

TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL Inc.
Minutes of the General Meeting held on 2 April 2019

Welcome and Acknowledgment

The Meeting was opened at 7.30pm by the President, Glenys Patulny, with an acknowledgment of Country. She thanked local MLA's who regularly attend and Station Sergeant Greg O'Ryan from Tuggeranong Police.

Present

See the 2 April 2019 Attendance Sheets.

Apologies

Martin Devine and his wife, Geoff Bollard, Sed Bustillo, Albert Orszaczky, Andrew Eppelstun, Hamish Sinclair.

President's Report (Glenys Patulny)

The President stated that it has been a busy month with some very significant events:

- She had spoken to management of the Vikings Club, who have always supported the Tuggeranong Community Council. As a consequence, the Vikings Club will now provide tea and coffee at no charge.
- All funds have now been transferred to Bendigo Bank and the Executive is looking at putting some of the member's money into six monthly term deposits to maximise returns.
- Organised the TCC Youth Engagement Forum, where last week students came from all over Tuggeranong to give their opinions on such things as climate change, environment, safety and transport etc.
- At the Forum, Lake Tuggeranong came in for some damning criticism for its blue-green algae infestation and the effect the Lake is having on people's health, and many are avoiding using it for the recreation pursuits it was originally designed for.
- Spoke at two Legislative Assembly inquiries: Drones (6/3) and The Nature In Our City Inquiry (13/3).
- As well as attending:
 - A Housing affordability talk (7/3)
 - Two Southfest meetings
 - Rethinking Biofuels in Australia; and
 - Meeting with staff at two schools re the Youth Forum

The President also stated that at the next meeting we hope to hear a report on the results of the research being done on Lake Tuggeranong's blue-green algae problems, and why bees are important to us.

Police Report (Station Sergeant Greg O'Ryan)

Station Sergeant O'Ryan advised that there has been a roll out of body cameras so Police now have a record of incidents directly involving personnel. It has been a particularly busy month with shootings in Richardson and Theodore, a robbery at Gordon, and a Police officer deliberately struck by a car in Flynn. Station Sergeant O'Ryan asks, if you have any information about these incidents, go to Crime Stoppers. The Police have received the Youth Committee report. And when it comes to road safety, dangerous behaviour continues to cause concern. People are asked to report any incidents witnessed to Police on 131 444 or to Crime Stoppers.

Youth Engagement Committee

The TCC Youth Engagement Committee gave a brief overview of its involvement in this year's Youth Engagement Forum. A full report is in the process of being prepared. Matters that came up included: Climate Change, Employment, Environment and Water, Health and Wellbeing, Youth Spaces in Tuggeranong, Safety, Transport, Future Directions.

After the event, students commented that it would have been great to have had more time to talk, that the day was fun, liked the prompting questions, was good to hear other people's thoughts – not just your own,

enjoyed adults being in the conversation, and wanted more discussion on a wider range of topics, social issues, employment & world issues.

All opinions expressed at the Forum are being collated into a document, which will be sent to all schools. Main issues will be identified and the Tuggeranong Community Council will look to follow up on them and inform relevant government departments and institutions.

MP/MLA Updates

Nicole Lawder (Canberra Liberals)

- Nicole reported the Bill on consorting laws on bikie gangs was again defeated in the ACT Assembly and that Tuggeranong appears to be disproportionately represented in the recent number of biker incidents.
- Nicole had a motion on dogs, as a result of the recent attack on an alpaca, which got through the Assembly, after an amendment.
- Nicole gave a summary of the events she was involved in during the recent Liberal delegation trip to China.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Whole of Government Communications and Engagement Plan (Karen Stewart-Moore and Anita Perkins – ACT Government)

The Whole of Government Communications and Engagement Plan is responsible for ensuring appropriate measures are in place to inform people in times of an emergency. It is also charged with generally informing people of changes taking place in the operation of Government.

Information communication is changing. While some people still want newsletters and 'hard' copy publications, there are now many who want their news via the electronic media and social network. An example of how information is now disseminated is the *Our Canberra* brochure advising of things happening in your locality. Originally, it was all letter boxed, now 17,000 are distributed by mail, while 50,000 are sent out by email.

If you want to be involved, you can go to the *Your Say* website, see what is going on, and more importantly, have your say about policy matters etc. being considered by the ACT Government.

Canberra Islamic Centre (Hasib Kahn, Vice President)

Hasib Khan gave an interesting presentation about the Canberra Islamic Centre and his Faith, and answered a number of questions. He also confirmed that there had been a vigil in support of those caught up in the recent Christchurch killings.

The Centre began in 1988 and became an incorporated entity in 1994. Currently, there are over 200 people from 54 countries in the congregation. Everything is in English, as the standard language. It is democratic with leaders elected. There are two prayer rooms, a general one, where both men and woman can pray, and a smaller one for just women, an office and library.

The Canberra Islamic Centre is very open in its approach. While adhering to the basic doctrines of Islam, it is open in the way it observes some of the tenets, e.g., dress. In Canberra, there are five mosques. All have a commonality as well as differences.

If people want to come and observe the way Moslems pray, they are welcome to come to the back of the room during prayers. The first session is at 1.00pm on Friday.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Minutes of 5 March 2019 General Meeting

The Minutes of 5 March 2019 General Meeting were presented. There was no business arising from the Minutes. Moved that the Minutes be accepted by Beverley Flint, seconded by Wayne King – Carried.

Treasurer's Report (Sed Bustillo)

The Treasurer's Report was delivered by The President in the absence of The Treasurer.

Available funds stand at \$19,805.58 comprising of TCC Funds \$8,392.93 and ACT Government Funds \$11,412.66.

Income for March was \$3.67 Bank Interest, while Net Expenditure for March was \$640.07 for PO Box renewal, Phone Bills, and the sausage sizzle for Lake Tuggeranong Clean Up Australia Day.

Following the end of the previous financial year (2017-18), an issue was raised regarding what set of rules are to be applied to the Members' Funds; specifically, what are the Members' rights and spending framework. During the Annual General Meeting following the close of the 2017-18 financial year, a Members' Funds mandate was approved to provide a set of rules/framework.

After several discussions, the Executive Committee have decided to make the aforementioned mandate into a policy to clearly outline the rules of the Members' Funds. These actions were necessary to ensure future executives and members will be given proper guidance to the Members' Funds. When available will be put up on our website.

Moved Wayne King, seconded Beverley Flint that the Treasurer's Report, including the Members' Mandate statement be accepted – Carried.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Health and Education (Beverley Flint)

Beverley Flints report covered a number of matters:

- Dealing with a request from a resident in a cul de sac, about a house being renovated to be a refuge, when there is already a refuge in the street. Beverley is awaiting responses from MLAs she has written to on the subject.
- A visit to the Gordon Community Day at the Gordon Ponds and giving out TCC pamphlets.
- Impressed at the Student Forum she attended by the questions being asked. While at the Forum, Beverley took the opportunity to raise the issue of dead branches overhanging Tuggeranong streets with a Departmental representative, as well as the need to continue inspecting the large rectangular sumps on the side of roads in Tuggeranong.
- Check out the health hazards raised re the introduction of the 5G mobile phones as a result of some disturbing traits associated with use of the phones.

Environment (Didi Sommer)

Didi Sommer reported Green Bins have now been fully rolled out throughout Canberra. The bins are free for those who hold Seniors Cards, otherwise the cost is \$50.00. 61,700 homes have opted into the system so far, and 60% of Tuggeranong residents have opted in.

Didi Sommer also reminds residents not to put soft plastics into bins but to take the soft plastics to the collection points at Woolworths and Coles.

Southfest

A brief report was tabled showing Revenue from Southfest Totalled \$66,573 while Expenditure amounted to \$64,203.

Moved Catherine Jones, seconded Glenys Patulny – Carried

The Meeting closed at 9:38pm.

Next Meeting – 7th May, 2019.