

**Tuggeranong Community Council**  
**Minutes of the meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, 2019**  
**Town Centre Vikings Club**

*Meeting opened at 7.32 PM*

Presidents Report

Glenys acknowledged the traditional owners of the land, and welcomed Brendan Forde as the new Secretary of the TCC.

Glenys reminded members to fill out membership renewals, and to please print email addresses legibly.

Glenys has attended:

1. The official wetlands launch marking the completion of the \$93.5 million ACT Healthy Waterways initiative on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July. Additional funding was also announced for the continuation of research into Lake Tuggeranong.
2. A meeting with the Acting Director-General of Education, and the new Director of School Improvement to discuss Tuggeranong.
3. A meeting of the Wanniasa Probus Club to discuss the TCC.
4. Meetings related to SouthFest.
5. A talk about the West Greenway Environment and Sporting Precinct.
6. The ACT Wellbeing Forum.

TCC will also be launching two surveys of the community to better determine what the community want.

Wayne King/Didi Sommer - Passed

Youth Engagement Sub-committee Report - presented by Sed Bustillo.

Plans are underway to run on August 1<sup>st</sup> an interactive youth seminar on Employment involving local students from years 10, 11 and 12. Talks will include: pathways planning, finding out what employers want and listening to experiences of other young people. This will be followed by interactive discussions.

The Youth Engagement Sun Committee will also run a survey next term to follow up on what was mentioned at the March general Youth Engagement Forum as well as to find out what else young people want for Tuggeranong. These finding can then be incorporated into future TCC Budget submissions.

Police Report - Superintendent Steve Turnbull of ACT Policing.

Superintendent Turnbull presented an overall positive message on the state of crime in our community, with a 10% decrease in crime in Tuggeranong. This includes a decrease in crimes against property, but an increase in offences against people.

The decrease in the rate of crime in Tuggeranong is greater than the wider ACT trend.

Superintendent Turnbull also discussed the potential introduction and development of a drug court for the ACT, and how it would possibly operate.

There was an extended and extensive discussion about matters related to local crime and policing.

### MP/MLA Reports

Mark Parton (Canberra Liberals) apologised for missing the last few meetings, outlined the process of recent Legislative Assembly estimates committee meetings. Spoke about problems in housing, and breaches by tenants of tenancy. Spoke about his views on bus changes and some consultations he has undertaken.

### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

**What is happening with planning in the ACT** - Ben Ponton, Director-General of the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate.

Broad remit to speak on tonight, will go over some recent history, and then reflect on the planning review.

Planning strategy: 2018 consultations to refresh this primary planning document. Every five years the government has the option to review and revisit the document. Held a series talks with expert speakers, local and international, outside of the public service. Engage the community in the importance of high level planning. Too many engaged too late.

Now moving into the review of the territory plan - move to simplicity and accessibility. Last time he said he wanted the territory plan revised to one page - now it is 2700 pages, 1400 rules, multiple codes. Made changes to make it easier. But industry and the community complain of its complexity. Need to understand it as a whole. Needed to understand how to engage with community in review, and the scope of the review. A plan which delivers high quality outcomes.

A design quality committee formed to improve quality of design.

70% of growth will now be within the existing footprint- urban infill. If we spread, there will be a significant environmental cost, big infrastructure costs. Spreading out means a higher travel time etc. Need to manage growth differently. People will support this if it is done well - National Capital Design Review panel is part of the solution to this problem of dissatisfaction with infill.

Plan is complex due to the legislation - Using Development and Flexibility (DAF) model. ACT first jurisdiction to adopt the DAF model, but ACT's practice of it has proved its failures. Hence review, hence need for legislative changes

1. Establish structure of planning system and review
2. Undertake detailed work to revise the plan (structure)
3. Implement changes to Act and plan

This will take a while - new plan will not be in place until 2021. Engagement takes time. 8 months just to determine and scope the manner of consultation.

By early 2020, the broad outlines will be in place.

In early stages, need to understand what is important locally - feeds into district level planning. Current plan is a one-size fits all model - local specificity is needed. Move towards district level plans will incorporate engaging at a greater level with suburb level engagement. Open minded perspective on this.

Two big community workshops already undertaken.

Part of the early stages is to look at what works successfully in other jurisdictions, both at home and abroad. How to build flexibility while assuring certainty.

Part of this process is to ensure building quality of new urban infill building quality. New building quality reforms have been implemented. ACT has gone further than the national level.

Reforms to strata as well, looking at issues which arise out of mix-use development.

Questions focused on failures and limitations of the current system, and that this has caused much distress in the community. A new system will have to provide more inter-communication within government, as well as establishing a greater sense of genuine consultation with the community.

### **Bees in the ACT** - Julie Armstrong, ACT for Bees

A local group established five years ago, wants to make the ACT a bee friendly territory- promoting biodiversity. She spoke to the great diversity of bees, both species and particular behaviours.

There are 1600 different species of native Australian bee, 90 species counted in the botanic gardens. Honeybees live in large colonies, 60,000 bees. Colonies focus on specific plants, enabling pollination. Will return to the same flowers.

Bees are required for agriculture. Cucumbers require 7-12 pollination visits. Bees are also a critical element of the local ecosystems, propping up other species and plants. Bogong moths are already in decline. Australia has the second highest level of loss of biodiversity in the world.

Bees are threatened by increasing urbanisation, monoculture agriculture system with high use of pesticides, pests and diseases, climate change. The ACT has significant gaps in pollinator corridors; bands of vegetation used by bees to find food and shelter. This is further impacted by development, decrease in gardening. Developers should be compelled to plant more flowering vegetation. Pesticides have an inter-generational impact on bees, destroying later generation's ability to navigate.

Australia does not yet have "Colony Collapse Disorder", but we have insufficient data on the state and status of local bees.

We can help by being more conscious of where we source our food from, increasing green buildings, encourage biodiversity, plant more flowering plants. The website has more information.

Street planting should focus on flowering and foliage for protection. Hall is the first bee friendly suburb.

### **GENERAL MEETING**

Apologies - Jeff Bollard, Daisy Mastika, Nicole Lawder (Canberra Liberals),

Minutes of previous meeting

Certain mistakes were raised and corrections offered. These corrections will be made. The question of an apology for the previous failure of use of BCC at the last meeting was asked, and the inclusion of a written apology was clarified. It is in the minutes of the June meeting.

Wayne King proposed acceptance, seconded by Beverley Flint, Accepted.

#### Correspondence

Nil

#### Treasurer's Report - Sed Bustillo

Net Expenditure- \$60.10

Available funds- \$18,577.87

Proposed acceptance Sed Bustillo, Seconded Nora Preston Accepted

Two motions proposed:

1. Approval of up to \$1,200 to be paid to King's Storage for the services of 12 months storage. Proposed Sed Bustillo, Seconded Wayne King. Carried
2. Approval of up to \$400 to be paid for subscription to Survey Monkey. Sed Bustillo proposed, seconded by Beverley Flint. Carried

#### Community Health and Education Committee - Vice-President Beverley Flint

Beverley will participate in a Wellness Indicators forum on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July at the Legislative Assembly.

Beverley also expressed her thanks to Caroline Le Couteur (Greens MLA for Murrumbidgee) for putting questions forward in the Assembly on the 5G network and health impacts.

Finally, Beverley provided advice to exercise caution around Lake Tuggeranong, with regards to the Blue Green Algae crisis, recommending that steps be taken to protect health by limiting contact with the water.

Beverley Flint will act as President for two weeks while Glenys is away.

#### Planning Committee

Nil

#### SouthFest Committee

Taryn Langdon has been selected to act as the contractor for the SouthFest in 2019.

#### Other Business

Shengan Wang, an honours student from the Fenner School at the ANU is here to conduct some research on the viability of implementing the Milan program for food waste in Canberra, and would like us to participate in a short survey to aid her honours program research. We are welcome to speak to Shengan after the meeting concludes.

**Next meeting** 6<sup>th</sup> August – Speakers will include Bruce Hanson from Evoenergy on The future of gas in the ACT and a talk about the Kambah Lions Club and Kambah Youth Haven.

Meeting closed at 9.35PM