

## TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL INC.

### Minutes of the General Meeting on 1 November 2022 Hybrid meeting held at the Vikings Club, Tuggeranong & via Zoom

#### Welcome and Acknowledgment

The meeting was opened at 7.30 pm by President, Glenys Patulny with an acknowledgement of country and welcome to participants.

#### President's Report

President, Glenys Patulny advised Southfest is about to start. It will go from **5-20 November**, with over 40 engaging and diverse events taking place with something for everyone. With arts and culture, live music, sport and play, nature and environment, local markets, and community connection opportunities—this is a program you don't want to miss!

The President's report was accepted.

#### Police Report - Elizabeth Swain presented the following Police Report

- Offences against persons are down 14% over the year.
- Property offences are down 15%.
- Operation Toric is a team of 40 officers, which began on August 1 to address an increase in motor vehicle thefts and dangerous driving in the ACT. The program is proving effective with many repeat offenders being apprehended. 270 charges laid to date.
- ACT Policing is a separate arm of the AFP. The AFP has responsibility for hacking issues, in particular with Optus and Medicare. Given these recent serious issues it was recommended that people check their general internet security.
- An ACT Policing initiative is making Next of Kin cards available. These cards were available at the meeting or from ACT Policing.

#### MP/MLA Updates

The President invited Mr Johnathan Davis MLA to address the meeting. He mentioned the following matters:

- The Lake Tuggeranong Foreshore Project with funding of \$4.7m does not include any works on the Skate Park. Other skate parks have been updated but not Tuggeranong. Last week he launched a petition on behalf of the Canberra Skateboarding Association calling on the ACT Government to replace the Tuggeranong Skatepark as part of the upcoming Lake Tuggeranong Foreshore revitalisation project.
- Used the opportunity of Budget Estimates meetings to ask questions raised about a local school and was told that extra teachers have been assigned to the school.
- Next Monday night, 7 November Mr Davis will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting at Communities at Work, Cowlshaw St, Tuggeranong. ACT Greens Ministers, Shane Rattenbury MLA, Rebecca Vassarotti MLA, and Emma Davidson MLA will be attending.
- Dog Park in Lanyon proposal open for consultation until 9 November. Mr Davis will accept comments.
- Following research of the subject, Mr. Davis expressed his support for the decriminalisation of illicit substance and considers this is an important and bold step for the ACT.

## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

*New Territory Plan and District Plans* - Mr. Ben Ponton and Dr. Erin Brady, Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate

The Planning System Review Project has three pillars:

- New Planning Act, now before the Legislative Assembly;
- New Territory Plan; and
- New District Plans.
- Current Territory Plan is ‘rules’ focused. The new Territory Plan shifts to an ‘outcomes focus’. There will be some non-negotiable criteria but generally will be more flexible.

Dr. Brady advised on the new inclusion of District Plans. They have five drivers:

- Blue-green network
- Economic access and opportunity across the city
- Strategic movement to support city growth
- Sustainable neighbourhoods
- Inclusive centres and communities.

Feedback from a previous workshop indicated some directions for Tuggeranong, such as the natural environment is a major aspect of Tuggeranong as well as being an urban centre. Maps and Draft plans for the nine districts are available on the ‘YourSay’ web site. These plans will inform the potential development of the districts for about 30 years.

Mr. Ben Ponton reported on the content of the new Territory Plan.

- The new Territory Plan will deliver an ‘outcomes-focussed’ planning system. An outcomes focus means the new Territory Plan is centred on quality, results, and performance, rather than just compliance with prescribed technical rules. It places greater importance on how developments perform in their setting to achieve wellbeing, social, environmental, cultural, and other priority outcomes.
- An easier-to-use and outcomes-focussed Territory Plan will provide greater flexibility in the way developments can be designed and allow greater emphasis on improving design quality and built outcomes for all Canberrans. The key policy changes in the draft Territory Plan are outlined in the Draft Territory Plan Supporting Report.
- The Territory Plan is not just for assessing DAs but will guide proposals and the proposed structure.

Dr Brady gave an overview of the consultation and engagement for the project.

Closing date for comments is 14 February.

In November and December 2022, the focus will be on sharing information and answering any questions you may have. Then, in January and February 2023, we will shift our focus to listening and collecting feedback, with workshops and pop-ups right across Canberra. This way, you can provide feedback whenever it suits you - either straight away, or after attending a workshop to help you understand the key elements of the district strategies.

Dates for pop-ups and workshops and a significant amount of information including the draft documents are available on the ‘YourSay’ web site.

Questions were asked of aspects of the project and were suitably addressed.

Mr. Ponton and Dr Brady were thanked for their presentation and engagement in discussion.

***Health Services Update - Ms Liz Lopa, Executive Group Manager, ACT Health and Mr Alex Konovalov***

Information was provided on the proposed Northside Hospital and the Integrated Care Program

- The new Northside Hospital will be a General Hospital and replace the existing Calvary Hospital.
- The pre business case is in its early stages. Realistic timing is the hospital should be ready for use in about 2030.
- Looking at both the existing Calvary site and a greenfield site.
- Expect to be about 500 bed capacity, twice the size of current Calvary. The plan is to serve the northside and relieve demand on The Canberra Hospital in Woden.
- Engagement open on 'YourSay' web site 18 Oct to 29 Nov.

***Tuggeranong Community Health Centre and Walk in Centre.***

New Facility being investigated, which could include additional services such as X-ray.

Location to be decided but South Tuggeranong proposed, possibly Lanyon Centre area.

Questions were taken with discussion on the project.

Our guest speakers were thanked for the presentations and engagement in discussion.

***Lanyon Dog Park Proposal - Ms Sophie Clement, A/g executive Branch Manager & Mr Richard Henty Urban Team, Infrastructure Delivery, TCCS Directorate.***

The ACT Government is building a new fenced dog park in the Lanyon Valley to provide more spaces for dog owners in South Tuggeranong to exercise and socialise their dogs off-leash. It will be located on the corner of Jim Pike Avenue and Woodcock Drive in Gordon.

Fenced dog exercise areas contribute to the effective management of dogs in public spaces by providing controlled space where dogs can freely exercise and play. They also assist in alleviating the pressure on shared recreational areas.

A draft concept plan has been developed for the new Lanyon dog park to show what is possible at the site. The community is invited to provide feedback on the concept plan which outlines the proposed mix and location of facilities at the new Lanyon dog park, including parking, access gates, paths, trees, water stations and waste bins, as well as recreational infrastructure such as shade structures and seating.

Comments can be made through the 'YourSay' web site until 9 November.

Questions were asked including sealing of car park and paths and a statement that dog parks may be breeding grounds for disease. It was flagged that TCC would be making a submission in relation to the proposal.

Both speakers were thanked for their presentation and engagement in discussions.

***General Business***

***Apologies***

Inspector Rod Anderson, Tuggeranong Police; Carol Vincent; Robyn Rofe; Albert Orszaczky.

## ***Sub-Committee Reports***

### **Environment**

Circular Economy Plan recently announced, and the following details were noted:

- In our current system, raw materials and resources are made into products and after use, are thrown away as waste. This ‘take, make, dispose’ model is a linear system that is unsustainable for our planet.
- The circular economy is a different approach that aims to keep resources circulating in our economy for as long as possible. It aims to maximise the value of materials, creates jobs and stops waste from being produced in the first place.
- The benefits of adopting a circular economy are not just about improving the natural environment, wellbeing and supporting the transition to a net zero city. The circular economy provides great opportunities for innovation, economic growth, and job creation.

The three key principles of a circular economy are:

- Design out waste and pollution
- Keep products and materials in use
- Avoid negative impacts to the environment and regenerate natural systems.

The government has developed a draft ACT Circular Economy Strategy that sets the vision, strategic objectives and focus areas to take the first steps to making our economy more circular.

Engagement closes 8 December on ‘YourSay’ web site.

### **Planning, Transport and Communications**

- Reviewed Planning Bill now with Legislative Assembly with view to preparing further submission. Previous submission referred to guidelines and Principles of Good Communications. These have been included in the Bill as requested.
- Submission was prepared concerning the DA at Chisholm Shops as outlined last meeting.
- Looked at DA for Child Care Centre at Monash Shops.
- Jim Thornton attended local residents’ meeting. Comments made on draft submission by local group but did not propose a submission by TCC.
- Next couple of months will need to look at new Territory Plan and Tuggeranong District Plan, including attendance at pop-ups and workshops. Expect TCC will make a submission on District Plan by February.

The President reported on media articles concerning funding for Tuggeranong Parkway and interview of TCC executives. Nicole Lawder has offered to sponsor a petition by TCC concerning the change of funding in the Federal Budget, and the proposal was put to the meeting. It was agreed the President investigate the possibility of proposing such a petition.

All participants were thanked for attending and the meeting closed at 9.32 pm. Next meeting scheduled for 6 December 2022.