

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc.
General Meeting – 6 February 2018
Minutes

Welcome/Acknowledgement:

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

Present: Refer to the Attendance Record of 6 February 2018.

Apologies: Bill Heins; Kevin Watts; Mark Parton, etc.

President's Report: Glenys Patulny

Main points included:

- Proposed Street Market Fair
- Clean Up Australia Day: Clean up the Lake, Sea Scouts are going to participate and spread around the lake to take a bit more initiative. The TCC to host a BBQ.
- Waste in the ACT
- Planning – possibility of establishing an environmental precinct and monitoring re-routing the buses and Anketell St and Laneway development

Glenys attended the following meetings:

- Presentation of the TCC High School Award at Trinity Christian School, Calwell High, Caroline Chisholm High, Wanniasa High, Lake Tuggeranong College, Erindale College. Wayne King attended the presentation at Namadgi School and plans to host Award at St Mary Mackillop College in March.
- Environment and Planning and Healthy Waterways meetings
- Roundtable Planning meeting in West Greenway
- TCC hosted Combined Community Council meeting on 3 February
- Holding a stall on Tuesday 13 February at Erindale College to talk to students about the TCC.

Report Accepted: Wayne King, Seconded: Beverley Flint. All in favour.

The full President's Report is available on the TCC website under News/Issues.

Youth Engagement Subcommittee: Sed Bustillo

- Youth Engagement Sub-Committee Forum – Tentative date for a Youth Forum on 8 March. Topics for discussion: safety; transport; life skills; environment and possibly energy; waste and land use. Next Youth Subcommittee meeting is planned for Monday night, 12 February.

Police Report: S/Sgt Chris Meagher

- Chris's last meeting at the TCC, prior to him moving to Belconnen Station. He introduced Sgt Greg O'Ryan, who will be taking over at Tuggeranong Station.
- There has been a recent spate of aggravated robberies.
- In response to previous queries around how many patrols are in Tuggeranong, Chris advised that patrols are pulled from other regions when necessary.
- Stolen motor vehicles and stolen registration plates – tamper proof screws are available from the Tuggeranong Police Station.
- Greg responded to a question on police resourcing by saying direct comparison with other jurisdictions is unfair and perhaps the ACT Police are not on par per capita.

MLA Updates:

- Nicole Lawder (Canberra Liberals)

- Nicole has recently undertaken an Everest Base Camp Trek and survived (with some inconvenience).
- Nicole made some comments on the poor state of the lake.
- Canberra Liberals have had a reshuffle of portfolios resulting from the passing of Steve Doszpot MLA. Nicole is continuing to progress Steve's work and she has taken over the Urban Services and the Seniors portfolios whilst retaining the Shadow portfolio of Heritage.
- Learn to Ride park - Nicole has received a range of correspondence regarding the lack of seats; access to toilets, as it is 150m to the toilet; and the lack of shade around the park as there aren't any sun shades.

- Caroline Le Couteur (ACT Greens)

- Waste and plastic bags - Caroline stated there will be a review of the plastic bag ban. Perhaps there has been some unintended consequences resulting in an increase in the use/disposal of the thicker plastic bags.
- Tree coverage - A motion has been passed in the Assembly last year committing the government to planting more trees and increasing tree coverage in the ACT.
- ACT will have first gas free suburb in Ginninderry. A range of benefits are anticipated for residents, including projected significant savings for households.

Guest Speakers:

- James Gullett - Farming in the ACT

- What and where are the rural areas of the ACT? The boundary runs from the Murrumbidgee, around Uriarra and across the river and south to Tharwa and the Tidbinbilla Valley. Rural areas surround the suburban edge of the ACT.
- James and his family own and run a rural grazing lease on the other side of the river and produce beef cattle and fat lambs, grow cereal crops for winter feed, grow, store and sell lucerne hay and provide landscaping and rural services to businesses across the ACT.
- Rural lands consist of 230 thousand hectares, which includes Namadji National Park consisting of 106,000 hectares, 40,000 hectares held under rural lease. Rural land shares a 300km boundary with Namadji National Park.
- There are 150 land owners that own and manage 184 rural leases. Grazing operations and others share a common reliance on government regulations and planning processes.
- There is an impact of future growth on surrounding rural land. The nature of rural leases versus residential property owners, both have a lot in common with regards to land tenure. Rural leases are also mostly 99-year leases and businesses are bound by the definitions attached to the lease.
- A significant issue for rural land holders is that the community is not aware that the rural land is not government land.

Questions from the floor:

- Do banks have any control over means of production? In general, equity, value, and improvements on property. The banks are only concerned whether repayments are being made.
- Transport of livestock and nearest abattoirs? The nearest abattoirs are Goulburn, Cooma and Yass.
- Issues relating to historic properties? – James runs a grazing lease on “Landrigg”, the same property where William Farrer grew rust resistant wheat, over 120 years ago, two of the houses on the property are on the interim heritage register.

- Catherine Kiernan - ACT Government Climate Strategy

- The ACT Government has released a discussion paper on its next climate change strategy towards net zero emissions. The discussion paper outlines draft interim targets for 2025, 2030 and 2040, proposes to achieve net zero emissions by 2045, and looks at the key sectors which we need to focus actions towards.
- The main areas we need to reduce emissions are from transport – the use of petrol and diesel vehicles – and natural gas we can now be replaced by more efficient electric appliances run by renewable electricity. The community is asked to send their thoughts about the emission reduction targets and what areas the Government should prioritise its actions towards.
- Opportunities for community engagement: Consultation period open from December 2017 to 9 April 2018, request for ideas and feedback. Community members can complete the climate change survey which is accessible on the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate website: www.yoursay.act.gov.au/zero-emissions or email: climatechange@act.gov.au

Action:

- Place a link on the TCC website to Climate Change page on Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate website.

Questions from the floor:

- Is the program being implemented in schools? The Actsmart Program is implemented in ACT schools. Schools are provided with sustainability packs.
- How can children learn about recycling if the schools don't have the facilities? There is a need to start somewhere even though schools may not have the resourcing to accommodate the teaching hours required.
- In relation to the Laneway Project tree planting, is it the intention of the government to maintain a living infrastructure project? Yes, it is. The project will include trees and grassed areas.
- Isn't there a conflict between the need for urban forests and medium and high-density housing? Increased urban intensification and renewal does impact on carbon sequestration and amount of shade and therefore urban heat increases. Mapping has been undertaken to assess where there are urban heat problems.
- Will we have green roofs on roof tops in high density areas? Currently considering appropriate targets and whether it should be mandatory or voluntary.
- It seems some of the targets are idealistic and trying to defy mother nature? Climate variability is something we have to live with and meeting the targets will be a challenge.
- What is the whole of government approach to unintended consequences for sub populations e.g. the reduction of natural gas and the retraining of gas

fitters and education? Education is a key component in relation to retraining and the Directorate are talking to industry peak bodies.

- Population control as a key factor in the impact of climate change? – Consideration is being given to the impact of population growth and projections of impact on the environment and on Climate Change. Consumption – buying goods we don't need.
- What exactly do you mean by zero emissions? It is an aspirational target of nett zero emissions. There is a need to action to sequestration, and there is value in monitoring and evaluation.
- High rises and town planning as a more environmentally friendly approach? Yes, the aim is to place facilities where the people are, "compact cities" are more environmental friendly.
- How do we go about the changes without high regulation and restrictive approaches? Regulation or free choice. Emerging cities need nett zero emissions and a low emission economy in conjunction with behavioural change. Change will occur over time, gas was the transition fuel. Need to educate the population to be able to make informed consumer choices.
- Is there scrutiny of the integrity of the manufactured items entering the economy? Greenhouse gas emissions are accounted for dependent on the where emissions are created.
- South Australia and battery storage, what is the ACT doing? There is a battery storage trial at present – 5,000 batteries within the trial.

General Business:

- Minutes of previous meeting

- Confirmation of minutes for December meeting.

Minutes Accepted: Wayne King, Second: Hamish Sinclair. Carried by members.

- Treasurer's Report (Sed Bustillo):

- Balance of funds at 31 January 2018 are: \$23,295.83. The breakdown of funds comprises: ACT Government funds of \$14,903; Members funds of \$8,392.01. The net expenditure over the period was \$2,355.00.
- The main expenditure for December was for catering, in January the main expenditure was for payment of Public Liability Insurance. Members Funds are to be invested into a term deposit in February.

Report Accepted: Frank Vrins, Seconded: Lorraine King. All in favour.

Sub Committee Reports:

- Community and Health: (Taryn Langdon)

- Planning underway to hold a Tuggeranong Town Centre event in November 2018, so far, there has been genuine collaboration with community organisations and groups. The next stage is to secure corporate partners to sponsor an activity and look for sponsorship opportunities to assist with staging and professional event management. Any assistance or suggestions are welcome.
- Last year discussions included the possibility of an Award for a Tuggeranong Community Champion.

Questions from the floor:

- How are you going with the car parking on Mannheim Street? Petition submitted to the Legislative Assembly in relation to car parking at Mt Taylor. Mark Parton submitted a Private Members Bill in the Assembly. Looking for a suitable solution within the existing budgets.

- Environment: (Glenys Patulny)

- Reminder that the Lake Tuggeranong Carers are running the Clean-Up Lake Tuggeranong on Sunday 4 March.

- Planning: (Hamish Sinclair)

- Sports Eco precinct in Thompson, consulted with Vikings Group, need for constraint mapping, need to have consultations with stakeholders and Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate.
- Bus re-routing petition has been lodged, awaiting response from Transport Canberra.
- Original trees planted in Anketell Street died and have been replaced. Adjoining infrastructure, the quality of the seats is questionable, contractor to replace street furniture.
- Burns Club car park, looking to improve parking and make more use of the oval, currently looking at options.
- Combined Community Councils meeting tasked TCC with setting some objectives and policies – commercial centres and sustainability, precinct applicant controls, building assessment, community representation on planning development projects, the opportunity for community representation on project teams.

Questions from the floor:

- Do you know if they are planning to take all the trees away from Anketell Street? All trees were removed. The Hyperdome has planted mature trees. The project team on the Laneway agreed they would match the height of the trees that the Hyperdome planted.
- Did the trees die or were they vandalised? One died and one was being used as an ashtray.

Other Business:

- Katherine Byrne – lives in a townhouse complex in Oxley and is interested in undertaking a project to promote community. Kath is concerned that the Complex rules do not support a sense of community and is barren of vibrancy and activity. Kath is seeking funding support via a community project grant to encourage a sense of community and communal gardens.
Response: The TCC Strategic Plan includes the possibility to apply for funds from the TCC for suitable community projects. Topic deferred for consideration at next meeting.

Questions from the floor:

- Concern regarding the poor representation from elected government members at meetings. Glenys has formally requested a roster for MLAs to be present at TCC meetings. Glenys acknowledged the two MLAs present that do attend regularly.
- Movement of Council plaque within the Hyperdome, two time capsules were placed under the plaque to be reopened in 100 years. The Town Centre Manager, Jeremy Wilson organised the TCC Plaque on top of the capsules be removed for cleaning and polishing. During this time a bin was temporarily place over them. The plaque has now been returned to its site and is located at the front of the new Information Desk.

Meeting Closed: 9.46pm

Next meeting: 6 March at Vikings Town Centre Club.