

TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL Inc.
Minutes of the General Meeting held on 5 February 2019

Welcome and Acknowledgment

The Meeting was opened at 7.30pm by the Vice President, Beverley Flint, with an Acknowledgment of Country. Beverley then announced that Glenys Patulny had been awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in the recent Australia Day Honours. Beverley advised the members present of the past and present achievements of Glenys Patulny and congratulated Glenys on behalf of the Tuggeranong Community Council.

Present

Refer to the 5 February 2019 Attendance Sheets.

Apologies

Rob Lovitt

President's Report: (Glenys Patulny)

The President advised that issues for follow up by the Council this year will include:

- An in-principle agreement to work with the community and organise SouthFest.
- Look at ways to improve safety in Tuggeranong.
- Organise the annual Tuggeranong Community Council Community Service Award.
- Improve Lake Tuggeranong's water quality and amenities, including Lake clean-ups and follow up BBQ.
- Development of an environment and sporting precinct in West Greenway.
- Waste issues.
- Planning priorities for regional growth.
- Transport – new interchange, keeping buses off Anketell Street until new Interchange is built, and improved safety on buses and around the Interchange.
- Continue to run Tuggeranong Community Council School Community Awards for all High schools and colleges in Tuggeranong
- Continued efforts to involve young people in the Council and run an annual "Youth Forum" to garner the students' views.

The President asked that if anyone wanted to be involved that they advise the Tuggeranong Community Council Committee.

The President advised that the TCC Southfest Committee recommended they continue to run an event this year, and that at the last Executive Committee Meeting the Committee approved the recommendation in principle and now seek Council's approval.

Motion: That the TCC SouthFest Sub-committee be empowered to commence organising the SouthFest Festival for 2019. Moved: Glenys Patulny Seconded: Wayne King – Motion Carried.

The meeting was advised that Sunday, 3rd March, 2019 was "Cleanup Australia Day" and there would be a clean-up of Lake Tuggeranong. The Council will provide a free sausage sizzle at the end of the clean up for volunteers. The next meeting of the TCC will be held on the 5th March and a presentation has been organised on last year's "Play Station Forum" and what will be planned for playground upgrades in Tuggeranong.

Acceptance of the President's Report was moved by Andrew Eppelstun Seconded by Didi Sommer – Motion Carried.

Vice President's Report: (Beverley Flint)

In her report, Beverley congratulated Albert Orszaczky and his wife Sandra on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Beverley expressed her concern at the number of people who have approached her about the pollution from buses in Anketell Street, which is temporarily closed and has compared it to two main streets, one in Parramatta and the other in Chatswood, which have been turned into pedestrian precincts and recommended Council continue to push for Anketell Street to be turned into a pedestrian plaza. Beverley also noted Daryl Johnston, a past president of the TCC was present tonight and thanked Daryl for his attendance.

Police Report: (Station Sergeant Greg O'Ryan)

In his Police Report Station Sergeant Greg O'Ryan advised overall, that in the Tuggeranong Patrol area, offences had decreased 15%, assaults decreased 20%, while there had been a slight rise in shop burglaries that home burglaries were down by 73%. Motor vehicle thefts were also down. With the return of schools, school zones are receiving a priority. The Police were looking for volunteers to help in stations and that applications were closing February 15.

MP/MLA Updates

Nicole Lawder MLA (Liberal)

Nicole advised that she has been overseas for the last five weeks. However the Assembly has done the sums and it appears Canberrans are paying about \$450 per year more than other nearby jurisdictions for petrol and that the mandatory reporting they have in NSW is being implemented in the ACT. The recently released report on government services showed that the ACT has the lowest number of Police per capita. Nicole expressed personal concern about a fifth outlaw motor cycle gang moving into the ACT because of the consorting laws now in force in NSW.

Caroline Le Couteur MLA (Greens)

Caroline advised that she had received reports about the reduction of trees in Kambah. She queried the ACT Government about the tree status and was advised that we are losing about 3000 trees a year. As a result she is circulating a petition asking the Government to plant a minimum of 7,500 trees a year, to catch up on current losses and cover estimated new losses. Government figures show we only have 20% tree cover, while the public have said they wanted a minimum of 30% tree cover. Lack of trees has been causing distress from heat in some areas, and lack of shelter for birds and animals, resulting in the invasion of buildings.

Caroline expressed concern about the increasing hot weather affecting apartments sustainability. She would like to hear from people experiencing problems in this regard.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Marigal Gardens Apartments: (George Hibbard and Richard Nash)

George Hibbard and Richard Nash from Hindmarsh Constructions gave a run-down on the development of Marigal Gardens on the old Urambi School site, next to Namagi School. Stages one and two were completed last year, and stage three is in the process of planning now. Stages one and two involved the construction of 71 units, and stage three will involve the construction of an additional 71 units. The construction work is in keeping with the approved 2015 environmental development plan. A presentation of the plan's access and design was displayed and explained, which included open areas, landscaping and three street entrances. People were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Building Heights – Tuggeranong: (Hamish Sinclair)

Hamish Sinclair discussed heights in Tuggeranong said the ACT Planning Strategy predicted a decline in Tuggeranong’s population. This could see planners reducing public infrastructure, and some public spaces, like sporting areas and parks, being turned over to developers for infill construction. We need to know the ACT Government’s planning strategy for Tuggeranong to avoid going backwards.

Education in the Tuggeranong Valley: (Kate Smith)

Kate Smith is the DSI – Director School Improvement for the Tuggeranong Network within the Education Directorate. She is based in the Education Support Office, and has been in the position for 2½ years.

The Tuggeranong Network consists of 21 Public Schools, including an Early Childhood School, Primary schools, High schools, P-10 schools, Colleges and an Outdoor Education School - Birrigai. School populations range from 130 to over 500. Priority areas include; building a positive culture, engaged and connected learning, differentiation of curriculum trend and improved pedagogy raising standards. Various aspects of curriculum were explained. There are 6,500 students, plus international students in years 10, 11 and 12, with 1,500 teachers and assistants.

General Business

The Minutes from the 4th December 2018 General Meeting were presented. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

Moved: Hamish Sinclair –“That the Minutes be accepted”. Seconded: Andrew Eppelstun – Motion Carried.

Treasurer’s Report (Sed Bustillo)

The Treasurer advised that the Westpac Account’s Net Expenditure for December and January was \$2903.42, with the major expenditure including Catering, Branding (shirts and vests), and Banners. Available funds in the Westpac Account as at 31 January 2019 stood at \$20940.20 comprising Tuggeranong Community Council Funds of \$8392.53 and ACT Government Funds of \$12547.40.

The SouthFest Bendigo Bank Account as at 31 January 2019 stood at \$289.41. Expenditure over December and January totalled \$14,230.89, with the large majority of the expenses incurred in December and were the remaining expenses for crucial SouthFest infrastructure.

Youth Engagement Committee (Daisy Matsika)

A number of people in a recent TCC Youth survey reported that they don’t feel safe in the Tuggeranong region, especially around bus stops. Daisy wants us to better engage youth in discussions re employment, mental health and other issues. These matters are on-going, and anyone with suggestions is asked to contact Daisy.

Any Other Business

- The meeting was advised that the West Kambah Neighbourhood Watch re-establishment meeting would take place on February 27th at Namadgi School commencing at 6.00pm.

The next Tuggeranong Community Council General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th March, 2019 at 7.30pm at the Vikings Town Centre Club, lower function room.

The Meeting closed at 9.30pm.