

Tuggeranong Community Council Inc
Minutes of General Meeting
5 July 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. The President noted that we were within NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) week with this year's theme being Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!

President's report

Planning Bill – a submission has been put in on behalf of the Council. Thanks to Harvey Bell for all your work on this submission including attending all the relevant workshops.

SouthFest in the Suburbs will be in November 2022. Expenditure from 2020 grant has been acquitted with approval for the balance of the 2020 to be carried over, to be used for youth focus event. The deed for the 2022 grant has been executed.

IT changes - Google has recognised the TCC as a non-profit organisation and we will retain Google Workspace as our cloud environment at no costs.

The TCC's AGM will be held on Tuesday 6 September 2022 immediately after the September General Meeting.

To have the membership register in order Members were asked to renew with the forms available on our web site or at the front desk tonight.

Nominations for Executive and ordinary committee members are invited. Nomination close on 16 August. Voting will be conducted using the same electronic ballot process as for 2021. Nomination forms are available at the front desk and online.

The Committee is preparing a draft of a revised constitution based on the Model Rules. Changes will be considered by a Special Meeting after consultation with Members.

The next SouthFest meeting is on the 28 July.

Proposed acceptance – Albert Orszaczky Seconded Robyn Rofe Accepted

Presentations – Tuggeranong's Treasures

The President introduced the topic indicating the theme had been taken from a booklet of the same name produced by the Conservation Council ACT Region in 2013. The intent was to look at heritage places within Tuggeranong and how as a community we can protect and preserve these places in a developing environment and access these places for community value and learning.

Jenny Horsfield – main author and editor of “Tuggeranong Treasures”, a writer who has spent the last 20 years writing about this valley and some of the people who have lived here. Jenny is also the President of the Minders of the Tuggeranong Homestead (MOTH).

Jenny described the treasures of Tuggeranong.

Tuggeranong Homestead built in 1908 (original land grant of 1827)

- Built 1907 part of original Cunningham property.
- Needs to be commercial to pay its way - protected but managed commercially. The property is available for hire for weddings, conferences, and similar events. The homestead does not get the same funding as Lanyon and Mugga Mugga.
- Charles Bean wrote the official history of the WW1 here at Tuggeranong Homestead. The local Federal Electorate of Bean was named after him.
- After war became a wheat/sheep property.
- Taken over by the government in 1972 as part of new ACT Territory.
- MOTH – Minders of Tuggeranong Homestead a volunteer group works with the commercial management supporting the preservation of the property. Moth meet Sunday afternoons.

Stone fence located near the swimming pool was built by Jim Cunnington to define his property from the Campbell property based at the Governor General’s home. The fence has a plaque and heritage protection.

Little Church St Mary of the Valley in Calwell - a Sacred Heart Church. It is listed on heritage register with a long history intertwined with the story of the Cunninghams.

- Squatters predominately Catholic - strong Irish Catholic community
- Landed people were Protestants
- Leased land for a penny a year.

Railway line for the eastern boundary of the Federal Capital Territory.

- went from Queanbeyan to Tuggeranong, to Royalla to Michelago to Cooma. The plan was to go to the coast. Built in 1802 and ran till 1970s.
- Railway cutting cut by hand using dynamite and cleared by hand.

Theodore Grinding Grooves - a series of grooves done by the early people of the area, used to grind and sharpen their tools - also a heritage site.

Thompson Homestead – eastern side of Murrumbidgee River Corridor was Darcy Thompson property. Now occupied by rangers.

National Trust of Australia ACT – Yolenthe Daly Heritage Officer, National Trust of Australia ACT. The National Trust started in England and was established in Australia in 1945.

Volunteer membership of people who want to protect places. Supported by small number of paid staff.

Focus is on European places. Previously maintained ACT Heritage Register and retain assessment files from that period. Heritage Register is now with ACT Government. The Trust continues to provide advice.

No properties in the ACT are managed by the Trust. Activities include guided tours and walks.

Membership is available at \$100 per year.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Minutes:

May and June circulated.

Albert Orszaczky improved the minutes by editorial review.

Moved Harvey Bell, Seconded Albert Orszaczky Accepted.

Treasurer's Report - Robyn Rofe

Operating surplus for June was \$13,571.22 which was inflated by the grant for SouthFest 2022. The grant funds were moved to the SouthFest account on 1 July 2022.

Moved: Jim Thornton, Seconded Nora Preston Accepted

Environment – Didi Sommer

Plastic free July - think about reducing anything plastic. - plasticfreejuly.org

All cats need to be registered and all new cats born from 1 July need to be contained to protect wildlife and make safer too for them.

End of July - National Tree Planting Day - see Planet Ark website.

Put in submission of Food and Fibre - just released the Listening Report.

Petition to Protect Callum Brae - 583 signatures - means petition will be referred to Standing Committee as well the relevant Minister.

Planning, Transport and Communications – Harvey Bell

TCC put in a submission on the Planning Bill. The submission is available on the Your Say website. It was noted that the Institute of Architects have reported on similar points to us.

Next year talk about Territory Plan and District Plans.

Foreshore improvement. Look at Your Say website for latest information. Expecting to see upgrade to park and to make the paths better.

Youth – Glenys Patulny.

Meeting next week. Youth Report based on survey and forum will be presented at the next meeting. The Youth Sub-Committee will be looking at what can be done and how we can follow up.

The President indicated that he would miss the August meeting due to travel and Vice President will chair the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 21:30. Next Meeting: 2nd August 2022