

TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL INC.
Minutes of the General Meeting on 6 July 2021

Meeting held on 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.

The President noted that this was NAIDOC Week, with the theme of the week being Heal Country: a call for stronger measures to recognise, protect, and maintain all aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage.

Present

In response to enhanced COVID precautions the meeting was restricted to Zoom only with 28 participants on-line.

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.

Heighten COVID Protection – The TCC continues to follow the directions of the ACT Chief Health Officer. For the comfort and safety of members, the decision was taken to return to a ZOOM only meeting. As circumstances permit, we will return to hybrid meetings as soon as we can. Members were urged to protect themselves, family, and community by wearing masks and using the 'Check In CBR' application.

Environment and Planning Forum – The EPF provides a forum for the community and industry to provide input, advice, and insight to the development of planning and environment policy that is of strategic importance to the ACT Government. Minister Gentleman presented on the ACT Planning System Review and Reform Project. Draft legislation is due by the end of the year.

Combined Community Councils – Discussion of planning and district planning sessions, seeking greater interaction with the National Capital Authority, breaches of mandatory plot maximums and support for community groups with modelling.

Submissions – TCC has provided submissions on the Natural Resource Management Plan Discussion Paper 2021 and Southern Memorial Park.

Feedback from Suburban Land Agency – Following June meeting the SLA indicated the sale of lots in Hume did not target or limit the use of the site for resource recovery activities.

Hydrotherapy pool – Consultant appointed for initial design of pool. Consultation with stakeholders and community will commence shortly. The TCC has been invited to participate in the consultation.

Annual General Meeting 6 Sep 2021 – Members were asked to renew membership by updating their details on the membership form. Nominations are open for Executive and other Committee positions. Nominations will close 17 August. Membership and nomination forms will be available on the web site and also emailed to members.

The President informed the meeting that he will be absent from the August Meeting due to travel plans and the Vice President will chair the meeting.

A member noted recent publicity from the Inner South Community Council in the ‘City News’ and asked if the TCC could also use the media to promote itself. The President agreed to the concept but noted past difficulty in promoting the TCC in the media and social media channels.

Acceptance of report – Proposed Wayne King, seconded Glenys Patulny.

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

Inspector Swain apologised for non-attendance due to duty obligations. No report was provided.

Members of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assembly - Updates

No reports were provided.

Guest Speakers

Youth and Youth Affairs

Glenys Patulny introduced Youth Survey and the Youth Forum presenters.

Daisy Matsika reported on the Youth Survey and highlighted the main finding of the survey. Summary of the survey is presented in the attachment to these Minutes.

Thomas Griffith, a member of the Youth Committee and a student at Lake Tuggeranong College presented a report on the Youth Forum. A summary of the Youth Forum is attached to these Minutes.

Glenys indicated that the report will be circulated to various stakeholders, including the ACT Education Department.

Lee Maiden of Communities@Work suggested possible collaboration between the Communities@Work Youth Advisory group and the TCC’s Youth Sub-committee.

A member noted that surprisingly COVID concerns were not mentioned as an issue of importance.

Glenys provided a list of action items for consideration by the TCC.

Mahri Henderson and Sandi McGowan of headspace Tuggeranong continued the youth theme and introduced the role of headspace Tuggeranong, a mental health and wellbeing service for young people aged between 12 and 25 years and their family and friends. Services include Alcohol and Other Drugs and Work and Study programs.

Mahri described the services and how young people can engage with headspace.

A member expressed concern about the long time between referral and actually receiving the service.

Emma Davidson MLA, Minister for Mental Health described the support available from the ACT Government. The approach includes an on-line youth mental health navigation portal, education program and co-operation with service providers. The service providers include Mental Illness Education ACT (MIEACT), headspace, Catholic Care Outreach and Wellways. There is support for body issues for both male and females. There are different supports available with step care approach to suit the individual's needs.

The President noted the preparation that had gone into tonight's session, the potential for co-operation between Communities@Work, headspace and the TCC Youth Sub-Committee and the support available from the ACT Government.

General Business

Apologies

Elizabeth Swain (AFP), Nicole Lawder MLA, Didi Sommer, Beverley Flint

Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

Acceptance of the minutes was moved by Glenys Patulny and seconded by Robyn Rofe.

Correspondence

Relevant issues mentioned in President's Report.

Treasurer's Report –Robyn Rofe

There have been limited transactions for the month. Total expenditure was \$246.75 from the General account and the Members account increased with donation of an honorarium and interest.

Robyn has been in touch with our auditors and is ready to present our accounts for audit. This has been possible due to the adoption of the new account system.

The SouthFest balance included a 2020 grant and carryover of surplus funds from SouthFest 2019.

Acceptance of report was moved by Wayne King, seconded by Harvey Bell.

Sub Committees Reports

SouthFest – Catherine Jones

SouthFest this year will be run across multiple locations and involving a variety of organisations. The Sub Committee is meeting regularly. The role is to oversight contributing events and common promotion.

Working title is SouthFest – Live (sustainability, health, schools, cultural), Work (Business and broader scope, handmade market element) and Play (performance art, sporting, games activities) in Tuggeranong. Activities being planned are:

- Market day in laneway and Anketell Street
- Sustainability event
- Art event with performance and art stalls in collaboration with Tuggeranong Arts Centre
- Games event (board) games – Southern Cross Club
- Smaller events
- Planning for 20 - 27 November – over a week

Community, Health and Wellbeing – Glenys Patulny

Sub-committee is working with and supporting SouthFest and the Youth Forum groups.

Planning, Transport and Communications – Harvey Bell

Southern Memorial Park submission made and the support of the Sub-committee members in preparing the submission was acknowledged.

District planning workshop in Tuggeranong was well attended. Input is open on the YourSay website until 18 July. The Website has a lot of information on the planning review and the other district planning workshops. The Tuggeranong workshop information is not yet posted.

Discussion with Fiona Carrick on Callam Street interchange plans and impacts on Tuggeranong commuters. Proposal has a mixed environment with resultant safety concerns and impacts extending to surrounding traffic flows. The Development Application has been approved.

Environment and Sustainability – Glenys Patulny for Didi Sommer

The Sub-Committee noted the submission of responses to National Resource Plan and Southern Memorial Park.

This is Plastic Free week, and the banning of single use plastic items has been introduced.

Youth Engagement – Glenys Patulny for Daisy Matsika

Joint meeting with headspace Tuggeranong Youth Committee on 19 July.

Youth InterACT grants to provide funding to help young people aged 12 to 25 years develop and deliver new and innovative projects that lead to greater inclusion and participation in the ACT community are currently available and closing on 19 July.

Reports from Survey and Forum will be circulated to all participants, principals, and facilitators. Also to be included on the TCC website shortly.

Other Business

No other business raised.

The meeting concluded at 9:30 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 3 August 2021.

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Attachments

www.tuggeranong.org.au/tuggeranong-community-council-youth-engagement-forum-2021-summary-report

Survey web link