

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

Welcome and Acknowledgment:

The Meeting was opened at 7.36pm by the President, Glenys Patulny, with an acknowledgment of Country. She thanked local MLAs in attendance and welcomed Station Sergeant Gregory O’Ryan from Tuggeranong Police.

Present

Refer to the 5th March 2019 Attendance Sheet.

Apologies

Evan Hunt, Arthur Baumhammer, Mark Parton MLA, Gai Brodtmann MP

President’s Report: (Glenys Patulny)

In her Report, The President advised:

- Because of the success of last year’s SouthFest, with over 15,000 people attending, the ACT Government has recognised this success and has agreed to fund the 2019 SouthFest the amount of \$15,000. A date has been set for SouthFest to take place on 16th November.
- On Sunday 3 March as part of Clean-up Australia Day, over fifty people helped clean up Lake Tuggeranong, with in excess of 30 bags of rubbish being collected. The Clean-up was organised by the Tuggeranong Lake Carers, with the Tuggeranong Community Council, Tuggeranong Sea Scouts, the Lake Tuggeranong Rowing Club, and the Southern ACT Catchment Group supporting. The Tuggeranong Community Council provided a sausage sizzle for participants at the end of the Clean-up.
 - The President added that while most of the collectors who had been on previous lake clean-ups commented that there was less rubbish (the message about not littering the lake is getting out there) but unfortunately all said they had never seen blue green infestation on the lake so bad.
- The President also detailed 13 other meetings and actions undertaken since the last General Meeting on behalf of the Tuggeranong Community Council.
Motion: To accept the President’s Report. Moved: Wayne King and Seconded: Mr Roberts –
Motion carried.

Police Report: (Station Sergeant Gregory O’Ryan)

- Station Sergeant Gregory O’Ryan advised that overall, offences had decreased in assaults on persons and generally, thefts have been coming down. However there has been an increase in thefts from shops and there were 24 motor vehicle thefts.
- There have been a number of assaults on Police, and Police would like information to help track down the perpetrators.
- A number of people have rung in incidents, but have not been able to give an accurate location of where they are, this has hindered Police in their ability to render assistance.
- If people witness something suspicious, please report it plus any necessary information to enable Police to prioritize attendance. Information please contact (13 1444) or to Crime Stoppers.

MP/MLA Updates

Caroline Le Couteur MLA (Greens)

Caroline reminded people of her petition requesting the Government to improve its tree planting program. Caroline advised that if anyone wants to sign the petition, they can access the ACT Legislative Assembly Website. The ACT Government is looking at Cannabis law legislation to make it more workable, e.g. medical cannabis availability. She asks that if anyone wants to make a submission to do so as soon as possible.

Nicole Lawder MLA (Liberal)

Nicole advised that a “Dog Bill” she had been sponsoring was not successful in the Assembly. Violence in schools was causing concern. The ACT Government was not interested in up-dating consorting laws to bring them in line with New South Wales.

Nicole outlined the differences between men and women in society and advised that Friday was “International Women’s Day “ and it was a good time to support women and their disadvantages in society.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Play Spaces- Tuggeranong: (Naomi Lee from ACT Transport Canberra & City Services)

Naomi Lee advised that there had been a Play Space forum held last year, involved (50) randomly selected citizens of the ACT. Naomi commented that there is an over-supply of play grounds in the ACT compared with the rest of Australia. The Forum looked at play spaces in poor and aged condition in the ACT and advised that 51% are more than 20 years old. \$500,000 has been allocated to refresh these aged play spaces, including fully fencing of a number of play spaces and \$348,500 of this amount has been allocated to Tuggeranong.

Richardson has been chosen as an area where play station design over the whole suburb will be checked. They would like more representatives from the Richardson community for consultation and planning procedures. So, if you want to be part of a design group, or are interested generally, please contact Naomi Lee by email.

Moving Canberra: Integrated Transport Strategy 2019-2045

(Geoffrey Davidson from Transport Canberra & City Services)

This is an update on a previous presentation. Geoffrey stated there are four areas TCC was seeking feedback on, with written submissions to be in by the end of March:

- Active Travel
- Future Transport
- Road Safety
- Accessibility & Inclusion

There has not been any consultation on these four themes. Geoffrey discussed a number of factors affecting future service provisions and stated a “GETS Report” will be issued in April. There is an Executive Summary of actions to date and this can be downloaded from their website.

The presentation was followed by a large number of questions and criticisms about the public transport system as it exists at present and some of the proposed changes.

General Business

The Minutes of 5 February 2019 General Meeting were presented. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

Moved: Glenys Patulny and seconded: Didi Sommer – Carried.

Treasurer’s Report: (Sed Bustillo)

Net expenditure over the period was \$670.16. Available funds currently stand at \$20441.98, consisting of TCC Funds \$8392.86 & ACT Government Funds \$12049.12.

Main expenditure incurred during February period was to cover, ink/printing, meeting expenses and website maintenance.

Moved: Sed Bustillo and Seconded: Beverley Flint – Carried.

Community, Health and Education Sub-Committee: (Beverley Flint)

Beverley Flint reported that Dr Jonathon Barnett, Chair of Australis's Society of Fire Safety, has mentioned concerns that lives are at risk by commissioning and maintenance of some fire practices. The use of lifts during fires is still causing confusion, with the general rule being that lifts are not to be used during fire drills or fires. In some new building designs Beverley was advised by one member of the fire section that it could be safe to use lifts? There are still some reservations on this ruling. Minister Gentleman has supported changes to fire safety laws after an internationally renowned fire safety expert said, "the risk of a catastrophic fire was growing as more high-rises are built in Canberra".

Plastic bags are still causing concern along with plastic straws. Some shops are disposing of them correctly, while others are adding used bags and straws to their rubbish. The suggestion is to refuse to use them both to help reduce pollution.

The ACT Legislative Assembly is conducting an enquiry into the building industry. There have been 100 submissions of mostly shoddy construction work, delays, lack of regulations and oversight of the construction industry. Minister Gentleman advised new laws would be considered by the Assembly in this first six months of 2019 and enacted into law before the end of the year. The Government would also like to amend the Legislation to provide clarity to regulators and the building industry about 'reasonable standard of maintenance'. The Minister is supporting the proposed changes on the advice of the ACT Fire and Rescue.

SouthFest Sub-Committee: (Andrew Eppelstun)

Andrew reported that SouthFest has received \$15,000 from the ACT Government. The Sub-Committee had its first meeting earlier today to commence planning for the 2019 SouthFest and the date has been locked down for 16th November. SouthFest now also has a page on Facebook.

The Meeting closed at 9.37pm.