

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc
Minutes of General Meeting
5th April 2022

The meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting with members attending at the Town Centre Vikings, Greenway and via the ZOOM Application.

Acknowledgement of Ngunnawal people and welcome by President.

President's Report

- The Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) will be combining with the Weston Creek Community Council and the Molonglo Community Forum to host an election forum for the electorate of Bean and ACT Senators. The forum will be on 2 May 2022 commencing at 7pm at the Weston Creek Community Centre Hall, entry in the car park off Parkinson Street.
- In March we had a push on *We Wanting Our Lake Back and* talked about water quality and foreshore information. Activities for the month included
 - Focus of March meeting
 - Lake cleanup day on 6th March
 - Collaboration with The Leaf Collective.
 - Attended launch of public consultation on Foreshore Redevelopment by Minister Steel with statements to ABC TV, ABC radio Drive, 2CC Radio, WIN TV and Canberra Times
 - Water quality report showed the quality of Lake Tuggeranong is continuing to deteriorate.
- Duplication of Athllon Drive
 - Announcement by Senator Zed Seselja of Federal funding for duplication of Athllon Drive. Duplication already a commitment of the ACT Government.
 - Comments to ABC TV and Radio.
- Environment and Planning Forum
 - Meeting last Thursday. Focus of meeting on consultation on the proposed revision of the Planning Act. PTC will speak about it later.

Proposed Albert Orszaczky. Seconded Beverley Flint. Accepted.

MLAs and Federal Representatives

David Smith Member for Bean

Think election will be on either 21 May or 14 May - Not a formal electoral cycle
Issues important to Bean include:

- Services Australia expected to lose 2,500 employees in next financial year - main office here in Tuggeranong so could have an effect on Tuggeranong employment.
- Challenges of DVA - 65,000 backlog of claims for veterans - staffing split between contractors and employed staff.
- Issue of age of sporting infrastructure across Bean - accessibility for female - some date back to 80s and don't suit needs of females.
- Talk of forming Bean sports council.
- Cost of living pressures and changes to petroleum excise will have some impact.
- No national housing strategy - big changes on social housing across the country - needs more investment.
- People working in aged care and early education are not paid adequately.
- How do we provide support to lower income families?
- Looking at investing money to raise wages.
- Labor proposing to invest money to get better connections.

INTERNET AND INTERNET CONNECTIONS

Internet Connectivity - Steve Ulrich - a member of Glen Eagles NBN committee

- NBN Co will not deal with us, only want to deal with retailers.
- NBN Issues in Tuggeranong.
- People of GlenEagles held a public meeting at the Murrumbidgee Country Club to find high speed internet solution. Now 33% of houses in GlenEagles now have fibre to the house - funded by bulk purchasing 2014-2019 where they paid for fibre to the premises through a group buying power –
 - NBN no longer offer group based FTTP upgrade.
- Now offering
 - VDSL version 2 use existing copper to these nodes connected by fibre, similar to old ADSL internet but with more advanced technology, and
 - Fibre to the curb.
- Non-NBN not available from lake down
- Non-NBN fixed wireless offering.
- Non-NBN - Starlink - satellite internet - small satellites in low earth orbit
- Check NBN for 'What technology do I have?
- Three suburbs flagged for upgrades, Gordon, Conder and Banks.
- Canberra has 2 points of connection - Civic and Queanbeyan.
- Retailers have to get connection to each point of interconnect.
- Wi-Fi can be impacted by the placement of the device providing it - usually your modem/router from your internet service provider (ISP)
- 5GHz doesn't like walls as much but faster than 2.4 GHz.
- Can have interference from power and lighting, acting like an antenna.
 - Need to fix up copper in house/ relocate/ wireless access points in middle of the house.

- Fibre to the premises is the only technology we should be using - copper not up to the task.

What can the Federal Government do for us– David Smith, Member for Bean

- Original NBN costs blew out to \$58mill and is 2nd rate network with few houses fibre to the home, most fibre to the node and copper to the home.
- Priority for Labor Government.
- Hoping to add 4 more suburbs to Conder, Banks and Gordon
 - High level demand in south which has driven those 3 suburbs.
- Need to derive demand for higher speeds across more suburbs.
- 1.5 million extra places across the country.
- Will need to use internet for broader range of objectives e.g. Telehealth, work-from-home streaming TV.

What should be a minimum upload and download speed?

- GlenEagles - 1000 down and 50 up
- Should get 50 down and 7 up

General Business

Apologies - Nicole Lawder, Jim Thornton

Minutes:

- Recirculated Feb Minutes and financial reports
- Circulated March minutes

Proposed: Beverley Flint; Seconded Robyn Rofe

Correspondence - usual low of business activities

Treasurers Report:

- Quiet month
- Spent \$403
- Upgrade with accounting program Zero improved ease of reporting

Proposed a Beverley Flint; Seconded Albert Orszaczky . Accepted

Sub Committees

Environment

- Easter Coming up - Heritage Festival starting this week.
- Various consultations open at the moment .
- Better Place spaces - in Tuggeranong - Chisholm and Gordon.
- Consultation for ACT Libraries - Tuggeranong Tuesday 5th April, Erindale Wednesday 6th April - suggestions welcomed e.g. community hub, could be 3D printer lab, community classes.
- Environment Minister spoke about action plan to prevent loss of mature native trees.

Community

- Combined Community and Youth Meeting with people from Standby re support for people connected with suicide.

Youth

- Youth Survey.
- Youth members met with Director and other people from Office for Mental Health and Wellbeing, ACT Health to talk over relevant issues.

Planning

- Planning Bill - regulation cover hundreds of pages, there are fact sheets available
 - Will be consultation with various groups including Community Councils over the next few months to comment on and offer suggestions.
 - Rules base - trying to change outcomes focus.
 - Principles aimed for - hope it comes off.
- Monaro Highway - Flyover at Isabella Drive and between Long Gully Road and Hume.
- Lake Foreshore improvement.
- Met with Minister Steel when he announced lake foreshore consultation process.
- Playground upgrades open for public comment for Gordon and Chisholm.

SouthFest

- SouthFest has been promoting a number of events happening in Tuggeranong.

Other Business

- Passing of Rosemary Lissimore.
 - Played significant role in putting Tuggeranong on the Map and served as President of the TCC for over twenty years.
 - President passed on sympathies.

Next meeting

Evo Energy want to talk to us on Tuesday the 3rd May