

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

Welcome/Acknowledgement:

Meeting opened at 7.30pm by President Glenys Patulny who welcomed attendees and acknowledged the Ngunnawal people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we are meeting and pay respect to the Elders of the Ngunnawal Nation both past and present.

Glenys thanked our local MLAs for their regular attendance and welcomed Station Sergeant Greg O’Ryan from the Tuggeranong Police Station who will be talking to us later.

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

Apologies: Barry Blight; Jim Thornton; Mark O’Neil; Peter English; Gai Brodtmann; Didi Sommer; Markus Dirnberger.

TCC President’s Report: Glenys Patulny

- Unfortunately, this month we lost a good friend when Ross McConnell, a regular participant at our meetings and former committee member passed away. He contributed significantly to the community through his work with the Scouts, Rotary and the TCC. He will be well remembered.
- Acknowledgment of the contribution made by Ann Kennedy, Conor McLaughlan, Frank Vrins, Beverley and Max Flint in assisting with the BBQ at the Lake Clean-up.

Re the TCC Subcommittees

- Community, Health and Education Committee looking at:
 - **Taryn Langdon** will talk later about her work with other organisations to set up a Street Market/Fair later in the year.
 - And where we are at with Establishing the inaugural Tuggeranong Community Council Community Service award to recognise a person or group who lives or works in Tuggeranong and has contributed significantly to Tuggeranong and/or the ACT Community.
- Environment Committee
 - **Conor McLaughlan**, from the Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scouts will report of Clean-up Australia Lake Clean-up held last Sunday 4 March.
- Planning Subcommittee – **Hamish** will talk later after the break on various planning issues in Tuggeranong, particularly height issues.
 - Continuing work on looking at the possibility of establishing an Environment Sporting Precinct at West Greenway.
- Youth Engagement Subcommittee
 - **Connor McNaught** from Chisholm High School and our Youth engagement committee will talk about the Youth Forum, being held this Thursday 8th March. At this event, the TCC are supported by Communities@Work and YWCA Canberra.

Other meetings/activities Glenys has been involved with include:

- Correspondence with Katherine Byrne in response to the Oxley Townhouse Complex Project (refer to email correspondence). Provided names of a range of contacts that may be able to assist regarding the aims of her Project. Offered to write a letter of support on behalf of the TCC.
- Met Professor Frater from the UNSW re new campus for the ACT to be situated in Reid.
- Erindale Expo – Wayne and I attended and talked to students about the Council and the TCC Youth Engagement Subcommittee.
- Climate Change meeting.
- Meeting with Hamish about the Laneway in front of Hyperdome.
- Helping organise the Lake Clean-up.
- Attended the first Evoenergy Reference Council meeting (Evoenergy - renamed to distinguish it from ACTEW Retail, they look after poles, wires and infrastructure).
- TCC Youth Engagement meeting.

The next meeting of the TCC will be held on the 3 April at the Tuggeranong Town Centre Club where we hope to hear the latest regarding the proposed bus services in Tuggeranong (deferred from this meeting and possibly hear the latest from the Waste Feasibility Study held in the ACT).

President's Report accepted: Wayne King. Seconded: Beverley Flint. All in favour.

Clean Up Australia Lake Clean Up: Conor McLaughlan

- Conor, from the Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scouts, gave a report on the recent Lake Tuggeranong clean-up. It was a very successful event, with close to 100 people participating and over 60 bags of rubbish collected, approximately half recyclable rubbish.
- Glenys acknowledged that Conor was responsible for organising participation from The Scout Hall and all of those from the Sea Scouts while Anne Kennedy organised the town side of the lake.
- BBQ provided and supported by TCC members, in particular, Frank Vrins and Beverley Flint. Beverley reported that the BBQ put on by the TCC, near the Scout Hall, was very successful. It gave an opportunity for Beverley and other TCC members to talk about the TCC and its ongoing commitment to supporting the biennial Lake clean-ups in March and October.

Youth Engagement Subcommittee: Connor McNaught (Joint Coordinator)

- Youth Engagement Subcommittee Forum – Date for a Youth Forum set for Thursday, 8 March, 1pm – 3.30pm at the Tuggeranong Community Centre, located within Communities@Work. High Schools and Colleges from across the Tuggeranong region are participating. Topics for discussion: personal safety; transport; life skills; environment; energy; waste and land use. In partnership with Communities@Work and YWCA Canberra. Mathew Torrens, the other Joint Coordinator has developed a brochure on the Youth Engagement Subcommittee. The Subcommittee is planning to organise other future events during 2018 and inform youth about issues within the region.
- Glenys advised that an Executive Summary was produced from last year's Forum and distributed to the schools/colleges that participated. Copies of the Report were provided to the Director General in charge of the Education

Directorate. Some ideas from the Report were incorporated into the TCC Budget Submission.

Celebrate Tuggeranong: Taryn Langdon

- Taryn has spoken to the TCC previously regarding some of the behind the scenes work being undertaken to bring about a significant event to the Tuggeranong Town Centre. To date there has been engagement with a range of organisations, including: Communities@Work; YWCA Canberra; Tuggeranong Arts Centre; Lake Tuggeranong College; 55 Plus Club; Tuggeranong Library; and the Tuggeranong Hyperdome. The organising group are also looking to bring in other corporate partners to the event.
- The aim of the event is to celebrate life in the Valley with a family friendly event on Saturday 24 November, a half day out for the community.
- There is value in having IT infrastructure to promote the event. New platform designed for fundraising purposes, in-kind support, the platform cost is initial \$2,000 plus percentage of e-way transactions to cover payment of delivery costs.
- An initial investment is needed for the inaugural event and subsequent years, which would build on initial infrastructure. Communications and marketing are needed as well as a Management Committee to concentrate on managing the event, aiming to link event back to the TCC as a transparent support partner, which in turn has the support from the local community.
- A local accounting firm has been contacted and are willing to provide in-kind services.

Questions from the floor:

- Query around the usage of funds? Taryn clarified that funds would be drawn from accumulated ACT Government grant funds, not TCC members funds, and there should be a separate account not connected to the TCC.
- Where would sponsorship dollars come from? The next stage will be to look for corporate support, around \$70,000 - \$100,000 in sponsorship is needed. The plan is to deliver activation events in conjunction with community partners.
- Seeking sponsorship of relevant agencies, looking for sponsorship and marketing opportunities.
- Who is the responsible legal entity and exposure to legal liability? Financial liability? There are benefits of the creation of a Subcommittee to coordinate the event. The ACT Government would hold the liability with regards to common community space.
- In the past, Michael Lindfield had a grant from the ACT Government, then there was a handover to Stuart Thompson, followed by a subsequent accumulation of a \$23,000 debt, the event seems to have grown from original ideas.
- Needham's Financial Services have offered to provide in-kind services, in conjunction with the TCC Treasurer.

Motions:

- 1st motion: That the TCC support the inaugural Celebrate Tuggeranong event on the 24 November 2018 and recognise that this will inject a positive spirit into the Tuggeranong community.
Proposed: Hamish Sinclair; Seconded: Glenys Patulny. Motion carried by all members.
- 2nd motion: The TCC approve the allocation of \$2,000 of accumulated grant funds to develop the online platform to manage and support the event.

Proposed: Taryn Langdon. Seconded: Frank Vrins. Motion carried by all members.

- 3rd motion: The TCC approve the establishment of a Subcommittee to act as the managing committee for the event.

Proposed: Hamish Sinclair. Seconded: Andrew Eppelstun. Motion carried by all members.

- 4th motion: The TCC approve the use of a separate bank account for the incomings and outgoings of the event to be managed by the Treasurer in partnership with a professional accounting service.

Proposed: Andrew Eppelstun. Seconded: Hamish Sinclair. Motion carried by all members.

Police Report: S/Sgt Greg O’Ryan

- Greg mentioned that offences against persons have increased from the previous month, a small increase.
- Stolen number plates, tamper proof screws are available from the Tuggeranong Police Station.
- An increase across the ACT in armed robberies, if community members see any significant events please contact the Station to make a report.
- The focus of the monthly campaign for March is vulnerable road users e.g. pedestrians and cyclists.

Questions from the floor:

- Car fires? One car fire in Wanniasa overnight.
- In relation to armed robberies, are these individuals, numerous groups or gangs? Unclear, likely, those involved are connected in some way.
- Have there been any recent reports about school children being followed? Not that Greg is aware of. However, if the community has any information, please contact with Police

MLA Updates:

Nicole Lawder – (Canberra Liberals)

- Since Nicole’s last update, there has been two sitting weeks in the Assembly, a focus has been on the Auditor General’s Report on the Dickson land scandal. The Report stated the ACT Government purchased the building where the Tradies Club is situated and then rented the building back to the Club for \$1.00 per annum, which resulted in the Government relinquishing significant financial value to the Tradies and the sale of the block was in breach of the Planning and a paucity in the evidence trail around key tender decisions and probity.
- Nicole presented a petition about a shade sail for the playground at the Learn to Ride Park. In addition, she has received a range of requests for more seating around the Learn to Ride park. So far, Nicole has managed to gain agreement for one additional seat.
- Nicole attended the Clean Up the Lake day.

Questions from the floor:

- Why can’t a fence be erected between the Learn to Ride Park and the pathway? Nicole agreed that a fence would be a great idea and reiterated that improvements have been occurring in small steps.
- A big thank you to Nicole for attending to Clean Up the Lake event.

Mark Parton – (Canberra Liberals)

- Acknowledgement of both Conor McLaughlan and Connor McNaught in relation to their public speaking efforts this evening.
- Thanks to Nicole Lawder in relation to her mentoring around the Planning portfolio.
- On-going planning debate around housing choices. Reference to the Winton Report – which asked Canberrans, ‘what is your vision of where you want to live?’ The Report stated that most Canberrans indicated they want to live in a detached house.

Questions from the floor:

- Subsidiary of Google delivering parcels across the Tuggeranong Valley. Project Wing is operating drones across Tuggeranong. Where was this decision made within the ACT Government? Mark is liaising with Carol Vincent from Bonython Neighbourhood Watch. Mark has written to Minister Mick Gentleman on two occasions and is yet to receive a response.

Guest Speakers:

Tuggeranong Arts Centre – Rauny Worm

- The Tuggeranong Arts Centre Program for the 2018 year is now available. There were record numbers of participants, across all programs throughout 2017 and the Centre ended 2017 with a healthy surplus. Recent community events include: Shakespeare in the Park, a classic music concert and the Tuggeranong Arts Centre provided opera in the park. All events were sold out.
- Plans to launch a funding application to ACT Government to access a five-year funding agreement. This year, 23 places have been secured for children aged 7-12 years old to participate in theatre activity. Program referrals have been received from a range of sources, Tuggeranong residents receive priority to access places. The program is running over 6 months every week and all school holidays. A performance will take place in end of June in Tuggeranong Theatre.
- Just launched the “Another Day in Paradise” visual arts exhibition. The Exhibition has worked with the artist’s family and Ben Quilty. Many politicians attended the opening. There is a suite of programs around “The human condition”.
- The program includes: First Nations Theatre commencing in July and running workshops with the community including a one-hour play called “Which way home?”; continuing the Muslim writing groups; a literary writing group; continuing with the Messengers Program; and Fresh Funk, which is bursting at the seams with enrolments and has expanded to Gungahlin – both programs will have been running in Tuggeranong for 18 years in November.

Tuggeranong Town Centre height restrictions Review - Hamish Sinclair

- The Master Plan was originally prepared in 2011 and released in 2012, it is now quite out of date even in terms of review.
- The last two blocks on the other side of the lake sold late last month, \$18 million and \$4.5 million respectively.
- There are some broad principles in relation to revitalisation of the Town Centre. Town Centres traditionally had a central focal point, the centre of the city is marked by the tallest buildings. Historically, cathedrals, banking institutions or the commercial centre.
- The TCC has been approached by consultants in relation to building heights. The master Plan is two years out of date. The last 2 blocks on the other side of

the Lake, the last of the Government land, only private land left. The Town Centre justifies investing in public transport.

- The Master Plan needs review. There is a height issue that needs addressing.
- Down the road there are 6 – 12 storey buildings, with a black and white colour scheme. Historically, the Town Centre's colour scheme consisted of clay colours and red roofs.

Questions from the floor:

- Previously, consultants spoke to the TCC about proposed certain colour schemes, which did not eventuate. Also, changes to the building heights seemed to have occurred without consultation. Shifting goal posts of government leases, where there is the trade-off for the community benefit from a trade-off of increased height.
- The aesthetics issue is difficult as everyone has different preferences in terms of colour. There can be rules that specify colour ranges. The current planning system uses a common denominator. Architects pitch specific colour schemes to Developers. Suggest to the Government that colour palates be included in the Master Plan.
- Transitional Heights, where the building has higher and lower elements, heights slope down towards the lake, from 3 – 12 storey's in height.
- How safe are the buildings given stated heights and then there are subsequent changes to building height levels? Foundation design considers height capacity in the design process.
- Has anyone asked the residents about the lived experience of occupants? A post occupancy survey in a year or so would be of interest.
- Tuggeranong as a unique centre in a valley with a captive population. Need to engage people in the Town Centre redevelopments.
- In Civic, the key height constraint is set at 617m above sea level.
- What is the tallest building Canberra? Sky Plaza is Woden is 26 storey's.
- Shade is more important than sunlight. The Laneway Project is based on the Town Centre having two storey's, which means full sun, radiant heat is lethal. Raising the building heights could be used to reduce the heat and increase the shade.
- Mark Parton raised the project in the square within Curtin as an example of community discontent in relation to reducing the amount of sunlight within a centre.
- How high and gradients, does everyone agree on gradients?

Action: Planning Committee will come to the TCC in a couple of months to discuss thoughts on height controls, building gradients in multi-directions as the third element.

General Business:

- Minutes of previous meeting

- Confirmation of minutes for February meeting. Revisions have been made based on member feedback.

Previous Minutes Accepted: Andrew Eppelstun. Seconded: Wayne King. All in favour.

- Matters Arising:

- As art of the President's Report, Glenys reported back regarding a response to Katherine Byrne.

- Correspondence: (Catherine Jones)

- Several community members have sent in correspondence in relation to the drone trial taking place within Tuggeranong.
- A range of correspondence has been received from Government Departments in relation to consultation processes that are currently being undertaken including the Climate Change consultation.

- Treasurer's Report (Sed Bustillo):

- The main expenditure for February 2018, net expenditure was \$756.98. Available funds currently stand at \$22,554.05. Members funds of \$8,392.07. ACT Government funds of \$14,151.98.
- Member funds have not been invested to date. Wayne advised all that all signatories need to be present to sign up the new account.

Proposed: Hamish Sinclair. Seconded: Ed Cox. All in favour.

Subcommittee Reports:

- Community and Health: (Taryn Langdon)

- Planning underway to hold a Tuggeranong Town Centre event in November 2018. To date, there has been genuine collaboration with community organisations and groups. The next stage is to bring in corporate partners to sponsor 'an activation' and look for sponsorship opportunities to assist with staging and professional event management.

Environment: (Glenys Patulny)

- Clean Up Lake Tuggeranong event was held on Sunday 4 March.

Other Business:

- Beverley Flint reported back on recent contacts related to community members approaching the TCC for permission to organise sausage sizzles. Beverley has spoken with Health Protection Services who oversee community sausage sizzle requests. Apparently, community groups can hold up to five per annum.
- Drones flying over Tuggeranong. Wayne happy to discuss the issue of the drones at the next TCC meeting.
- Helicopter over Tuggeranong. Wayne reported back to advise that there had been postings on social media reporting that Evoenergy were checking all the lines and surrounding vegetation.

Meeting Closed: 9.36pm

Next meeting: 3 April at Vikings Town Centre Club.