glenys referred to her President's report regarding the Lake Clean Up.

Planning: Hamish Sinclair mentioned a meeting with the ACT Capital Works people and said that there has been no planning done on the laneway section off Anketell Street past the first building. There is a proposed \$300,000 funding allocated for that small area. A letter has been written to ask them to review their thoughts on this issue and complete the design for the laneway to open up the Hyperdome and Anketell Street to the little Town Square there and the lake and vice versa. This would then allow for flow from Anketell Street, right down to the lake. He commented on the gradient sloping of the area need to be incorporated into the design of the landscape plans.

Glenys mentioned also that the buses down Anketell Street should be rerouted. She called for a show of hands for approval to write a letter of support to the Government to have the Action buses redirected. Glenys also asked for a show of hands for support of the idea to move forward on asking the TCCS to rethink their current plan of Stage 1. Both show of hands resulted in a majority of support.

Community: Glenys briefly mentioned that a meeting was held in regard to the proposed Tuggeranong Community Award, and that there was discussion around the naming of it, and it came down to being called "The Tuggeranong Community Award".

Beverley Flint talked about a meeting she attended organised by Minister Meegan Fitzharris, and chaired by her Advisor for Transport and City Services, Blair Thompson. Beverley raised her concerns at the meeting about the lack of signage around the cycle paths, and requested bollards be placed at entrances to underpasses and other intersections on the paths. She also requested the upgrade of the paths to be widened to cater for both cyclists and walkers.

Beverley also mentioned that following a suggestion by the TCC, the Land and Development Agency (LDA) had organised a stand at the Lanyon Marketplace to tell people there about the new East Greenway (Southquay East) development, and its likely impact on the flow of traffic to Lanyon.

Youth: Matthew Torrens introduced himself, and spoke about upcoming youth events that the committee is planning to attend. He also asked for support from the Council to organise funding for a banner for the Youth group to display at locations they attended. Quotes have been around \$500 and it was accepted by the Council, seconded by Lyndon Landon. Anthony Hill, CEO of the Vikings Group then stood up and said that the Vikings would be happy to sponsor the sign and cover the cost.

Meeting Closed at 9.45pm. Next meeting 4th April at Vikings Town Centre Club.