

TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL INC.

Minutes of the General Meeting on 4 May 2021

Meeting held at the Town Centre Vikings, Greenway and via Zoom video-conferencing application.

Welcome and Acknowledgment

The meeting was opened at 7.30 pm by President Jeffrey Bollard with an acknowledgement of country and welcome to participants.

Present

Twenty-four participants were in the room and four participated via the Zoom application.

President's Report – Jeffrey Bollard

The President reminded participants of the Code of Conduct and that the meeting was being recorded through the Zoom application.

Applications Open for Floriade Community 2021- Applications are now open for eligible community groups to apply for an allocation of Floriade plants. The Floriade Community program will provide bulbs and annuals to successful applicants to plant and maintain in their local area, creating a wonderful spread of blooms all across the city. The President invited groups to consider hosting a Floriade display so that there is a good presence of displays throughout Tuggeranong. Details of the application address were available.

COVID / Vaccine update - COVID safe practices are still in place and the TCC is complying with the ACT Health Directive and is grateful for the diligence of the Town Centre Vikings Club in implementing COVID safe practices so that we can meet here in person.

Get your COVID-19 vaccination as soon as you are eligible. Currently people in phase 1a and 1b can receive their vaccination. From Monday 3 May, people aged 50 years and over can also get the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine. COVID-19 vaccines are available from participating GPs and ACT Government run clinics.

New Lakeside Toilets – The ACT Government is installing a new toilet block on the side of Lake Tuggeranong near the bike safety training area. An ACT Government funded project.

Planning, Transport and Communications Sub Committee – The President announced the election by the PTC Sub Committee of Mr Harvey Bell as chairperson.

Community Contact Issues – The TCC has been contacted in the last month by telephone or email about the following issues:

- Southern Memorial Park
- Carpark development at Kambah adjacent to the Burns Club
- Reprieve for the Chisholm Tavern but the battle is likely to continue.
- New proposal for Hungry Jacks at Conder
- Shopping trollies dumped in suburb streets and into the lake.
- Hard rock quarry at Royalla, outside ACT but close to boundary.

Tuggeranong Schoolhouse in Chisholm – Invitation from National Trust to take part in discussions on the future of the schoolhouse.

Acceptance of Report was moved by Wayne King, seconded by Beverley Flint.

Police Report – Elizabeth Swain Detective Acting Inspector, Tuggeranong Police Station, ACT Policing

ACT Policing are targeting dangerous driving in May – drink driving, speeding, drugs.

Mentioned a fatality on Tuggeranong Parkway at Sulwood Drive, resulting from driving too fast.

Property crime in ACT low compared to most areas.

The ACT Government, Neighbourhood Watch and Crime Stoppers are going to run a new program called “Outsmart the Offender”.

Current campaign focused on burglary, small business theft and stealing from tradie vans. Community members are encouraged to ensure cars are locked, cover up anything in car, or place items in the boot. Offenders are after things that are easy to find, to grab quickly and leave. Storage cages in unit complexes are popular targets, along with building access passes which allow easy access on return visits.

Older vehicles are popular as they don’t have immobilisation devices – look after your keys.

Most house break-ins occur in daylight.

ACT Government has SafeHome Program if you want advice.

Statistics for last month:

- Assaults – 38 (42)
- Sexual Offences – 8 (8)
- Armed Robberies – 2 (0)
- Robberies – 2 (2)
- Burglary – dwelling – 15 (13)
- Burglary – shop – 5 (0)
- Motor Vehicle Theft – 11 (11)
- Theft of Motor Vehicle Contents – 28 (38)
- Number Plates – 14 (16)
- Property Damage – 47 (63)

There will be a Meet-A-Cop morning coffee at the Chisholm shops on 14 May.

In response to questions, information was provided on Chisholm arrests, dealing with youth offenders and the Crime Stoppers program.

Members of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assembly Updates

No reports were provided in the absence of Members.

Guest Speakers

ACT Chief Engineer – Adrian Piani

Adrian introduced himself as being born and bred in Canberra. He has grown up on construction sites, including working for his father, who was involved with building Lake Tuggeranong.

There are approximately 440,000 people in Canberra and development patterns have changed, need to determine what we want to end up with. Canberra was a planned town focused on the Y plan but has now transition to an X plan with focus on motorways and cars.

Adrian's role is to:

- Develop a workforce plan for Engineers in the ACT Government, and
- Provide strategic advice on infrastructure planning and processes.

Mission: Industry engagement, community engagement, engineer registration, digital transition, safety, STEM and sustainability.

Consults with: Professional associations, Engineers Australia, Professionals Australia, MBA, and provides briefings to industrial, education sector, and community bodies.

Aims to build an Engineering workforce that we need for the future. Initiatives involved:

- Boost recruitments.
- Target graduates.
- Optimise Engineering workforce.
- Strengthen the profession.
- Collaborating with key stakeholders to implement the workforce plan:
 - Target recruitment, e.g. from graduate program (12 this year from ANU and UNSW)
 - Employee value proposition
 - Engage with local communities.
- Going through a digital transformation.
- Digital design document allowing 3D fly through for the professional and community member.
- Walking around with iPads not paper.
- Managing assets via computer systems.

ACT Infrastructure - Range of projects across all areas.

Engineering registration - at present no legal requirement around the term 'Engineer' signing off drawings - if so called 'Engineers' are not meeting the standards of the profession they cannot stop them practising. Registration is being pursued on other jurisdictions. The program will provide disciplinary action.

Tasks ahead:

- Continue the digital Engineering transition.
- Consult and progress the Engineer registration scheme.
- Support the development and delivery of major infrastructure.
- Continue to act as a conduit between industry, community and government.

Comments responding to questions:

- Big focus on safety - strong legislation, safety management plans, safety assurance processes, safety audits. Quality is the same:
 - need regulation.
 - quality in design people
 - checked
 - need a quality culture.
- Building certification has changed over the last 10 years and this can be due in part to the insurance industry forcing change,
- Engineers should be described by discipline, e.g. civil, mechanical, etc. and need to be registered as such.

Canberra Hospital -Master Plan – Liz Lopa

Liz talked about the re-development of Canberra Hospital and the Master Plan which will be a guide for the next 20 years of Canberra Hospital.

- Looking at physical infrastructure on campus
- Phase 1 - pop up events and Community Council visits, 530 individuals provided feedback.

Major Issues identified to date include:

- Car parking
- Clinical services and upgrades
- Safety and security - distance need to walk to get to car park
- Public and staff amenities - cafes, little food available at night
- Access and connectivity
- Outdoor space - need quality outdoor space - how do you get quality green spaces?

Consultation approach:

- Aims to review all feedback and develop a plan which includes two options. Will be on 'YourSay' website www.yoursay.act.gov.au/Canberra-hospital-master-plan .
- Digitisation of infrastructure - older record often not good - will be good to have digitisation.

Further commented that Canberra is a big hospital that caters for Canberra and parts of NSW. There are concerns whether the site is big enough and not properly thought through.

There should be enough room on campus with redevelopment. Options/comments included:

- put car parking underneath as site slopes should be OK
- Link between cars and buses
- Talk to TCCS re link with Woden tram and greater access through campus with buses
- Will entrance still be in street - helipad will be at 9 or 10 stories – coupled with different entrance for ambulances - entrance being looked at and the flow of traffic
- Security needs to be looked at - looking at passive surveillance.

General Business

Apologies

Daisy Matsika, Didi Sommer, Nicole Lawder

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes for April meeting were circulated in advance of the meeting.

Acceptance moved by Albert Orszaczky, seconded Beverley Flint.

Correspondence

None

Treasurer's Report – Robyn Rofe

For April there has been a small income and routine expenditure. Income of \$200 was received in the Membership funds Account and expenditure of \$56.75 from the Community Account.

The overall position is good noting the holding of advance payment for SouthFest.

Approval was sought for payment of an invoice in excess of \$500 being for a \$660.00 item for web management and hosting by Gaffer Designs Pty Ltd.

Proposed Glenys Patulny and seconded by Beverley Flint, Approved

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

Proposed Glenys Patulny, Seconded Beverley Flint. Approved

Sub Committees Reports

Planning, Transport and Communications – Harvey Bell

Planning - Looking at various projects, for example:

- Parking at Town Centre.
- Southern Memorial Park on 'YourSay' website. There will be a presentation at the next meeting.
- Proposal re Crematorium – want air monitoring station at Hume to know air quality of the area before we move on.
- Will look at next stage of planning district plans.
- New issue is Royalla hard rock quarry, less than 3km from Theodore.

Transport

- Looked at list of road projects being designed and planned.
- Minister Steel talking of transport recovery planning - car travel gone up - bus usage dropped to 14% in COVID, but has now built up to 75%.
- Talking of new ticketing, electric buses - keep a close eye on the plan, opportunities for public input, better exchange from different modes of transport, e.g. Park and Ride.

Communication – internet speed and dropping out, and problems with NBN.

A question was raised about the Southern Memorial Park being too close to the tip and associated gas emissions. Commented that the Committee wanted to push for an air monitoring station at Hume. The President confirmed the support of the meeting to approach Government for the establishment of a Hume air quality monitoring station.

SouthFest – Catherine Jones

The SouthFest Sub-committee has met and will be writing to previous stakeholders seeking continuation of engagement. The surplus funds from SouthFest 2019, and

current ACT Government funding gives a good starting position. Additional funding will be sought from corporate sponsors.

The Sub-committee are considering a different model for SouthFest this year - currently thinking of having several smaller scale events across a range of locations in the Tuggeranong Valley.

Will shortly send out brief community survey re SouthFest to gather community ideas for this year's event.

Looking for new committee members that are willing to be actively engaged in planning to organise this event.

Youth – Glenys Patulny

The TCC Youth Engagement Forum was successfully conducted on 29th April. It was supported by the Community Development team from Communities@Work. In total 33 students and four teachers from seven high schools and colleges in the Tuggeranong Valley.

The table facilitators are collating information provided by students to for inclusion in a report which will be provided to all participating schools and colleges and relevant ACT Government Directorates.

As a result of the Forum, six students have offered to join the Youth Sub-committee..

Community, Health and Wellbeing – Glenys Patulny

Continuing to provide support to the SouthFest Committee, along with the Environment and Youth Sub Committees.

Environment and Sustainability – Glenys Patulny on behalf of Didi Sommer

Looking at environmental concerns of Southern Memorial Park

Leaf Litter project – Monash

It is Tree Week and International Compost Week.

Community Aviation Consultation Group – Wayne King

Main involvement of TCC in this group is concerns over aircraft noise. There is concern that ongoing development at Jerrabomberra may put pressure on the Government to share noise, which may result in more aircraft noise over Tuggeranong.

Also concerns regarding drone noise

The Snow family were not too adversely affected throughout COVID lockdowns as a result of non-aviation revenue from buildings around the airport have been able to maintain a revenue stream while other airports almost had to shut down.

Other Business

No other business raised.

The meeting concluded at 9:30 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 1 June 2021.