

TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL Inc.
Minutes of the General Meeting 4 June 2019

Welcome and Acknowledgment

The Meeting was opened at 7.30pm by the President, Glenys Patulny, with an Acknowledgment of Country and welcome to Members of the Legislative Assembly present.

Present

See the signed attendance sheets.

Apologies

Station Sergeant Gregory O’Ryan, Gai Brodtmann, Mark Parton, Rob Lovett, Hamish Sinclair.

President’s Report – Glenys Patulny

The President informed the Meeting that Mr Michael Crozier has resigned as Secretary due to time commitments with other activities. It is hoped that Michael will remain involved with the TCC. At the next TCC Executive Meeting arrangements will be made to appoint a new Secretary.

It was recalled that at the last meeting Dr Byer and Dr Ubriben from the University of Canberra spoke on the research undertaken on Lake Tuggeranong and indicated that their research would be reported to the ACT Government when all the results were analysed. The TCC has written to the Chief Minister seeking additional research funds and for an identified solution to be adequately funded. Minister Mick Gentleman has responded stating that research trials have been undertaken and research findings are being prepared. Water quality in the lake is identified as a priority and needs further investment.

Other events attended include:

- Attended one and a half days on the consultation on how to further consult with the planning process
- Attended this morning Budget meeting
- The Vice President Beverly Flint and President attended the Combined Community Council meeting and heard updates on how the National Trust (ACT) works and had an update on Mr Fluffy houses from the ACT government. A \$300M shortfall in the Mr Fluffy program will have to be met by the ACT Government.

The next meeting of the Tuggeranong Community Council will be held at 7.30pm on the 2nd July at the Vikings Town Centre Club. Ben Ponton, Director General of the Environment, Planning and Sustainability Development Directorate will update the TCC on where we are with future planning for Canberra and this will be followed by a presentation on ACT for Bees.

The Vice President supplemented the report with details of activities undertaken during the President’s absence from Canberra. Matters reported were:

- Attended Reconciliation Day where discussions were held with staff of the ACT and Commonwealth Ombudsman’s Office and also the Human Rights Commission Staff. An invitation to speak to the TCC in the future was extended to both offices and accepted..
- Discussion with Chronicle staff about improving distribution points at shopping centres.
- Interaction with a community members on lost bins. Matters of this type are outside charter of the TCC and were appropriately referred to Access Canberra.
- "How Healthy is the ACT Health System" forum was attended which was organised by the ANU Institute of Governance and Policy and chaired by Jon Stanhope. Points noted were the low rating for waiting times for urgent cases, high burn out of general practice doctors and also hospital doctors and challenges of growing population, aging and new technology.
- An extensive report was received from City Services on development of footpaths and cycle paths in the Tuggeranong town centre. The proposed development area was walked and feedback provided. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Harvey Bell, a long term member of the TCC and retired engineer and cyclist, who assisted me throughout the project and inspections of the report areas. Hamish Sinclair (TCC Planning sub-committee) also provided assistance.

- Residents eligible for free transport are required to renew their MyWay cards every two years.
- Suggestion that developers GEOCON be invited to brief the TCC on their continuing development in Tuggeranong.
- Commentary on electric bike safety. In NSW cyclists over 12 years are required to ride on the road. This reduces the number of cyclists sharing the pedestrian paths.
- Noted that the Canberra City News reported that operation of power boats on ACT would attract fines of \$7500 or 1 year imprisonment.
- Noted that the Canberra Times reported on the condition of Lake Tuggeranong including dead cats and birds, stench and health issues for residents.

Acceptance of the President's report was moved by Wayne King and seconded by Didi Sommer.

Police Report – Station Sergeant Gregory O’Ryan

An apology was received from Station Sergeant O’Ryan . No police report was presented.

Youth Engagement Report - Daisy Matsika

The TCC Youth Engagement Forum Report has been finalised and the executive summary distributed to relevant schools and local MLAs. Actions identified in the report are:

- Push for more work on cleaning up the Lake (Climate Change, Environment, Youth Places)
- Full time Youth Worker in Tuggeranong and a Dedicated Youth Centre (Youth Places)
- Better lighting in various areas and improved safety in the area around McDonalds (Safety)
- More buses/better bus routes and better interchange and safer bus stops (Transport and Safety)
- Walk in Mental Health Clinic (Health and Wellbeing)
- Better career support for students (Employment)
- Transport and City Services to talk to Education Directorate/schools in relation to the Play Space Reviews. (Future Opportunities)
- Opportunities for continued consultation with young people within the Tuggeranong region (Future Opportunities).

The forum will be followed up through TCC Youth Engagement Sub-Committee with the coming meetings having in-depth student discussion on a particular topic. The next meeting will be at 5.30pm on Monday 17th June at the CIT Tuggeranong and will discuss employment and preparation for the workforce.

Members of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assembly Updates

Caroline Le Couteur – Murrumbidgee

Caroline spoke on the proposal to divert organic waste from landfill and to include it in to the composting collection. A motion will be put to the Assembly the next day.

Budget outcomes highlighted were:

- Increased tree funding – 17,000 over next 4 years
- Reduce numbers in jail through Justice Reinvestment program
- Drug and alcohol court – treat drugs as a health issue rather than justice issue.
- Extra 10 building compliance officers to address building quality.

In responding to questions:

- Numbers in AMC for drug offences not known but there will still be jail sentences for offences that may also have drug and alcohol as a contributing factor.
- Home, community and collection composting are all options for diverting organic waste from landfill.

Nicole Lawder – Brindabella

Nicole acknowledged 30 year anniversary of self-government.

On the budget, noted rates for houses and rural properties will increase by 7% and units by 11%. Government will bring in \$2B in fees and charges and borrow \$1B. This represents \$4.5k per ACT resident.

Chris Steel – Murrumbidgee

Minister Steel identified activities underway prior to the budget these include:

- Kambah Village upgrade, minimum disruption expected to shop owners, development application for upgraded Woolworths store currently with ACTPLA.
- Anketell Street upgrades continue and expect to be finished by the middle of the year.
- Laneway project design to be finalised in next few months.

ACT Budget:

- Turning lanes for Mt Taylor Sulwood Drive carparks.
- New and upgrade playground for Kambah and Richardson.
- New hospital building at Woden - \$800M investment – more emergency and critical care beds and theatres. Health accounts for 31% of budget.
- Upgrade to schools Fadden Primary and Wanniasa Hills Primary.
- Roads investment – Athllon Drive duplication – matching of Federal funding for Monaro Highway upgrades.
- Upgrade to Lanyon Homestead.

Other issues:

- Single use plastics
- Animal welfare – Canberra dog model - dog bags and bins – registration annually at no extra cost – new map for on and off lead areas – new enforcement team.

Responding to questions:

- Bus lanes and light rail will be considered in road redevelopment.
- Road corridor study undertaken to manage traffic flows and reduce congestion.
- Hydro-therapy will remain open until alternatives in place.

Community @Work Update – Lee Maiden, CEO

Lee described Communities @Work growing from its foundation in Tuggeranong in the 1970s. Today it covers the whole of the ACT and employs 700 staff to deliver early childhood, before and after school, vacation and family day care. The organisation is community based with surpluses reinvested into the community.

The Galilee School program provides education opportunities for year 7 to 9 disengaged youth. The program is staffed by mixture of teachers and youth workers. Consideration is being given to extending to Years 11 and 12.

Other programs include food and clothing banks, transport for seniors and registered training organisation.

Phasing Out of Single Use Plastics- ACT No Waste – Katherine Harrington

The topic was introduced by a look back at the plastic bag ban and noted that a consultation paper was released in April 2019 with a closing date at the end of July 2019 on single use plastics. Context was provided on policy in the European Union, United Kingdom, other Australian States and local government areas.

Opportunities – avoid waste generation, reduce use of virgin material, circular use and new business opportunities. Challenges – finding alternatives, effects on diverse community, need to consult business and business models. How- regulatory, non regulatory, intermediate or mixture of all three.

To engage in consultation - full submissions can be made or comments through the Your Say website (www.yoursay.act.gov.au). The web site also has details of community meetings.

In responding to questions :

- In store multiple level packaging is being addressed by the Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation (APCO) with 2025 targets.

- Experts are being engaged to inform decision making
- Packaging is recognised as an international issue and work is being undertaken at national and international level.
- Biodegradable products are being considered but need to consider consequences of degrading.
- Restoring plastic to original form may be out of scope of ACT investment.
- ACT recycling is largely (95%) to domestic market and not going to landfill.

Minutes of May 2019 General Meeting

The Minutes of May 2019 General Meeting were presented. There was no business arising from the Minutes.

It was moved by Murray Lawton and seconded by Daisy Matsika that the Minutes be accepted – Carried.

Correspondence

Letter to Minister Fitzharris regarding buses in Anketell Street.

Request from a previous student award winner seeking reference.

Treasurer’s Report – Sed Bustillo

The Treasurer advised income for May 2019 was \$258.63, expenditure was \$1065.20 with funds at the end of the month being \$18,433.38 comprising \$8646.59 Members Funds and \$9785.79 ACT Government Funds. The major expenditure for the months was web site maintenance and income was an honorarium donated by a member who received it for participation in a consultation workshop.

The source of the Members’ Fund was clarified as previous paid membership fees and other income not from the Government grant.

Moved by Treasurer, Sed Bustillo and seconded by Max Flint that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted - carried

The following motion was presented for approval of funding of the SouthFest 2019;

SouthFest Subcommittee - Funding approval for SouthFest 2019:

Motion passed at February 2019 meeting;

Motion: That the Tuggeranong Community Council empowers the TCC SouthFest subcommittee to commence organisation of SouthFest 2019.

Follow up Motion SouthFest Subcommittee - Funding Approval for SouthFest 2019

The Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) notes that a subcommittee (the SouthFest subcommittee) consisting of TCC members has again been established to organise the Tuggeranong SouthFest community event, to be held on 16 November 2019. The TCC also notes that the Council has been successful in obtaining ACT Government funding of \$15,000 to support this year's event, and further funding will be sought from local sponsors.

To ensure the efficient delivery of SouthFest 2019, the TCC agrees that the SouthFest subcommittee can authorise the expenditure of funds for the conduct of SouthFest 2019 subject to the following:

- That the SouthFest subcommittee complies with terms and conditions of the ACT Government Funding Agreement, including all financial accountability requirements;
 - That the expenditure of any sponsorship money is in accordance with the individual sponsorship agreements entered into with sponsors for SouthFest 2019;
 - Any expenditure must be agreed to by TCC President, TCC Treasurer and SouthFest subcommittee budget manager and supported by suitable documentary evidence;
- and
- All expenditure on the event is consistent with the agreed budget for SouthFest 2019 and is accounted for in an open and transparent manner.

Moved by Sed Bustillo and seconded by Albert Orszaczky that the motion be accepted – carried.

Community Health & Education Sub-Committee – Beverley Flint, Vice President

Report combined with component of President's report present by Beverley.

Environment Sub-Committee – Didi Sommer

Didi spoke of and exhibited recyclable materials. She noted soft plastics could be recycled via bins at major supermarkets and how the 10 cent container recycling program operated and the opportunity to use the program to raise funds for community groups.

ACTSMART has recently conducted community information sessions on draught proofing homes. Information on rebates and heating systems was made available at the sessions.

NSW Government grants are open for application by registered associations to support recycling projects.

SouthFest – Glenys Patulny

ACT Government funding has been received for the SouthFest 2019.

A committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday which will consider the appointment of a coordinator. Details of the appointment will be notified to the next Council meeting.

General Business

In response to a question on light rail it was clarified that the TCC position was not to support the implementation of light rail but if it did go ahead the service should be extended to Tuggeranong.

A suggestion was made that an apology be issued to members for inappropriate distribution of email addresses with TCC correspondence. The suggestion was accepted and action will be taken to prevent future occurrences. The President apologised to members for this indiscretion.

To improve the opportunity for funding of initiatives in Tuggeranong it was suggested that the TCC develop a list of projects. It was noted that a list of objectives is maintained. The list of objectives will be shared at a coming meeting and wider engagement of members in setting the objectives would be sought.

The point was made by a member that if it is desired to avoid buses returning to Anketell Street then lobbying needs to occur now.

It was confirmed that transport issues are handled by the Planning Sub-committee.

The Meeting concluded at 9:45pm.

Please note: TCC is not a local government. If you have enquiries relating to government issues, we may be able to help point you in the right direction. However, the main contact for ACT Government enquiries is Access Canberra at <https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/> or phone 13 22 81