

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

Welcome/Acknowledgement:

Meeting opened 7.30pm by President Glenys Patulny who welcomed attendees.

Present: Refer to the Attendance Record of 7 November 2017.

Apologies: William Heins; Martin Devine.

President's Report: Glenys Patulny

Main points include:

- Report on Tuggeranong Lake Carers Spring Lake Clean-up

A range of community members participated in the event, 58 community members were out working around the Lake on the day. In total, 56 bags of rubbish were collected, half of the rubbish collected is recyclable. The TCC put on a free BBQ after the event. Col McIntyre Real Estate donated funds and organised the purchase of a sandwich board for the Lake Carers to promote Lake Carers Events.

- Report on final numbers for the Bus petition to re-route buses from in front of the Hyperdome.

In total, 743 submissions were received, the breakdown of submissions being 562 written and 181 online submissions. These numbers equate to many more than were received for the Tuggeranong Master Plan. The TCC aims to provide the submissions to Mark Parton for presentation to the Assembly.

- Budget ideas within the TCC Budget Submission for the 2018-19 ACT budget:

Planning – better planning for the Town Centre

Research Study - covering how to activate an “eat-street”

Safety – improved lighting

Transport and infrastructure – rerouting the buses from Anketell St

Upgrading bus interchange

Improved car parking on Sulwood Drive

Organic waste collection

Gaps in community services in Tuggeranong region for vulnerable families

- Meetings attended over the previous month

CCTV Tuggeranong

ACT Housing Homelessness Forum

West Greenway environmental planning meeting

ICON Water meeting

Youth Engagement meeting

ACT Healthy Waterways meeting

Environment and Planning meeting

Invitation to attend Climate Change Ministerial Advisory Group

Tuggeranong Hyperdome update

- Next meeting where we will hear the latest about the upgrade to Anketell Street and the Laneway and Tuggeranong Hyperdome news. To be followed by a Xmas mingle

Report Accepted: Didi Somers; Seconded: Sue Grey; Carried by members.

N.B. The full President's Report is available on our Website under News/Issues.

Youth Engagement Sub-Committee Report: Mathew Torrens

Executive Summary from the Youth Engagement Forum has been approved, the report will be released to all schools that participated in the Forum.

The Sub-Committee put forward ideas for inclusion in the TCC Budget Submission. Agenda for next Youth meeting - Planning for 2018 – another Youth Engagement Forum; working with the YWCA to develop holiday program; circulate details of sports in Tuggeranong to all schools.

Police Report: S/Sgt Chris Meagher

Update – Armed robberies are the major concern now for Police. On a more positive note, more traffic controls and marked police vehicles out and about in the last 2 weeks. Mobile drug tests and RBTs and more patrols in the school zones.

CCTV for the Tuggeranong area, spoke with Dave Wheeler in relation to trialling a Proof of concept on the iinet fibre Network which feeds back into the Winchester Police Centre.

- Questions from the floor:

Q. What types of CCTV are under consideration? A. CCTV cameras which provide controlled and secure data.

Q. Problems in Gordon, walkway areas and people on trail bikes in the green areas. Issue with vehicles roaring around Gordon at times when there are large car races on.

A. Green areas are patrolled by Police on trail bikes around targeted times.

Q. Uniform Laws in relation to bikie gangs? A. Legislation before the Assembly in relation to crime scene management and drive-by shootings.

MLA Updates:

Caroline Le Couteur (ACT Greens)

Caroline recently attended the ACT Australian of the Year Awards. The Local Hero Award went to Susanne Tunks. One of Susanne's achievements re-opened a child care centre in Fyshwick as a respite centre for special needs/chronically ill children.

The other awards went to:

- Senior Australian of the Year – Graham Farquhar
- Young Australian - Zac Bryers
- ACT Australian of the Year - Dion Devo

Double sitting week in the Assembly:

- Motion re: developments on Red Hill. Proposal to build residential developments. Suggestion for planning for Red Hill, Nicole Lawder moved a motion, Caroline strengthened the motion and it was passed in relation to planned variations for Red Hill.
- Motions passed to increased tree cover in Canberra and banning greyhound racing in the ACT.
- Poker machines, if they ever go into the Casino they will be “pre-commitment” outlining the maximum amount people are prepared to lose.

- Questions from the floor:

Q. Woden Tradies closure, where will those poker machines be going?

A. Pokies trading scheme results in a loss of a quarter of the number as a part of the transaction. The Casino will only be able to obtain them from existing licences.

The outcome overall will result in a reduction from 5,000 machines down to 4,000 machines.

Q. The Waste Feasibility Report has been released to government and it is under consideration. When will the Report be released publicly?

A. As a back bencher not sure when it will be released.

Guest Speakers:

- Southern ACT Catchment Group (SACTCG) – Martine Franco

- A budget bid has recently been submitted to Treasury to support the organisation. SACTCG is one of three Catchment Groups in ACT Network (all independent not-for-profit organisations). These Catchment groups look after 60 Landcare groups in the ACT of which 24 are in SACTCG which covers Tuggeranong, Woden and Weston Creek. The first group started in Ginninderra in 1996. SACTCG was formed in 2002.
- The SACTCG provide support for member organisations. Run workshops and Field Days and are a conduit between Government and community re landcare, waterwatch and the environment. They provide representation and obtain views from on the ground land carers and waterwatchers.
- Provide sub-catchment planning, connect and support community in the area of Tuggeranong, Woden and Weston Creek. Support independent land holders and owners and the Tuggeranong Lake Carers. Can provide support with writing grant applications and developing community partnerships.
- Engaged with “Earth Integral”, enabling a cost-effective approach to erosion control through the education of community groups, installed 15 erosion control structures. Groups still building erosion control structures.
- Building community capacity with the Green Army Team, working with 56 young people over a two-year period, accessible to the 60 Landcare and Parkcare groups within the region. Managed to bring on an Aboriginal Team to focus on Aboriginal Heritage sites and values relevant to Southern ACT. Increased interest in Aboriginal Heritage sites including the Theodore Grinding Grooves. SACTCG ran a series of walks including at Lanyon Homestead where there was a high level of community interest with a focus on the cultural landscape and cultural artefacts.
- Work in the rural landscape - work within a landscape scale approach. Wrote an environment grant application and received a grant of \$75,000 to remove weeds.
- Murrumbidgee River - three-year project to work on Castle Hill. Commonwealth listed woodland (yellow and red box) and wildlife corridors. Vegetation from the river create wildlife corridors.
- Weed Stay Safe Spraying courses to assist community members to deal with the threat of weeds to their landscapes.
- Erosion resulting in sediment going into Murrumbidgee, obtained a Landcare grant to stabilise the slope to discourage run off and erosion.
- Landcare SACTCG Strategic Plan includes Land Stewardship. Were instrumental in the reinvigoration of the Urambi Hills Parkcare Group.

In summary, there is a high level of volunteering in the ACT. There is a growing densification in urban areas and there is a need to harness community interest. Commonwealth Government will no longer fund state/territory based Landcare Network/projects. Currently, SACTCG has a Treasury proposal with the ACT Government.

- Questions from the floor:

Q. Lanyon Valley resident concerned about the waterways being used as a dumping ground for waste.

A. Broad education of the community is an important role of the SACTCG.

Q. Simpson Hill Group

A. MASH = Minders of Simpson Hill, Tuggeranong rally for a Tuggeranong Hill Group
TCC members in agreement to support the Catchment Group.

- Being fire safe in our houses and Preparing for the up and coming bush fire season – Joe Murphy (Rural Fire Service) and Commander Lee Curtis

Joe Murphy – Chief Officer of the Rural Fire Service

- ACTMAPi website – shows bush fire prone areas, which includes everything outside the built-up city area. Publicly accessible website to assist the community to understand the risk information on how to undertake bushfire preparedness. Important to take note of the ember zone areas.
- Bush Fire Survival Plan – a copy is inside the show bags and available electronically on the website: www.esa.act.gov.au/actrfs
- Bushfire Danger Rating Signs – updated every day during the declared bush fire season. New electronic signs inform the community of the risk. Total fire bans are advised by around 5pm for the next day.
- Community Fire Units – 50 community based fire units in Canberra. Volunteers are trained to a level where they can look after own property and the surrounding community. Equipped with trailer, hose and tasked with preparing own houses and assisting community. Volunteers have an educative role, how to prepare your own home for a “safe summer”, reduce “ladder fuels”. Ladder fuels include long grass and shrubs/trees that are in-close proximity to houses.

Importance of green grassed areas moist/wet mulch areas or broken concrete areas to reduce burn rate. Smoke alarms – every house should have one as the sense of smell lost whilst asleep. Battery operated smoke alarms have an approximate 10-20-year lifespan. Hard wired smoke alarms have a 20-year (approximate) lifespan. Ionisation smoke detector – picks up small fine particles of smoke and is not as effective as photo-electric alarms. Photoelectric detector is a better option as they don't detect small fine particles.

- Questions from the floor:

Q. Artificial lawns. A. Artificial lawns are a plastic and will melt as a result of a fire.

Q. Fuel loads outside e.g. timber.

A. Keep timber stacked away from the house and not near grasslands.

Q. Fire hydrants. A. Fire hydrants are part of Actew's infrastructure.

Q. Baptist Church in Kambah and public report.

A. Police would be called and if suspicious the AFP would be called in. If not suspicious, then a point of origin would be determined. Unlikely that a report would be released publicly.

Q. How do you find the equipment has improved since 2003?

A. Improvements in equipment for fighting bush fires, good diesel pumps with better suction and crew protection within the cabins. Containerised systems – PODS

Q. Ramifications from the Grenfell Fires.

A. Canberra's buildings are well constructed, with fire escapes, sprinkler systems and stairwell pressurisation systems. Most Class 2 and 3 Buildings all have fire rating between each of the rooms.

For further information: www.esa.act.gov.au

- Smart Phone Apps – National App and Emergency Plus App
- Incidents map
- Facebook
- Twitter

General Business:

- Minutes of previous meeting

Confirmation of minutes for October meeting.

Accepted: Hamish Sinclair. Seconded: Didi Sommers. Carried by members.

- Treasurer's Report (Wayne King):

Wayne filling in for Sed Bustillo advised that the ACT Grant came through, balance of funds up to \$26,000. New adjustment to members funds total, new adjusted total of \$8,000. Government funds consisting of around \$18,000. A breakdown of the report is available. Expenditure of \$1,500 for stationery, reimbursement of travel costs and payment of rent.

- Questions from the floor:

Q. How do we work out expenditure of members funds versus government funds?

A. A separate investment account has been opened for members funds. The aim would be to spend Government funds first.

Accepted: Max Flint; Seconded: Albert Orszaczky.

Sub Committee Reports:

- Community, Health and Education (Glenys Patulny):

Commencement of Community Service Award Has been deferred until next year.

Recent meeting of interested community organisations to discuss possibilities around organising a Tuggeranong Fair/Marketplace for 2018.

- Environment (Glenys Patulny):

Lake Clean Up as discussed in the President's Report

- Planning (Hamish Sinclair):

Waiting for further information on Anketell St. Requested tender contract documents related to the laneway and Anketell street upgrades. Proposal to remove the street trees on Anketell Street and replace with trees similar to those planted down in the laneway. The TCC will push back on this proposal. Met with consultant Anthony Burdon about laneway options.

- Questions from the floor:

Q. Re-routing of buses.

A total of 743 signatures received, the Hyperdome provided social media support.

Transport Canberra will attend the TCC meeting. The union representing bus drivers has been consulted for their views.

Online Petitions need to be submitted in lower case as well as in line with address on official electoral role. TCC members highlighted the issues with submitting an online submission on the ACT Government website.

Other Business:

Wayne is the TCC representative on the Canberra Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group (CACG) Committee, Singapore Airlines will be flying large aircraft to and from Canberra.

Bev attended two recent community forums. Gai Brodtmann and Jenny Macklin were in attendance. 1. An issue raised by community members in relation to seniors being contacted regarding text messages prompting to turn off air-conditioning – Bev has followed up with the article's source and reported back to Gai Brodtmann and Jenny Macklin.

Meeting Closed: 9.35pm

Next meeting: 5 December at Vikings Town Centre Club.