

TUGGERANONG COMMUNITY COUNCIL INC.
Minutes of the General Meeting on 7th February 2023

Hybrid meeting held at the Vikings Club, Tuggeranong & via Zoom

Welcome and Acknowledgment

The meeting was opened at 7:37 pm by President, Glenys Patulny with an acknowledgement of country and welcome to participants.

President's Address:

- Environment update
- Community Survey to be prioritised.
- Tuggeranong Lake clean up scheduled on 5 March 2023.

Police Report – South District Superintendent Rod Anderson

Apologies for the last meeting due to an urgent Kambah incident.

Crime statistics:

- Levels of assaults decreased over the last 3 months.
- Burglaries have been on the increase – big jump in Jan 2023 in residential areas in Tuggeranong .
- Shop/commercial burglaries have decreased.
- Increase in general theft – property stealing – car thefts.
- Property damage has been down in Jan 2023
- Property damage in Kambah playground where kids have taken accelerants into the bird cage play area, destroying the swings and wrecking the rubber flooring under the swing. This costs about \$20,000-\$25,000 to fix.
 - 1st step in fixing this was a general request to the community to report any such incidents immediately to the police.
- Operation TORIC – Target recidivist offenders who steal cars after breaking into houses.
 - Police Tip – Leave the keys somewhere uncommon to stop offenders.
- Rural patrol in Jan 2023 did a large operation on stolen chain saws in rural areas. Offenders were suspected to have cut down trees and damaged properties. Police found properties in Garran and Greenway having multiple chainsaws and seized the offenders.
- Tuggeranong man scammed an elderly lady who built a relationship with her and took \$70,000 until family members intervened and reported the incident to the Police. The amount was recovered.
- Two ladies stole about \$12,000 -\$13,000 worth of Jewellery in a South.Point shop. Fair quantity was later recovered.

Questions:

1. Cause of the Fire at the Tip
 - a. Indications from investigations are that there was not a deliberate offence and found nothing suspicious.
2. Can the TCC help the department regarding being under resourced?
 - a. The Police department in Tuggeranong is pretty light. Any help with writing petitions are appreciated.

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MP/MLA Updates

- Johnathan Davis Address

- Today was the 1st day back in the Assembly.
- 775 community members have signed a petition to include the Skate Park as part of the Lake Tuggeranong foreshore upgrade.
- Currently the government has allocated \$4.75 million towards upgrading the Lake Tuggeranong foreshore and Johnathan is taking the community's advice to the government.
- Free standing birthing centre in Canberra pushed by the Canberra Greens.
- Enquiry in nursing and midwifery. 38/39 midwifery graduates have moved on after graduation to another service centre this year.
- Debating the Woden light rail in the chamber on the 6th occasion.
- Johnathan's office is investigating the cost-of-living crisis, which is the major issue the office is looking at currently.
- Johnathan's office is actively door knocking to find the under privileged community members to direct and help them attain the required government services.

No Questions for Johnathan.

- Nicole Lawder Address

- Light rail was discussed again today. Motion was to shed light on things that are not being done. \$85.9 million for roads has been shifted to the light rail.
- Decline of hospital and health system was discussed.
- Discussed about police shortage – ACT has the lowest number of police per capita in the nation.
- Stromlo Forest Park paid parking is penalising families with kids.
- Motion about low police numbers.
- Discussion about mental health funding.
- January 2023 launch of Nicole's water quality booklet. Federal funding of \$ 90 million has been set aside for improving water quality in the territory. Copies of booklet are available to attendees.

Southern ACT Catchment Group Presentation – Martin Franco (as attached)



Landcare - TCC
presentation 2023-1

St Vincent de Paul Presentation – John Feint (as attached)



Vinnies-Presentation
to Tuggeranong C

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Questions:

1. Is Salvation Army your competitor?
 - a. SA provide more financial, planning and incidental support services to the community. CEOs of SA and Vinnies meet regularly to work together.
2. CEO and Community sleepouts will be given a bit more focus as it brings more benefits.
3. Do we have any figures around homeless people in the Tuggeranong area?
 - a. It is a complex matter. Vinnies are working with the community members to provide more assistance on homelessness and to people who have come out of prison. 1400 people sleep in the streets at any one time in Canberra.

Apologies

Wayne & Lorraine King

Previous meeting Minutes

- Approved – Albert Orszaczky
- Seconded – Didi Sommer

No matters arising from the previous meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's report (as attached)



- Approved – Beverley Flint
- Seconded -Didi Sommer

Sub Committee Updates – Glenys Patulny

- Youth committee meeting – next week
- SouthFest – Government funding has been received.

Environment Committee Update – Didi Sommer

- Lake clean-up – 5 March 2023 coincides with Clean Up Australia Day.
- Request Nicole to follow up on the recycling depot and report what happened. When are we going to see the new site rebuilt?

Planning Subcommittee Update – Harvey Bell

- Tuggeranong will grow to another 4800 new dwelling in the next 20-40 years.
- TCC suggests the plan should be backed off and the committee members feel that Tuggeranong should be different from Gungahlin's urbanisation.
- Submission for Chisholm shops is being reviewed.
- Tenders have been called for a Lake Foreshore project without a skatepark.

Meeting closed at 9:34 pm. Next meeting, Tuesday, 7 March.