

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY MEETING – 6 JUNE 2023

WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The meeting was opened at 7:35 pm by President, Glenys Patulny with an acknowledgement of country and welcome to participants.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Since last meeting I have been heavily involved in:

Collecting facilitators reports from Youth Forum for this Thursday and putting into a full report and Executive Summary.

- Organised Youth Meeting to discuss and approve report.

Attended:

- Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission (ICRC) committee meeting about the future of water, gas and electricity pricing
- Connecting Nature, Connecting people discussion
- Zoom meeting on reducing your household waste
- Final panel on ACT Government's DrainArt competition.

Wrote:

- TCC budget submission
- Wood heater submission - following comments in the State of the Environment report recommendations
- drafting a possible response that the Combined Community Councils might like to make.
- Sport and Active Recreation Infrastructure Plan Survey - to put forward recommendations.
- Finalised submission on updated DA on Southern Crematorium near Callum Brae Reserve.

Spoke about:

- Policing and our budget proposal on ABC, and
- At the Dome (Fadden) on what is happening and needed in East Tuggeranong - Fadden, Chisholm area (24/5).

- Future Speakers

The Council has invited Minister Steel MLA to the July meeting to provide an overview of the services provided and current projects with his portfolio of Transport and City Services.

POLICE REPORT

Southern District Superintendent Rod Anderson provided an overview of current crime trends in Tuggeranong. He stated that crime statistics have neither decreased nor increased recently. He also highlighted that:

- Graffiti is on the increase causing costly damage to a number of properties.
- There is an active recruiting campaign within ACT Policing.
- Future road safety targets include speeding near roadworks, especially around Monaro Highway upgrades.

MP/MLA UPDATES

Johnathan Davis

- Advised that the Planning Bill has now been passed in the Assembly.
- There had been 766 signatures supporting improvements to the Tuggeranong Skate Park. He and Nicole Lawder are members of a Government *Inquiry into Skate Boarding and Skate Parks in the ACT*. Link - <https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/parliamentary-business/in-committees/committees/eci/inquiry-into-skateboarding-and-skate-parks-in-the-act>
- He has put forward a motion to establish a Rental Ombudsman in the ACT.

Nicole Lawder

- Spoke about the recent compulsory takeover of Calvary Hospital and the passing of the Planning Bill.
- The drain ditch on Mannheim Street which now has a bridge crossing it, making it safer for pedestrians to cross over onto Sulwood Drive.

YOUTH FORUM

Charlie Hayes and Tom Griffith from the TCC Youth Engagement sub-committee provided a summary of issues, proposals and outcomes from a recent Youth Forum in Tuggeranong including:

- Safety and Crime
- Graffiti
- ACT Policing and including youth in their social media feeds.
- Transport
- Youth spaces
- Future opportunities
- Lake Tuggeranong – smell, rubbish
- Mental Health
- Existing services for young people and lack of marketing of those services.

An Executive Summary of outcomes from the Youth Forum will be sent to all high schools and colleges in Tuggeranong.

GUEST SPEAKER(S)

Rochelle Crowe – ACT NO Waste

Rochelle commenced by acknowledging the traditional custodians and the Ngunnawal people.

A presentation was provided on the proposed Hume Material Recovery Facility (MRF) and the Hume Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) proposal, which is planned to replace the previous MRF damaged by fire in late 2022.

The ACT Government is proposing to:

- Replace the MRF and create the Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) facility.

Both facilities will be located in Hume in the Industrial Resource Recovery Estate and will contribute to meeting resource recovery and emission reduction targets for the ACT.

Issues

- The ACT Government has identified the diversion of FOGO from landfill as a key action to achieve resource recovery and emissions reduction targets.
- The community has raised concerns about the ongoing and increased odour issues from the landfill.
- Currently transporting recycling interstate as the existing facility was lost due to fire.
- The Australian Government has placed bans on exporting waste overseas for processing.
- A partnership between the Federal and ACT Governments will provide \$21 million to the MRF to better separate and process paper, glass and plastic.

The new MRF will:

- sort, separate and process recycling collected from household yellow bins, local councils, and private businesses in the ACT.
- have a processing capacity of up to 115,000 tonnes per year. This is an increase from 65,000 tonnes per year at present.
- provide for future growth and population increases in the ACT and surrounding region.
- have modern firefighting detection and fire suppression technologies.
- intend to include secondary processing such as glass and plastic washing and cutting to be turned into new recycled products.

Benefits:

- Reduce waste to landfill and production of harmful greenhouse gases.
- They will provide reusable products and circular economy opportunities for the region.
- These practices seek to promote the ACT's Strategy and support the ACT Government's policies including:
 - ACT Waste Management Strategy
 - Canberra's Living Infrastructure Plan: Cooling the City
 - ACT Climate Change Strategy
 - Waste Management and Resource Recovery Act 2016
 - ACT Draft Circular Economy Strategy (2022)
- Both facilities will provide direct and indirect employment opportunities for the community during construction and operation, leading to social and economic benefits locally.
- They will support the diversification and expansion of the ACT's industrial base.
- They will increase the ACT's base economy.

FOGO stands for ***Food Organics and Garden Organics***

The facility will:

- divert FOGO from landfill.
- reduce greenhouse gases and odour using an in-vessel composting process in an advanced technology, fully indoor facility with an odour-controlled waste receival air and forced aeration.
- turn food scraps and garden waste into valuable compost.
- process 50,000 tonnes of FOGO material per year with the option to increase processing to 70,000 tonnes per year to meet future demand.
- produce about 28,000 tonnes of compost each year to be sold back to businesses and the community.

EIS Studies and process include:

- Traffic
- Noise, odour
- Hazards, bushfire
- Heritage and Ecological values
- Water management

The draft EIS will respond to the impacts and propose mitigations to ensure the facility's possible impacts are measured and managed.

- Expect to lodge a draft EIS later this year.
- The draft EIS will then be on public exhibition for public and agency comment.
- The draft EIS will be revised to take into consideration the comments received before a final EIS is lodged with EPSDD to be considered by the Authority.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Apologies: Robyn Rofe, Judy Bell

Minutes

Previous meeting Minutes were accepted by Didi Sommer and seconded by Andrew Johnson.

Treasurer's Report

Robyn Rofe was absent, but she provided a spreadsheet for display at the meeting. Accepted by Andrew Johnson, seconded by Albert Orszaczky.

Sub Committee Reports

- Environment and Sustainability Sub-committee Report - Didi Sommer

- Didi Sommer advised of the Leaf Collective Forum to be held on 9 June.

- SouthFest Sub-committee Report - Glenys Patulny

- Glenys Patulny provided an update on planned arrangements for the November event.

- Planning and Transport Sub-committee Report - Harvey Bell

- Harvey Bell provided an update on the DAs for Chisholm shops, which were rejected.

- Community Health and Wellbeing Sub-committee Report - Glenys Patulny

- Glenys gave more details from the ICRC meeting re prospective electricity and water pricing.
- Albert Orszaczky expressed some concern about a recent item in the Tuggeranong 'Our CBR' Newsletter regarding advice on use of wood heaters. The information provided seemed inconsistent with past objections raised by the TCC, our recent related submission and ACT government incentives for replacement of wood heaters.

Meeting closed by the President at 9:30 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 4 July.