

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc
Minutes of General Meeting
3rd May 2022

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

Acknowledgement of Ngunnawal people and welcome by President.

President's Report

Weston Creek Community Council, Tuggeranong Community Council and the Molonglo Valley Forum joined their resources to organise a Federal Election forum for the Division of Bean Candidates, and ACT Senate Candidates, last night. The event was chaired by the Molonglo Valley Forum's Co-Convenor, Monique Brouwer.

Four of the eight candidates for both Bean and the ACT Senate positions participated.

The forum is available on the Weston Creek Facebook page for review.

The Woden Community Council is hosting an election forum tomorrow evening at 7pm.

SouthFest back on track for November 2022 with an organising meeting on Thursday night.

Moved Judy Bell; seconded Beverley Flint, Carried

MLAs report

Mark Parton

Elizabeth Lee will be putting a Motion before the Assembly about having feasibility study on the development of West Tuggeranong with a view to residential development.

- In 2016 responsibility for some areas in ACT were transferred from Commonwealth land to ACT – National Capital Authority identified 726 hectares of land west of Murrumbidgee potentially suitable for development.
- Mark commented that there was need for new land to be developed as shown when 71 blocks in Macnamara were for sale and 8700 Canberrans applied.
- He commented that the population of Tuggeranong is set to decline and this will affect the money spent on Tuggeranong.

GUEST SPEAKERS

EvoEnergy - Poles, Wires and Trees - Keeping the Power On – EVO Energy

Derrin Limbrick and Bronwen Butterfield

EvoEnergy is the electricity and gas distributor for ACT. It has

- Large sub zone stations.
- Low voltage networks.
- Large underground network of gas pipelines.
 - Gas network is managed by Gemini under contract.
- EvoEnergy manages electricity network to get energy into ACT via Trans Grid - step power down to distribute to ACT from 132kV to 11kV in urban and 240V into house.
- Handful of retailers - ACTewAGL, Origin, sRed.
- Australian Energy Regulator checks on us every 5 years.
 - They measure us on reliability.
- Unplanned interruption - went over target each year but when storm and large trees fell on powerlines can take time to fix e.g. – part of Kambah recently had 30hrs of outages.
 - Compared to other distributors we sit near the top for performance.
- Manage and balance cost against the risk of maintenance.
 - Sometimes this means we need to cause an outage.
- Respond to faults, emergencies and outages caused by tree branches
 - Inspect and notify if encroachment issues - cut ourselves if on public land

Vegetation Clearance

- Can cause safety risks.
- Every year conduct aerial surveying that fly over the suburbs.
- Kicked off survey in Tuggeranong in March - once identified network protection notice issued.
 - 61 vegetation incidents - 11 caused unplanned outages and impacted 841 customers.
- Vegetation must be 1.5 metres away from power lines.
 - Regularly check and inspect trees.
 - Vegetation problems - will send up to 3 notices to remind people - if no action - will organise contractor to trim the tree and invoice landowner.
 - If tenant, please pass on notice to landlord.
- Have some rural feeders but these are being replaced by remote power supplies.
- Looking to putting in different cable – aerial bundled cable- 3 wrapped together.
- Costs three time more to underground cable than overhead.
 - Older suburbs still overhead.
 - All newer suburbs underground - cost shared by developer.
 - Underground is affected by tree roots - high voltage - distance from trees
 - More an issue for water and sewerage pipes than for electricity pipes.
- Service dial before you dig - call up if wanting to dig.

Is climate change affecting reliability?

- Must deal with any weather events that impact the network.
- Engaging in climate research.
- Canberra will experience the same climate as Mudgee in 50 years (more hot days and more frosty nights) if climate change continues.
- Energy Network Australia is looking at a climate resilience network - do we do preventative work now or balance the cost of not sure what is happening with responding to emergencies more quickly.
- Submitting 5-year strategies now.

ACT Government - tries to record zero net emissions of the ACT - counted at the national level as we have offsets by purchases of renewable energy.

- Now major battery projects on transition network.

Renewable energy

- Quarter of solar in ACT is rooftop solar - 30,000 rooftop solar - 20% to 25% saturation.
- 1500 talking up residential batteries.
- More EV vehicles coming into Tuggeranong.
- ACT Government has household grants to support.
- Can access from EvoEnergy 2 years of energy usage on your own home to determine number of panels to put up.

Options

- Might want to convert single phase to 3 phase.
 - Can apply to EvoEnergy to get it done.
- Might want to convert overhead service line to underground.
- If using electric vehicle - need to apply to EvoEnergy.
- EvoEnergy work from service line to the house anything else has to be done by owners electrician.
- Most of the work managed with installer directly - but EvoEnergy needs to re approve every PV installation.
- Can submit enquires via website.

Safety First important.

- Recent Belconnen outage took 20 hours to fix.
- If you see any issues please report ASAP - manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Street light network is managed by Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate.

Future

- How much investment to cope for non-gas ACT?
 - ACT now doing modelling about transitioning to no-gas system.
- What will be the uptake of transport and EV?

- Might have to change the capacity of the network.
- Guaranteed service levels have been set by regulatory service - if go over a set time to fix it is possible through the retailer to apply for some compensation.
 - There is a database to tell who is affected and can then push payments out.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Minutes for previous meetings.

Moved Beverley Flint; seconded Harvey Bell

Correspondence

- 'Footsteps to Follow' plaques on Town Centre wall - not well maintained - may be impacted by foreshore development.
 - A number of people listed there are known to TCC.
 - Initial 25 put up and meant to have 1 added per year since then - but no action since then.
 - Other plaques also need to be looked at eg in South Point the TCC has a time capsule there.
 - Does the TCC want to get involved with rejuvenate the 'Footsteps to Follow' program and maintaining various TCC signs around the area?

Beverley commented that in April, 2012 - Centenary of Canberra and different regions put forward ideas and 'Footsteps to Follow' project was proposed - 25 initially and an additional one each year after.

- Plaques have not been maintained.
- Intended to put forward a resident that has done exemplary volunteer work each year.

Beverley also commented that the bench-chair for Rusty Woodward, organised by the TCC and now government property also needed repair.

- Jeff will follow up

Treasurer Report-

Report presented –

Income for April	13.76
Expenses	-576.04
Movement	-562.28

Proposed: Glenys Patulny; Seconded Albert Orszaczky

Youth -

- Tuggeranong Community Council's Youth Forum will be happening on 12 May.

Planning

- Amendment DA for Symonston Crematorium - looks the same being advertised.
- New Planning Bill on exhibition - a lot of information on the website - waiting a long time for new Bill but a lot of people are concerned with it.
- Tuggeranong Lake Foreshore improvement project - we have engaged with consultants regarding the Town Centre part - heard a few visionary plans. Since then, launched by Chris Steel and had been extended to be the whole of the lake, but
 - Seems to have gone from upgrades to improving what exists
 - Raised issues of 2 axis - down and across the lake
 - Consultants initially looking at doing substantial work - have not heard any more
 - Put in a submission it's quite a lot of photos but did not cover the whole of Lake
- Submission due in a few days - could flag about the 'Footsteps to Follow' in the submission.

SouthFest

- Meeting this week.

Environment

- Looking at amended DA with Crematorium in Callum Brae Nature Reserve.
 - Liaising with various community groups and councils - extension to 31 May.
- Zero Waste Festival on weekend - various panel discussions
- Action plan on preserving mature trees open to 31st May
- Gang Gang Cockatoo Survey - Community members wanted to identify the Gang Gangs as they are at risk. - get back to Didi.
- Food waste facility for Hume? - Tuggeranong will be consulted. Is to be adjacent to upgraded Materials Recovery Facility now at Hume - could be 2024 - might not all see this in Canberra for a while.

Meeting closed 21:35. Next meeting 7 June 2022.