

**Tuggeranong Community Council Inc.**  
**General Meeting – 3 July 2018**  
**Minutes**

**Welcome/Acknowledgement:**

Meeting opened at 7.30pm by President Glenys Patulny who provided an acknowledgement of country and welcomed attendees.

**Present:** Refer to the Attendance Record of 3 July 2018.

**Apologies:** Lorraine King; Wayne King; Nick Tsoulis; Jenny Mobbs; David Azevedo; Susan Parker; Rob Lovett.

**President's Report: Glenys Patulny**

- Launch of SouthFest, this new festival will celebrate life in the Tuggeranong Valley and is scheduled to take place on Saturday 24 November.
- Community Council Chairs presented at the Housing Choices Collaborative Hub meeting.

Recent TCC Correspondence:

- Letter to Minister Fitzharris regarding the Light Rail route to Woden.
- Submission to the Inquiry into Nature in Our City.

Meetings attended:

- SouthFest Planning Subcommittee
- Pre-Budget meeting
- Evoenergy meeting
- Presentation at Housing Choices – (pre-meeting with other Community Council representatives)
- Canberra Urban Regional Futures (CURF) Forum on urban health: a case for more physical activity
- ICON Water
- Environment and Planning
- Youth meeting
- Grassy Woodlands Forum (over 2 days) – opportunity to speak about the West Greenway Environmental Sporting Precinct proposal.

Proposed: Andrew Eppelstun; Seconded: Albert Orszaczky. All in favour.

**Police Report: Greg O’Ryan (S/Sgt)**

- Crime statistics have continued to decrease, overall, last year compared to the previous financial year offences reported in Tuggeranong have decreased by 16%. Burglaries have continued to increase, property damage has increased slightly, assaults overall have decreased. Motor vehicle thefts have continued to track the same over the last two years.
- Police focus on suspicious males around schools.
- Rise in the theft of number plates, which almost doubled from May to June.
- Reminder don't leave car outside, running and unattended.
- Anti-theft number plate screws are still available from Police stations.
- Traffic focus for July is on speeding motorists.

Questions from the floor:

- Access to speed camera photos? Individuals can obtain a copy of the photo if a speed camera has generated an infringement notice.
- Chance of getting the Anti-consorting laws passed? A question for the MLAs.
- Possibility of getting speed humps on Wheeler Crescent? Opportunity to report behaviour to both Police and the relevant Department. Road calming measures are the responsibility of Roads ACT.

#### **MLA Updates:**

##### **- Caroline Le Couteur – (ACT Greens - Murrumbidgee)**

- Extra funding outlined within the ACT Budget includes: \$6 million for the hospital in the home added through the budget
- 3.1 million for older persons mental health and an intensive living service for older citizens
- Concessions - \$50 increase in the utility concession for those receiving income support payments.
- Anyone over 65 years and struggling to pay their rates (who are not concession card holders), have the opportunity to defer rates until the home is sold, the interest rate is very low.
- LDA land purchases will be referred to the Integrity Commission

##### **- Mark Parton (Canberra Liberals - Brindabella)**

- Homelessness issue in the ACT, Mark is currently the Shadow Housing Minister. Mark completed the CEO Sleepout this year and notes that the temperature was in the sub-zero range overnight. Homelessness service providers state that homelessness is increasing in the ACT.
- Case study example – community member living in a tent with his wife, unable to find work. Mark put out a request to see if any businesses could assist in offering work. Universal Trusses at Hume; Monaro Windows at Mitchell and GeoCon offered to assist.

Question from the floor:

- Petition Federal members regarding raising Newstart Allowance rate? Out of Mark's scope to petition the Federal Ministers.

##### **- Nicole Lawder – (Canberra Liberals - Brindabella)**

- A recent case of dogs going missing and being euthanized e.g. Izzy from Kambah, the DAS Ranger insisted it was necessary on health grounds.
- Dangerous dogs and recently a Police Officer was involved in an attack and hospitalised.
- Women's Safety and Budget Paper G which discusses a target for Women's Safety. Survey responses indicate that two out of every three women feel unsafe at night in our community. A concrete example is increasing the lighting in the Tuggeranong CIT car park.

Questions from the floor:

- What do the National indicators suggest? Do they support ACT results? Nicole is uncertain about the comparative numbers.
- Walking distances to bus stops? Community members should raise with elected MLAs or with the TCC.
- Maintenance of street lights? Data up to August 2017 indicates a decrease in the performance of street lights. Contractor allocation of resources has had an impact.

## **Guest Speakers:**

### **- Buses in Tuggeranong – Duncan Edgehill, Christian Bloom and Peter Steele (Transport Canberra)**

- The aim to create a better public transport system for Canberra and to attract more people to take up public transport.
- From Census data, about 8% of Canberrans are using public transport which indicates the majority of Canberrans are driving to work.
- The proposal creates a network that is easier to negotiate and provides more frequent services.
- The consultation period is open until the 10 August, feedback will be considered to finalise the network in the coming months.
- The new network also includes new buses, a new ticketing system, journey planners, and expanding operations.
- Frequency and waiting times are important, comfort and knowledge that there will be another bus if you miss the bus you were waiting for.
- The proposal creates more direct routes.
- An increase in Rapid routes from four to ten routes. The majority of Canberrans will live within walking distance from a Rapid route stop, 40% of current bus users are using Rapid routes.
- Important features of the new bus network include enhanced frequency of local routes throughout the day; longer operating hours.
- Opportunities to look at demand responsive service e.g. routes to the Alexander Maconochie Centre.
- Changes proposed to the school network, design for new network proposes 30% more services going past schools and greater frequency. Only a minority of students are on dedicated school buses and the remainder are travelling and interchanging between buses. Proposal to remove school only bus stops. Student safety at Interchanges, Transport Officers and Customer Service Officers will be available at Interchanges during school times.
- Community members can obtain more information via:
  - [www.Canberrabuses.com.au](http://www.Canberrabuses.com.au)
  - [yoursay.act.gov.au](http://yoursay.act.gov.au)

#### Questions from the floor:

- Are Express buses being taken completely off the table? Current proposal sees the removal of the Xpresso services and refine into the Rapid Network. Less than 4% of patronage comes from Xpresso services and 40% comes from Rapid services.
- Concerns over increased travel time, and walk time to get to bus stops. Local network with Interchanges to enable more trips and more frequency in the network.
- There is a need for adequate shelter at bus stops. How many people have died of hypothermia/heat stroke? The number of related health issues is unknown. Feedback about the need for infrastructure improvements is noted.
- Xpresso services only run 3 times in the morning and evening and are well utilised services. Request for access to analysis of utilisation of Xpresso services by Tuggeranong residents? Transport Canberra agrees to look into utilization rates.
- Concerns over Xpresso 775 service from Banks and 765 Xpresso service to Barton, removal will add an extra half an hour to each trip? How frequently will the Rapid Services run? Morning peak Rapids frequency will be every 6 or 10 minutes or better.
- It is proposed that the Chisholm route to Campbell Park Offices bus service be removed? Basic Rapid services and connectivity back through Erindale, doubles the direct service

to the City. All day, seven days a week to Campbell Park, all day network under consideration and looking at options for servicing the area.

- Proposal includes use the Flexible bus service for seniors and ACT Subsidised Taxi Service.
- Rapid routes in Kambah are only on the southern end, the shortest distance is 2.5kms to a bus route, and does this meet the proposals claims of proximity to a Rapid route? The school bus will be cancelled under the proposal. Interconnection through the Network.
- Safety issues for a 2.5kms walk in Isabella Plains, what plans are being considered for safe access under the new Network? Enhanced lighting at Interchanges and CCTV cameras on new buses and work closely with City Services to upgrade street lighting. Transport Canberra welcome specific feedback.
- Average walking distances? Research suggests people are willing to walk 500m or 800m from a Rapid service.
- Route 775 from Lanyon Marketplace to Russell. Rapid 5, doubles the journey duration. Residents are looking for more direct local routes? Local routes have been made more direct and additional Rapid routes added.
- In West Kambah, the removal of dedicated bus for primary school students results in a 2.2km walk. Transport Canberra happy to look into issues for specific areas.
- Blue Rapid to Belconnen? Network redesign to put frequency and capacity from Belconnen to the City. Headway out of the City, connectivity through to Belconnen resulting in high frequency to increase reliability.
- Concerns about the school buses being scrapped and general buses not picking up students if bus is full and concerns regarding safety at the Woden Bus Interchange? Transport Canberra proposing to have dedicated staff to assist students when students are interchanging. Challenges of dedicated school buses, parents are not able to travel on school buses.
- Question 16 on the electronic form doesn't provide an option to say No we are not going to use services.
- School bus routes in Monash, Oxley and Isabella Plains have been removed that are packed with students affecting 2 schools and 4 suburbs. How is this decision being made? Happy to discuss. Challenge with designing the bus network, the greatest constraint is during the morning peak. Plan is to decrease the number of school buses from 95 buses to 70 buses. Altogether, there will be 30% more services going past schools. Happy to look at specific details.
- Would you be willing to publish the data publicly? There is a lot of Transport Canberra data that is publicly available on the open access website.
- Next Bus App on a phone or using Google maps, there needs to be a more user-friendly App, any plans for a more user-friendly App? Currently procuring a new journey planner. There is an Innovation area in TCCS. Acknowledge that paper timetables are still important to assist Network navigation for some customers. Along with way finder signage.
- Comments have been scribed and will be fed back to the Community Council.

#### **- Events Subcommittee – SouthFest: Taryn Langdon**

- The subcommittee are planning a festival called SouthFest to take place on Saturday, 24 November.
- Event is about celebrating and showcasing living in Tuggeranong. South.Point are on-board.
- Website to launch by the end of the week and the event will go public this week.
- Etsy Made Local – hand-made market will run in Tuggeranong at the same time as SouthFest.

## **General Business:**

### **- Minutes of previous meeting:**

- Accepted: Didi Sommers; Seconded: Andrew Eppelstun. All in favour.

### **- Treasurer's Report: Sed Bustillo**

- Westpac Account - Net expenditure for the period ending June 2018 was: \$4,428.63. Portion of the monthly expenditure for June involving SouthFest was \$2,000.00. Available funds currently stand at: \$15,342.45 comprising Member's funds of: \$8,392.33, and ACT Government funds of: \$6,950.12.
- Bendigo Bank account – Net expenditure for June \$999.40. Available funds currently stand at \$11,020.60 (including \$10,000 donation from Events ACT). Funds remaining from TCC initial outlay \$1,001.00.
- The \$2,000.00 donation as agreed by the TCC for SouthFest has been recorded as an expense on the TCC Westpac account and as a gain in the TCC Bendigo account.

Accepted: Mark O'Neill; Seconded: Max Flint. All in favour.

- Glenys highlighted an oversight regarding payment of the Kings Storage Locker invoice; the storage locker houses a range of TCC items. Retrospective approval required as the account has been paid to cover the 12-month period.

Accepted: Mark O'Neil; Seconded: Max Flint. All in favour.

### **- Youth Engagement Subcommittee: Sed Bustillo**

- The Youth Subcommittee met last Sunday, Matthew Torrens has resigned as a Coordinator so Connor McNaught will take over as Coordinator.
- The Youth Subcommittee held a Youth Forum in Term 1, in Term 2 the subcommittee held a meeting to nut out questions for a youth survey for release via SurveyMonkey in Term 3, Term 4 will include a meeting to plan for the following Term 1 activities.
- Connor will send out a survey to members regarding Subcommittee meeting dates and times.
- Glenys will be meeting with the Principal of Lake Tuggeranong College to organise a meeting with the leadership team.

Actions: Glenys will send the final copy of the Forum Report to Education Directorate.

### **- SouthFest Subcommittee - Funding approval for SouthFest 2018: Rachel Allen**

- The TCC note that a subcommittee (the SouthFest subcommittee) consisting of TCC members has been established to organise a new Tuggeranong community event to be held on 24 November 2018. The TCC also note that the TCC have been successful in obtaining an Events ACT grant of \$10,000 to support this new community event, and money will be sought from sponsors.
- To ensure the efficient delivery of SouthFest 2018, the TCC agree that the SouthFest subcommittee can authorise the expenditure of funds for the purpose of SouthFest 2018 subject to the following:
  - That the SouthFest subcommittee complies with the Deed between Events ACT and the TCC, including all financial accountability requirements;
  - That the expenditure of any sponsorship money is in accordance with the individual sponsorship agreements entered into with sponsors for SouthFest 2018;
  - Any expenditure must be agreed by TCC President, TCC Treasurer and SouthFest subcommittee budget manager;
- And;

- All expenditure on the event is consistent with the budget for SouthFest 2018 and is accounted for in an open and transparent manner.
- Proposed: Rachel Allen; Seconded: Andrew Eppelstun. All in favour.
- In addition, a proposal that Peter Badowski act as Treasurer for the TCC SouthFest subcommittee and become a signatory on the Bendigo Bank Account.
- Proposed: Glenys Patulny; Seconded: Ed Cocks. All in favour.

**- Planning Subcommittee: Hamish Sinclair**

- The city is going through a major refresh of its planning strategy and policy framework. Speaker series held at Department of Education and Training at 50 Marcus Clarke Street. First session on Garden City Greenspace and Urban Form and Density or a Garden run from 6.30pm – 9pm.
- General news – Single dwelling block variation – DD350, this has implications for the south given the propensity of larger blocks and how many houses you can place on a block, currently open for submissions.
- Standing Committees in the Assembly – Planning Submissions on Building open until 3 August; one on Urban Renewal regarding the DA process extended for submissions until 3 August.
- Taskforce for Public Housing open until September.

**Other Business:**

**Special Meeting - Constitutional changes:**

- Defer Extraordinary Meeting regarding proposed changes to the Constitution.
- Reissue notice for the Extraordinary Meeting three weeks prior to the next General Meeting
- Defer the Extraordinary Meeting to the next General Meeting.
- The Extraordinary Meeting to be held at 7pm, prior to the General Meeting scheduled for 7 August.
- Special Meeting closed 9.42pm

Next meeting: 7 August 2018, at Vikings Town Centre Club.

Meeting closed at 9.42pm.