

**MINUTES OF THE TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL (TCC) MEETING
TUESDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 2019.**

Meeting opened at 7.32 pm by President Glenys Patulny who acknowledged the traditional owners of the land. The President thanked the Tuggeranong MLAs attending the meeting tonight.

President's Report – Glenys Patulny:

The youth engagement survey will be hopefully launched later this month, with the community survey to be launched soon thereafter. These surveys are important tools for the TCC to discover and act upon the desires of the community.

There are two lake clean-ups each year: Clean-Up Australia Day in March and the TCC Clean-Up Day in October. Due to some interest from a company, there may be a third one clean up day this year.

Anketell Street will soon re-open, and there are questions as to how long buses will remain running on this road. Glenys will meet with Alison Playford, the Director General Transport Canberra and City Services next week to discuss this important issue.

Glenys informed the meeting that she spoke at an Order of Australia morning tea on the important work of the TCC and also attended a talk on concerns about 5G, a SouthFest meeting, and a Combined Community Council meeting.

Beverley Flint, our Vice President filled in while Glenys was away for two weeks. Beverley advised the meeting that she had attended an inspection of the laneway project on 4th of July, with the Project Director, Dept. Of City Services and raised the issue of shade and trees and concerns over vandalism in the area. On the 6th of July, Beverley gave an interview to 2CC about funding for playgrounds in Tuggeranong, and on the 9th of July attended a "Wellbeing Indicators Workshop.

Beverley reported that some people have expressed concerns to ACTION drivers over the bus changes. Beverley requested that people be advised not to make it difficult for the drivers as the changes are based on ACT Government decisions.

Beverley now turned to the Health and Wellbeing sub-committee report and also advised that she had attended a Forum meeting on 5G recently. Beverley outlined some concerns about 5G and safeguards around it and indicated that she has more information if people are interested.

The President thanked Beverley for her services as acting President. The upcoming September meeting will be the TCC AGM. Glenys asked members to please consider applying for a committee position, including that of Secretary.

Minister Chris Steel has been invited to speak at the next meeting, as has a representative from "Have Your Say".

Proposed acceptance of the report: Didi Sommer, Seconded: Andrew Eppelstun. Carried

Youth Engagement – Sed Bustillo

The recently scheduled TCC Youth Employment Seminar was cancelled due to insufficient attendees, but discussions will continue to connect and support young people in Tuggeranong. The TCC Youth Engagement committee will meet at 5pm on the 12th of August at the CIT in Tuggeranong. A future employment seminar, and the youth engagement survey, will be discussed at that meeting.

Police Report – Senior Sergeant Gregory O' Ryan

Tuggeranong Station Senior Sergeant O’Ryan commenced by apologising for missing the last meeting. He reported that overall, crime in Tuggeranong is down by 500 offences, with a decrease in property offences of 18%- a six month trend. Shop burglaries are down, but property damage is up by one or two offences. This can be accounted for by recent damage to bus shelters, which amounted to \$50k damage. Unfortunately, it is difficult to catch anyone for these offences.

Theft of number plates has increased- possibly connected to a recent spate of ram-raids and aggravated burglaries. Some success has been achieved with these investigations.

A recent traffic campaign has focused on vulnerable road users: pedestrians, cyclists etc. We were reminded that the police are always looking for information, and to report anything suspicious. A question was asked about the potential downsizing of police stations. The Snr Sgt O’Ryan reported that some work has been done to review the policing model of stations across Canberra. Do we need 5 stations in Canberra, or can we get by with 2? This is all long-term thinking, and nothing will be altered in the short term. The room was assured that the response capacity of ACT Policing is good - with police cars usually only 10 minutes away.

MLAs Reports

- Caroline le Couteur MLA (Greens, Murrumbidgee)

Caroline confirmed that she will not be standing at the next election.

She spoke about Urban Sounds - the latest step in a long campaign, commencing with a Private Members Bill in 2009, which started a committee inquiry. Mark Parton MLA, moved a similar motion last week, amended but then passed by all parties. As Canberra becomes more dense in development, we need to be careful about planning - we need to make sure that residential buildings are not built close to music venues or late or night noise venues. There should be designated entertainment precincts, making sure people are aware of the noise issues in areas, looking at double glazing etc. Caroline has further information for people if they would like to get involved.

New nature strip guidelines - until a few weeks ago, you could only have grass. Now, you can have shrubs or vegies which are half a metre high. Resident’s cannot plant trees without permission. For more information, look at the Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) website for guidelines.

-Nicole Lawder MLA (Liberal, Brindabella)

Nicole apologised for missing the last meeting- she attended many events around the “Anniversary of the Moon Landing”. A timely and fitting celebration, particularly for those involved locally. Nicole has worked on raising awareness of bus changes, particularly in Wanniasa. She commented that the path linked to Wanniasa Park and Ride passes through a floodway. When it rains, the road will be muddy and dangerous. Nicole informed the meeting that she has been working on resolving this problem.

Buses on Anketell Street – Nicole asked the Minister about this in the Assembly. The Minister stated that the government is still considering its options, including upgrading Cowlshaw Street. Nicole feels that the Government has had enough time to address this, and not only the bus drivers should have some say on this issue. Nicole indicated she is always happy to raise issues and assist.

A question was asked on the adequacy of bus drivers and Nicole offered to check this out.

Guest Speakers

- Terry McNally - President of Kambah Lions Club

Terry commented that the Lions Youth Haven was organised by a number of local Lions Clubs. It has been going for 25 years. Over this time the place has changed considerably - at the beginning it was based on an old dairy farm, with substantial renovations having taken place. A lot of the facility was destroyed in the 2003 firestorm. A new facility had since been built.

Communities@Work operates the Galilee School at Lions Youth Haven. This school is final diversion for children at risk of incarceration and now have 37 students there now. There is also another campus at Stirling. The Kambah Lions Club owns the land, licensed to Communities@Work. It has special teachers and a special bus to collect students and take them to the school.

There is a building there built with help of Lions International, designed to take on kids who come to Canberra for study. Now being used by Disability Trust, for kids who have profound disabilities. Elsie Wyeth House - carers 24/7, a nice life in a rural setting for these young people.

Education program - five high schools from Tuggeranong use the Lions Youth Haven facilities – they can take 10 students at a time to learn about working together, doing things for yourself, animal husbandry, other rural skills, cracking a whip, tying knots etc. These are young people who have been bullied or are having trouble at home. Testimonial's suggest that this program is entirely effective. There is a waiting list as well. But it is an expensive program. One of these students is now running the IT facility for the Youth Haven. This is all done directly through the "Lions Organisation".

Woodwork Guild is also out there - good to teach the students some wood making skills. It is very expensive to run this facility. In the last 5 years, they have opened a "Lodge" with 60 beds, offering kids from the city a real farming experience. This was built to generate income for the facility, to further fund operations. They are making some profits.

During the Kanga Cup competition, they hosted a group from Singapore. These kids had never seen a live farm animal and it was an incredible experience for them.

There are also 40 agistment places for horses on the property. Ninety nine hectares are directly owned by the Lions club, a further 100 hectares is rented from the government to supply the horse facility and run a breeding herd of red Angus cattle. Lions would like to build more structures for at-risk kids, potentially homeless kids. Youth Haven is the primary focus of the Lions Club into the future. Visitors are welcome to come and inspect the facility.

Q: Are kids out there involved in Menslink mentoring?

A: No. Only kids who live there are disabled. Other at risk kids go home and back to their regular schools. Four kids live there with profound disabilities. Three of them, had they not obtained this accommodation, would have ended up homeless. There is also a garden for them to grow vegetables etc.

- Bruce Hansen - Evo Energy: the Future Options for Gas in the ACT

Glenys attends the Evo Energy Community Engagement meetings.

Evo Energy - not the retailer, but provides the poles and wires to transmit power to Canberra homes.

Gas prices have increased due to the over-export of gas to the Asian markets. It has increased at the wholesale level more than retail. Evo is a freight company that delivers gas.

Tuggeranong is a high user of Gas- 47.8 GJ/annum. A high level of gas infrastructure was placed into Tuggeranong during construction. This has reduced electricity costs, wood fires and oil heating. The gas network has taken on a huge element of the electricity load.

The refining process takes out certain gasses from natural gas from the well, processes it into the gas we use at home. Some of these gasses are sold separately, such as propane. Natural gas is lighter than air, but propane is heavier than air. Other places make use of Towns gas - this has a by-product of carbon monoxide. It was phased out in 1976, therefore never used in Canberra.

There are few gas deposits in our region. Coal seam gas is closer to export terminals, and therefore is cheaper to export than move inland. If not done properly, it can cause tremendous problems for the aquifer. If done safely at a safe formation, it can be obtained safely. Most Evo gas comes from Jemena in Bass Strait, about 2/3, with 1/3 is from Moomba through Sydney Pipeline from SA. Hoskinstown to Fyshwick, Dalton to Watson (Kenny) - where gas comes to Canberra. Canberra uses 8.5 petajules a year!. One customer in Newcastle uses 10 petajules a year to make fertiliser.

The ACT Government is leading the nation- zero net emissions by 30 June 2045. Evo supports this for both gas and electricity.

There are 150,000 gas customers in the region. Growing at 3% annum, 90% of homes in new subdivisions choose gas. 43% of our energy comes from gas - peaks over 4 months during Winter. Rooftop solar is 3-5% of total - Canberra has the largest penetration of any city in Australia. Gas network is built to meet peak demand - no upgrades required. Very costly and invasive to decommission the network by 2045. No ready option to replace gas right now.

Renewable Gases Options- hydrogen, biomethane, synthesised methane, and a mix of all three. Biomethane can be obtained through processing waste. These facilities can be situated anywhere. No technology change in getting to use these gases- largely a challenge of engineering, commerce and politics.

Evo has proposed a pilot using anaerobic digester at the sewage facilities owned by (Icon Water) to generate bio gas, which will still require some refining. At the end of this process, you will get biomethane, carbon dioxide and fertiliser by-product. Added to this a hydrogen generation process, add methanation, multiple gasses will be generated, including oxygen. To achieve this, the electrolysis process would only require half a percent of the water in Googong Dam per annum. Not many people are using this integrated process. Have gate fees competitive with the tip, a commercial plant could be running in the next 5-10 years. Enough waste in NSW to generate 22 petajules. Lower Molonglo won't work, as sewage alone is not efficient, and not viable to have big trucks running out there.

General Business

Apologies

Rob Lovett, Ed Cox, Hamish Sinclair, Daisy Matsika

Minutes of the last previous meeting

Some corrections provided in writing to receive attention

Proposed acceptance: Beverley Flint, Seconded : Albert Orszaczky. Carried

Treasurers Report – Sed Bustillo

Net expenditure since the last meeting was \$1,224.70. This included paying the rent for the storage facility, and a phone bill. Available funds stand at \$17,357.69.

Proposed acceptance: Nora Preston, Seconded: Lyndon Langdon. Carried

Environment Committee Report – Didi Sommer

Didi attended the recent launch of the Recycle Right campaign launched by Chris Steel. This campaign is run in combination with regional Councils, as ACT accepts waste from these Councils. Contamination of recycling has increased, and the campaign is an attempt to cut down on this contamination. Didi provided a clear outline of how to recycle reducing the risk of contamination. The tolerance of overseas markets for contaminated waste is now very low.

SouthFest Report - Taryn Langdon

Going well on obtaining major partners, with two spaces left available at \$10,000 each. South.Point has come on board in a larger way than last year as well. Three quarters of the way there to meet the target to deliver a good event. Today, the website is ready to take registrations for stallholders, performers, volunteers etc. This year, there will be a similar division of zones to last year. This year SouthFest will deliver its own market. Later this week, greater outreach to past stall holders and media will begin.

Please see the website for more information.

AGM next meeting on Tuesday the 3rd September, nominations must be received by the 24th of August.

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