

Minutes of the Meeting of the Tuggeranong Community Council 3rd of September, 2019

The meeting was opened at 7.32 PM and the President acknowledged the traditional owners of Tuggeranong, and welcomed everyone, including the MLAs in attendance.

President's Report – Glenys Patulny

The Youth Engagement Survey will be launched this week, with the Community Survey to be launched soon. These surveys will help guide the TCC in its future approaches in representing the local Tuggeranong community.

The newly unveiled Anketell Street precinct and the presence of buses running along it remain an issue of contention. Glenys has raised this directly with the new Director General at TCCS, Alison Playford, who has reported that consultations with drivers are ongoing, with a view to finding a new route. Glenys particularly thanked Nicole Lawder for raising this in the Legislative Assembly and securing a commitment from the Government to provide an answer by the end of the year.

Glenys has also been involved in a meeting of the SouthFest Committee, Energy Estate talks on renewable energy, as well as being interviewed with Hamish Sinclair for a major article on Tuggeranong in RiotACT.

Didi Sommer/Hamish Sinclair moved and seconded acceptance of the report. The report was accepted.

Apologies:

Rob Trevelyan, Bill Heins, Jeff Bollard, Lyndon Langdon

Minutes of the previous meeting:

It was suggested that the apologies were missing from the previous minutes. Apologies will be included, with the addition of Jim Thornton and Hamish Sinclair.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

None

Treasurer's Report – Sed Bustillo

Net expenditure since the last meeting was \$539.43. The main expenses to report arise from our use of the Survey Monkey subscription and ink.

The ongoing question of the \$2,000 donations has been temporarily addressed by those funds being allocated back to "ACT Government Funds" account. This will be discussed with the new auditor as a matter of priority.

Jim Thornton/Hamish Sinclair Moved and seconded. The Report was accepted.

Police Report - Station Sgt Greg O'Ryan

Offences committed in Tuggeranong are generally tracking downwards from the same time last year. Offences against a person are up at 15%, while offences against property are down. There were 1,235 incidents attended by police in Tuggeranong, with 1,170 the month before. There was a small increase in burglaries and small decrease in property damage. Assaults are up, while stolen vehicles and stolen number plates are down. This downwards trend is a consequence of recidivist offenders being targeted. Local police participated in a campaign targeting illicit firearms, with 67 inspections of firearms in Tuggeranong resulting in 3 breaches, which all have been addressed.

Driver distraction is the September police campaign. This is timely, given the fatal accident today on the Monaro Highway. There will be a Neighbourhood Watch stall at the Erindale shops on Sunday, promoting the campaign for 'Secure September'.

MLA reports:

- Mark Parton (Brindabella Liberal)

Mark expressed disappointment with the resumption of buses travelling down Anketell Street. He also discussed the bus timetable changes in Tuggeranong.

He mentioned the bottleneck in development application approvals, and has raised this in the Assembly.

- Nicole Lawder: (Brindabella Liberal)

Nicole also raised the issue of buses returning to Anketell Street, and suggested that it was not the right approach by the Government to blame bus drivers.

Nicole spoke about heritage assessments; 40% of applications are waiting for up to 20 years to be assessed. She feels that insufficient attention and resources are being allocated from the Government for this.

Nicole has been the acting Shadow Health Minister in the absence of Vicki Dunne. She commented that there have been far too many assaults on frontline staff in the hospitals. There are very difficult situations, but staff must be kept safe. More and more Canberrans are waiting for longer than the clinical recommendations for waiting times for elective surgery.

She also attended a 'Keep Australia Beautiful' event in Fadden with Erindale Scouts on the 3rd of September, which was also Australian National Flag day. Nicole spent the day handing out new flags to people and organisations.

Guest Speaker:

- **YourSay ACT**– David Briant, the Research Engagement Manager in CMTEDD responsible for 'Your Say' ACT.

The first panel commenced on the first of July this year, and has 2,500 members at present. There is no set number of people required, and the government is keen to encourage as many people to get involved as well. Only 405 people from Tuggeranong are involved. They are trying to reach people through advertising, while also trying to build a panel reflective of the ACT.

Five surveys have been conducted, including into Wellbeing, Lifestyle, motor vehicle accident insurance, website use. Taking Wellbeing as an example, 1,500 people were involved in total, with 202 from Tuggeranong.

When joining the panel, respondents need to answer a 30 question survey. A question was asked: "How safe is the data?" A company from Singapore was selected by a competitive tender process. They have a strict data management policy and procedure in place in addition to local safeguards being in place here in Canberra; only a few people can access the data, and that is only the high level data. Participation is only contingent on how old you are, what gender, and what region you live in.

The information is presented to decision makers as relevant. Information is also fed back to the members of the panel, so everyone knows what was said. Questions are developed by social researchers so as to avoid any bias.

Another question was asked: "What evidence is there of action from these surveys?" It is still too early to demonstrate that link, but the information will be used to shape outcomes. The Wellbeing survey is already being used to help develop the Government's Wellbeing indicators.

Sub-committee reports:

- Community, Health and Education

This is Beverley's last report, and she advised that she will be stepping down as Vice-President of the TCC.

Issues that have been covered include Anketell Street and the buses and pollution. The noise precludes meetings and gatherings in the outdoor cafes.

Over the period in her role on the committee she has reported on the narrow paths around the lake. This must be dealt with given the government's intention to introduce e-scooters. Walking on footpaths for seniors and those with poor hearing is dangerous, due to the presence of cyclists. She hopes that the recommendations made about the update of roads and pathways in the new South Greenway precinct will be taken up.

Canberra Hospital has had a bypass in place recently, and it is time now for Tuggeranong to have a mid-sized hospital. Contingency planning should be commenced. She thanked the committee for their friendship and comradeship, and was very reassured by the role of young people on the TCC.

- Environment

Didi reported that there have been discussions here about the phasing out of single-use plastics, and she has recently been given parachute silk bags. You can buy them at health food shops.

Tuggeranong will get a bulky waste collection service from July next year. Chris Steel is now also the Minister for Recycling and Waste-Reduction.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on the 1st of October, and will hear from Canberra Airport about their Master Plan, as well as the new Minister for Health.

The meeting was closed at 9.13 and was followed by the Annual General Meeting.