

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc
Minutes of General Meeting
1st March 2022

The meeting was conducted as a virtual meeting via the ZOOM Application.

Acknowledgement of Ngunnawal people and welcome by President.

President's Report

- Noted that Covid is still with us there are now reduced public health protection requirements and we are looking at April Meeting being a hybrid meeting subject to the Vikings Club ability to host.
- Federal election must occur on or before 21 May. The Combined Community Councils is talking of hosting an election forum particular for federal seat of Bean (Tuggeranong, Woden, Weston Creek)
- Last month we talked on air quality and since then Darryl Johnston has spoken to us about his proposal for air monitoring stations in Tuggeranong. Proposal is community led, hosted in people's homes, and wanting a good dispersal across the valley. TCC has indicated support on the credibility of the Purple Air Network.
- Wayne King has been our representative to the Canberra Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group and the Committee has asked him to continue this for the next 12 months.

Moved Didi Sommer, seconded Robyn Rofe

MP/MLA Updates

Nicole Lawder

- Assembly is back and has been conducting annual reports hearing for 20/21 year. Involved in committee hearings - on Education Inclusion Committee, Arts, City Services, Environment and Heritage and Water Sub Committees. Now also the Opposition Whip.
- Advocated regarding long term issues with water.

Johnathan Davis

- Regularly mail drops parts of electorate with localised issues.
- Organised Survey on the Tuggeranong Foreshore proposal.
- Is on 2CC every Thursday morning – can promote small businesses in our area, so if you know of a good business let me know so it can promote.
- Non-executive member on Education and Community Inclusion Committee – if you know of someone who has been a victim, please let us know – deadline till 7th March

Jane Hiatt – Federal Liberal candidate – mum from Calwell, small business for 30 years, navy veteran

- Volunteer for various things e.g., Disaster Relief Australia – as navy veteran, trail running.

We want our lake back!

The President introduced the night's topic by stating that Lake Tuggeranong should be the recreational gem of the Tuggeranong Valley however residents are being denied access to the water of the lake due to blue-green algae contamination and poor access to the shores, limits use by walkers, runners, cyclists and picknickers.

Lake Tuggeranong Water Quality - Dr Ralph Ogden, Program Manager, ACT Healthy Waterways - 7 assets in Tuggeranong

- Raingardens in Wanniasa, Isabella Plains, Gowrie, Fadden; channel restoration in Monash, pond in Kambah and wetland complex either side of Isabella Pond in Monash. These have been reducing 20% of nutrients going into lake Tuggeranong.
- New monitoring will happen to see if assets are performing as proposed.
- Lake itself has poor water quality. It received 5 times the nutrient needs for blue green algal blooms from its catchment – therefore we must reduce catchment nutrient flows down to a manageable level. This nutrient pollution seems to be coming from everyone – only detectable points are sports fields. We need to know the actual sources.
- Focus is to prevent storm water from getting polluted in the first place – need to promote infiltration runoff - must look at government green space, infill, develop of new suburbs verges run off from house blocks.
- We want:
 - a lot of community engagement - help from householders and managers of verges – Leaf Collective,
 - to come up with catchment plans – lake is shut on an average of 3 months of the year,
 - to reengage with some new ideas, and
 - to look at possible Ngunnawal cultural enhancements.
- Looking at:
 - Putting in floating wetlands in lake and three bio swales at Kambah playing fields.
 - Try to approach each lake on its own merits. Will have a more solid plan after the current research and thinking.
 - Action plan is to trial the innovations – toolkit is limited at the moment – ponds, wetlands, floating wetlands - need to have a broader toolkit – especially those that focus on inflow of water. We need to expand our revegetation, are we going to replant - aquatic plants are good competitor to algae – but with level of nutrient the aquatic plants will be overwhelmed.

Foreshore Redevelopment - Harvey Bell, Chair of Planning, Transport and Communications Sub-Committee.

- Revitalising Tuggeranong Town Centre
- Based on Tuggeranong Town Centre Master Plan, going from Reed Street to Athllon Drive
- Design for the project has been awarded to Pace Laboratories.
- Propose to improve access to public recreation activities, improve active travel and improve public safety and security.
- More recreational activities commensurate to importance of Town Park and Foreshore
- Problems with pathways through the area.
- Have come back with concept plan.

The Leaf Collective Sharyn Rundle-Thiele Griffith University and representative of The Leaf Collective.

- Social marketing to deliver a change that benefits people and the planet.
- Engage, co-create, engage - Solutions built with (and not for) people.
- Leaf collective – make autumn leaves a valuable source.
- Currently leaves add to the algal blooms.
- Evidence reviews talk about leaf towers or adopt a tree or a drain
- What can we do with leaves?
- Look up Leaf Collective – adopt a tree or a drain
- Weight of leaves collected is being recorded.
- Talk about secret swales that can be built into a garden.
- Last year 740 sessions, this year 1440 so far.
- 78,000 people reached.
- 5 target suburbs – Wanniassa, Monash, Oxley, Kambah, Bonython.

Nicole Lawder water comments:

- Interested in water quality, she has engaged consultants to do work and done research on pollutant sources.
- Monetary input so far has been significant – Healthy Waterways Phase One and ACT Government phase. Healthy Waterways started in 2014 – a lot of money spent in Tuggeranong, but are we getting real improvement? Still have blue green algae – some years worse than others.
- Key issues – majority of pollutants come from storm flows – have we done enough on gross pollution traps, ponded stream maintenance, how can we improve maintenance data, what is being taken out of each gross pollution trap?
 - Do we have clear target of KPIs for our waterways?
 - Solutions - public education campaign about storm runoff, leaf litter, fertilisers.
 - Test and treat polluted ponds before discharged downstream e.g., Fadden Ponds.
 - Need an action plan with clear targets with costs, so we can eventually swim in Lake Tuggeranong
 - Need improved management of green spaces e.g., ovals and community spaces.
 - Many think Lake Tuggeranong should be the jewel in the crown but it is stinky and smelly.
 - Foreshore - while we have Mindy's pit stop set up, we need more toilets, shade sails, seating, and better paths around the lakes.
 - Need more street sweepers.

Lake Tuggeranong Clean-Up - Glenys Patulny

- Public Forums to raise public awareness – July and August 2012
- Tuggeranong Lake Carers formed 2012 – began Lake Clean-ups.
- What Happened/is happening
 - Lake Clean-up – 6th March 2022

GENERAL BUSINESS

Apologies: Beverley Flint,

The President deferred items of general business due to available time.

Whilst the minutes of the February were deferred comments were made on errors and lack of detail in financial report.

The President invited rapid reports from Sub-Committees.

Sub Committee reports

- Community, Health and Wellbeing
 - StandBy support after Suicide - Youth and CHW Sub-committees are organising meeting with Standby to discuss Standby's services and how we can work together to support those in our local community who have been bereaved or impacted by suicide. Want to touch on the Community Postvention Plan.

- Planning, Transport, and Communications
 - Southern Memorial Park stage one tenders closed – natural burials included.
 - Tender for stage one for southbound on Monaro Highway flyover at Lanyon Drive and to close traffic lights at AMC.
 - Draft planning bill is imminent.

- Environment and Sustainability
 - Container deposit.
 - Food and fibre submission made to inquiry.

- Youth Sub Committee
 - Youth Survey - 245 responses so far
 - Letter sent to all principals to remind them about Youth Survey, future forum possibly on 12 May, and Lake Clean-up
 - Youth meeting with Mental Health and Wellbeing section, ACT Department of Health; - 22 March 2022
 - Standby services and Suicide - Youth and Community – organising meeting (see above).

Next month looking at Utilities, communication and power – telecommunications and black spots.

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