

**TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL Inc.**  
**Minutes of General Meeting 2 October 2018**

**Welcome & Acknowledgment:**

The Meeting was opened at 7:30pm by President Glenys Patulny, with an Acknowledgment of Country, welcomed attendees and gave thanks to Police Station Sergeant Gregory O’Ryan, Tuggeranong Police.

**Present:** Refer to the 2 October 2018 Attendance Sheets.

**Apologies:**

Jenny Mobbs CEO COTA, Karen Kidd, Nicole Lauder MLA, Wayne King, Mark Parton, Markus Dirnberger, Frank Vrins, Neil Sperring, Kevin Watts & David Smith, Max Flint.

**President’s Report by Glenys Patulny:**

The President opened her report by advising that Brendan Forde had volunteered to fill the vacancy on the Tuggeranong Community Council Committee and nominated him to fill that position. The Nomination was seconded by Andrew Brown and carried by members present.

**Other matters mentioned in The President’s Report:**

- The Tuggeranong Lake Carers’ Committee (TLC) spring clean-up held on 23rd September, was very successful. The partnership the Tuggeranong Lake Carers’ Committee had formed with the Tuggeranong Community Council, the Southern ACT Catchment Group, Tuggeranong Sea Scouts and Tuggeranong Rowing Club worked well, with 35 people working around The Lake, collecting 38 bags of rubbish, and staying for the barbecue put on by the Tuggeranong Community Council.

- Following on from the Better Suburbs Citizens’ Forum, members participated in another two days to come up with a decision on how to spend an additional \$1.9 million the ACT Government has allocated for play spaces around the ACT. It was agreed that the amount be divided into four buckets:

1. New nature play areas in district play spaces;
2. Local suburbs, for whole suburb review and co-design;
3. Amenity upgrades for play spaces across Canberra;
4. Refresh work on existing play spaces.

It was also decided that an amount be put into developing an overall strategic plan for play spaces into the future.

- The President attended the Combined Community Council meeting at Yarralumla, where Anita Perkins, the Executive Director Communications, Chief Minister’s Directorate attended, explained how her section is working on a more formal government approach to communications across the whole of government.

- The President with other members of TCC attended a meeting with Minister FitzHarris re changes being made to the proposed Government bus routes.

- Attended CURF Forum on Green Growth.

- Attended a second two hour “Better Suburbs Forum Day” on Play Spaces, determining how some of the additional money allocated to play spaces will be spent.

- Recycling at the Waste Recovery Centre at Hume.

- Attended Sustainability Business Expo with Didi Sommer.

- Met with Russell Morrison and Frank Vrins re the Calwell Master Plan.

- Responded to Vital Signs final report on each of the areas of Belonging, Education/Employment, Health & Housing.

- Attended a meeting on insurance with the Government and members of other community Councils because of the Deed of Grant letter.

- Advised that the next meeting of the Tuggeranong Community Council will be held on **6th** November, when Minister Fitzharris will talk about her various portfolios,

The Department of Transport Canberra to provide a second update about various changes they have made to the proposed new bus routes **as a result of the thousands of letters & submissions from the public.**

**Report by Police Station Sergeant Greg O’Ryan:**

- Offences against a person have decreased compared with this time last year;
- Offences against property have increased by 20%;
- There has been a decrease in burglaries;
- No vehicle thefts for last month;
- Police will be checking on schools over the school holidays;
- Police have been active around a number of shops where there has been anti-social activity;
- Two adults have been arrested for approaches to children around schools;
- Re road safety, Police are focusing on breaches by drivers in not observing traffic signs and traffic lights e.g. failing to stop at stop signs, and racing through orange lights instead of stopping.
- Timings at traffic lights have been changed, so that you now have more time to get through;
- During Neighbourhood Watch Week, a stall will be at Erindale Centre.

A number of queries were received from the floor about traffic offences and the members were advised that there is no leeway when it comes to an offence. If a person was in doubt about a certain situation, they can go to the Police website for information.

**New Minister for City and Community Services , Mr Chris Steel provided an update on his Portfolios and thanked the TCC for inviting him to attend. The Minister** advised he is also the Minister for Roads and Community Services.

**Report by- Chris Steel MLA:**

- \$200,000 is being spent to create a proper parking area at the base of Mount Taylor (off Sulwood Drive) and an up-grade to the intersection with Mannheim Street in Kambah. The parking area will be properly graded, surfaced and walled with entry and exit points located 150 metres from the Mannheim Street intersection. Another \$5,000 will also be allocated for upgrading the walk track itself, to remedy some erosion that has occurred and to make the track safer for users and change the entry point. It will then be monitored to see if any more improvements are necessary and the Government will be looking at bike lane requirements with the new improvements in place.
- Kambah Village upgrade stage 1 is complete and stage 2 is about to start with \$2 million worth of improvements in the South Eastern area of the Village. Details of the improvements are going on public display.
- The laneway from Anketell Street to Lake Tuggeranong and Anketell Street itself are to be upgraded and concepts of the proposed improvements are about to be released for comment etc.
- The Directorate will have a stall at Southfest for the general public to check out and to discuss with staff involved in the upgrades, and the proposed improvements being planned.
- The Contractor engaged to complete improvement works on the Stranger Ponds unfortunately drained Upper Stranger Pond, so the fingerlings recently released into Upper Stranger Pond are now in Lower Stranger Pond and are about 17cm long and now being monitored. The Government is waiting for decent rainfall to refill Upper Stranger Pond and will then restock it with fingerlings.
- The Federal Government is providing \$100 million to upgrade the Monaro Highway and the ACT Government will also match this amount. The majority of this money is being spent within the ACT, not just in the border region, which will take care of a number of safety issues exposed.
- Although it took longer than expected, Ashley Drive upgrades are now complete and Minister Steel thanked everyone for their patience.

**NB.** A number of clarification questions were asked from the floor about the Ashley Drive improvements and the Stranger Ponds incident. Also resealing of the existing roadway when duplication is completed. The Minister explained this was necessary to maintain an even surface for the whole of the road.

In reference to any compensatory damage in relation to Stranger Ponds, Minister Steel advised he is not aware of any claim being made at this stage.

- Question - What has happened to the decision to remove the Anketell Buses? Fumes and noise a major problem. Minister Steel advised that he is still having discussions with Joy Burch about whether this can be done?

- **Question** - Could the writing on signs on Lake Tuggeranong saying **no power boats on lake** be made more readable.

- Re funding for Monaro Highway, does that include the roundabout at Isabella Drive?

- A number of people raised the issue of the drones over Bonython. Minister Steel advised that this was not his portfolio but he was happy to take this matter back to the Assembly and he advised he would stay on for extra talks to the residents during the evening break.

### **Results On Lake Tuggeranong Research & Water Projects by Justin Foley & Fiona Dwyer:**

Justin Foley - Manager (ACT Healthy Waterways Project).

Fiona Dwyer - is with the firm of contractors who were engaged to undertake research on Lake Tuggeranong and the urban storm water ponds around Canberra - this research has been ongoing since October 2017.

- The ACT Healthy Waterways Project consists of six catchments of which one is Lake Tuggeranong and with seven projects in Lake Tuggeranong it is the largest investment plus a reserve project, and a rain garden on Bugden Avenue, Gowrie. Rain gardens takes storm water out of the system, spreads it over a garden with a very porous media and the nutrients are filtered out of it, before returning to the storm water system.

- Isabella Ponds is an asset of Lake Tuggeranong and is an extension to the weir wall and expected to be finalised by December. The Wetlands beside Isabella Ponds, take in water from the surrounding suburbs and overflow from the main creek line.

- The Rain garden at Isabella Plains (Upper French Pond) is about 5,000 square metres and similar to the rain garden in Gowrie.

- In Monash there has been a creek restoration project where five sections have been taken out of a concrete drain, it has been widened and vegetation put up the sides etc.

- Athllon Drive - Rain garden close to completion. Rain gardens will be started at The Pines and Kambah Pond. Work has to be completed by 30 June 2019. The Project being a joint funding with the Federal Government, however while the capital funds cease then, it will take another two years to ensure the rain gardens are properly established.

**Fiona Dwyer reported:** At Lake Tuggeranong there are two phases to the Research Project. The first has been an investigation into understanding what processes have been occurring in Lake Tuggeranong that lead to the algae bloom, the second phase of the Project is to undertake some trial management to identify what might help mitigate some of the problems with Lake Tuggeranong. The "Blue Green Algae" bloom aspects of the investigation were also discussed by a team member.

- Algae bloom require light penetration for the algae to synthesise, temperature and nutrients for growth. Generally we try to control growth by controlling the nutrients available.

- There are two sources of nutrients in a lake – external and internal. The external source is the water flowing into the lake from the river and this can be easily measured.

- Internal loading- In Summer the lake breaks down into layers, called clarification. The bottom layer gets low on Oxygen and temperature. This allows for the release of Nitrogen & Phosphorus

from the sediment in the lake bed. These rise to the upper layers and when conditions are ideal, the algae will bloom.

- In the study time 60 flow samples into the Lake were taken, as well as samples from Kambah Creek, Village Creek, Tuggeranong Creek and Isabella Pond. These samples were taken weekly.
- A chart presentation was given showing figures etc. on how the algae conditions can exist. Fiona Dwyer explained some of the management options for Lake Tuggeranong:
- Some 5,000 samples were taken, with high concentrations of nutrients coming into Lake Tuggeranong.
- A number of options were considered and rejected as not being suited to solving Lake Tuggeranong's problem. It has been decided to trial the use of (Phosrock and Ciotronics). Phosrock holds the Phosphorous preventing its dissipation in the water, while Ciotronics compete for the nutrients. Other options are being trialled to come up with a workable solution to fixing the Lake.

#### **Minutes of 4 September 2018 General Meeting;**

Minutes of the 4 September 2018 General Meeting –accepted unanimously and carried. No matters arising from the Minutes.

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

The Treasurer presented his report, the acceptance of which was moved by Barry Blight, Seconded by Beverley Flint. **Carried.**

#### **Accounts For Payment**

- \$1692.00 - for Insurance re Bulkcare Workers re TCC SOUTHFEST to be held on 24.11.18  
Sed Moved: That the account be paid by President Glenys Patulny . Seconded: Andrew Brown. **Carried.**
- \$1,177- for the Association Insurance. **Moved:** Glenys Patulny. Seconded: Barry Blight. **Carried.**
- The President **suggested** a Box Microphone for meetings. **Motion:** by Glenys Patulny. Seconded: Hamish Sinclair. Motion: **Carried**

#### **Community Health & Education Sub-Committee:**

Beverley Flint advised of two \$100.00 "Electricity Vouchers" donated by CARE Inc are available for people in need. If not collected they would be made available to the Salvation Army. Beverley also stated that the Charter Hall Management Company had finally advised they would install defibrillators to the smaller shopping malls they managed throughout Australia. Beverley has lobbied Charter Hall to have the defibrillators installed in our Tuggeranong suburban Malls that are managed by Charter Hall.

#### **SOUTHFEST Sub-Committee Report:**

Taren Langdon reported 94 stall registrations, plus 70 Handmade Vintage Market stalls. The major sponsors are (ACT GOVT, ICON Water, LDK Healthcare and Wing Aviation Pty Ltd) . Taryn detailed an outline of the development of the Festival to date and activities.

#### **Environment Sub-Committee Report:**

It was reported there is a lease variation application in Livingston Avenue, but of concern is a house in Piccadilly Place, where there is an application to change the lease clause to allow an automotive workshop on the premises . Concerns have been expressed about possible pollution effects if the variation is approved.

**General Business:**

- Re the recent Lake Tuggeranong clean up day, President Glenys Patulny extended her thanks to Jim and also to Ann Kennedy (TLC) and to Nicole Lawder MLA , to Beverley Flint for organising the barbeque, and a special thank you to two of our members who attended to the cooking on the day.
- **Bonython Against Drones** - A presentation was made about the difficulties they are encountering from the drones trial operating in their suburb and seeking support from the Tuggeranong Community Council. As a result of the discussion and possible action options, Karen Langdon moved a motion “that the Tuggeranong Community Council write a letter to the ACT Government stating that Bonython residents came to a Tuggeranong Community Council meeting expressing their concerns over the Drone trials”. **The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.** Other suggestions included that the residents organise a petition and flyers. The Bonython residents inquired about having a stall at Southfest.

The Meeting closed at 9:52pm. The next TCC Meeting will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

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