

TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL Inc.
Minutes of the General Meeting held on 4 December 2018

Welcome and Acknowledgment

The Meeting was opened at 7.35pm by the President, Glenys Patulny, with an Acknowledgment of Country. She thanked everyone for attending.

Present

Refer to the 4 December 2018 Attendance Sheets.

Apologies

Gai Brodtmann MP, Station Sergeant Greg O’Ryan, and Lyndon Langdon.

President’s Report – Glenys Patulny

- The President commented on what a great success SouthFest was, and particularly mentioned the Vice President, Beverley Flint, Andrew Eppelstun, Catherine Jones, Daisy Mastika, Didi Sommer, Peter Badowski, Sed Bustillo, Jeff Bollard, Brenda Forde, Michael Crozier, Betty Knight, Liz Stephens, and Lyndon Langdon for their various contributions leading up to SouthFest and work on the day. She also thanked other members who connected Tuggeranong Community Council organisers to other helpers.

A special thank you was given to Taryn Langdon, SouthFest organiser, who went above and beyond the call of duty, spending many thousands of hours, organising and co-ordinating the whole event.

On an unfavourable note, The President advised Council had not been successful in gaining Events ACT support for a festival in 2019. The President and Taren Langdon are pursuing Events ACT for a re-consideration, as well as speaking to a number of local members and ministers enlisting their support.

- For the third year running, the President advised she has begun presentations of the Tuggeranong Community Service Awards to a student from each high school and college in Tuggeranong. To date, presentations have been made at Trinity Christian School and Lanyon High School. The Vice President and President will visit other schools over the coming weeks to present their awards.

- The President advised that the next General Meeting of the Tuggeranong Community Council will be held on 5 February 2019, when Kate Smith, the Director of Tuggeranong Schools, will give an update about what is happening in our schools. A representative from Marigal Gardens will advise on what is happening at the over 55’s retirement village at Kambah.

Moved by Didi Sommer that the President’s Report be accepted, seconded by Beverley Flint – Carried.

SouthFest Report – Taryn Langdon

- Over 200 people were involved in putting on SouthFest, resulting in over 200 stalls on the day, with an estimated 15,000 people attending, according to Taren Langdon. Some people thought the participation number may have been closer to 20,000.

- Taren named Macintyre Properties, ACT Government, LDK Healthcare, Project Wing, & Icon Water as the major sponsors providing the funds enabling SouthFest to proceed. She then went on to name the community partners who delivered activities leading up to and on the day including; the Tuggeranong Community Council, The Art Centre, YMCA, Vikings, Communities@Work, Valley FM, South Point, Osky & the Independent Property Group. Taren went on to describe a number of the events and commented that she had

has positive reactions from local business and local residents. She also thanked everyone for participating and making SouthFest a success.

Police Report – Station Sergeant Greg O’Ryan

The Report prepared by Station Sergeant Greg O’Ryan, was read by the President, Glenys Patulny, as Station Sergeant Greg O’Ryan could not make the meeting.

The Report detailed Police Activity & Crime figures for December 2017 – November 2018, compared to December 2016 – November 2017:

- Overall offences reported in the Tuggeranong patrol zone have decreased by 17% i.e. 1,120 offences.
- Offences against the person decreased 16% (128 offences). Significant decrease include, Assault other decreased by 27% (147 offences).
- Offences against property decreased 19% (682 offences). Significant decreases include:
 - ® Other theft decreased 21% (212 offences)
 - ® Other property damage decreased 24% (161 offences)
 - ® Burglary dwellings decreased 24% (78 offences)
 - ® Motor vehicle theft decreased 28% (93 offences)
- Other points of note in the Report were:
 - ® Assistant Commissioner Ray Johnson has now commenced duties as the ACT Chief Police Officer.
 - ® There is a continued focus on incidents around schools where children have been approached. Patrols will continue to patrol schools during the day focusing at start and finish of school hours. Please report any suspicious behaviour around schools to either 131 444, or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.
 - ® Heightened fire danger remains. Please report any suspicious behaviours to either 131 444, or Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000.
 - ® Road Safety Calendar focus for December/January is Alcohol and Drug Driving.

Politician Updates

Nicole Lawder MLA

Nicole advised that the ACT Assembly had unanimously adopted the Southern Brush Tail Rock Wallaby as the mammal for the ACT at its recent sitting. Nicole then went on to give a brief history of the adoption of other emblems and the flag of the Australian Capital Territory.

Waste to Energy – Greg Haraldson, ACT NOWaste

Greg Haraldson explained that ACT NOWaste is part of the Canberra City Services Directorate responsible for waste collection and recycling, and went on to explain how ACT NOWaste operates.

Greg advised that Canberra is good at recycling. About 70% of garbage is recycled for reuse instead of going to landfill. About 9 million tons of waste is collected each year. The ACT is running second behind South Australia, but it is planned that a recovery target of 95% will be in place by 2025.

ACT NOWaste is embarking on a public programme to inform members of the public on proposals to improve recycling and is seeking input and suggestions from the public at the same time. Their website has the details.

How Dung Beetles can help with Climate Change – John Freehan

John Freehan talked about how Dung Beetles were able to reduce the number of flies, improve soil quality, help the soil absorb water, which reduces run off leading to soil erosion, promotes vegetation growth which then absorbs CO2 thus helping mitigate Climate Change.

He produced a full pictorial of slides showing the life cycle of dung beetles and how they enter a cow pat, dig underneath it & distribute the cow/sheep pat about 30 centimetres below the surface. The process distributes nitrogen & other nutrients into the soil. By changing the cow dung from its original state, it also helps eliminate buffalo fly, horse fly, and a number of other flies that annoy the cattle. The process also turns marginal land into fully productive grazing land.

Cow pats left lying on the ground contain phosphorus which as the pat breaks down, is dissipated as gas into the atmosphere. The dung beetles by burying the pat underground, provides the phosphorus & other nutrients to the roots of the grasses.

The dung beetle programme had originally been conceived by the CSIRO, but when funding ran out in the 1980s, the CSIRO ceased its programme, leaving people like John Freehan to carry on alone.

John distributes dung beetles throughout Australia and overseas.

General Business

Minutes of the 6 November 2018 General Meeting

The Minutes from the 6 November 2018 were presented. There were no matters arising.

Moved by Beverley Flint and seconded by Jeffery Bollard that the Minutes be accepted - Carried

Correspondence

RECEIVED Re:

1. Canberra citizen of the Year. It's on the website. Responses needed by 14 December.
2. Town Square Upgrade & Design.
3. Proposed Crematorium & Memorial Park in Mugga Lane Narrabundah.

The Youth Survey has been put up on the website.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Sed Bustillo, advised that as at the 30 November 2018, the Westpac account had a balance of \$23,139.85, comprising \$8,392.60 in Tuggeranong Community Council funds and \$14,747.25 ACT Government funds. Income of \$12,826.46 was received which included the Government grant. Net expenditure for the period was \$4,222.50, consisting of reimbursements, and a new insurance policy that best suits the Tuggeranong Community Council's interests and future needs.

The Bendigo account (SouthFest) balance as at 30 November 2018 was \$14,321.41. It had a major inflow of funds of \$42,972.62, which included several corporate sponsorships into the account in anticipation of SouthFest. Expenditure of \$37,956.01 included payments towards the promotion and key infrastructure costs associated with SouthFest.

Moved by Sed Bustillo, and seconded by Ed Cocks that the Treasurer's Report be accepted – Carried.

Wayne King & Others Presentations

Wayne King, former Vice President of the Tuggeranong Community Council gave an update from the last meeting of the Canberra Airport Committee. Wayne had put in a number of years serving on the Council in various positions, until illness forced him to stand down from committee positions.

A number of small presentations were then made to several other people thanking them for the support during the year.

Any Other Business

- West Kambah Neighbourhood Watch is re-convening. David Harding is the convenor.
- The defibrulators for small malls managed by Charter Hill Pty Ltd are now in. At Erindale it is on the pole at the coffee shop near Woolworths.
- Pedal Power has become involved in the shared path around Lake Tuggeranong.

The Meeting closed at 9:09pm for Christmas Nibbles.