

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

Welcome and Acknowledgment

The meeting was opened at 7:38 pm by President, Glenys Patulny with an acknowledgement of country and welcome to participants.

President's Address:

- The TCC will be conducting its annual Youth Forum on 4th May 2023.
- The TCC Committee is currently reviewing and updating its strategic plans.
- The President represented the TCC at the Evoenergy's Stakeholder's Forum.
- Future speakers –
 - David Smith MP at May 2023 meeting.

Police Report – Inspector Rod Anderson:

- Offence stats overall the same as last month.
- Number of assaults on people has increased.
- Levels of crime and calls for service is increasing.
- Break-ins and Burglaries are on the rise in Tuggeranong.
 - Most common reasons for break-ins recently were to steal cars (high value).
- Randy Booth – recent suspicious death. Police are calling for witnesses to assist with the investigation.
- 2 young people have died at the Gibraltar Falls - 19 and 22-year-old.
- 25 new constables started in Canberra - 5 of them came to Tuggeranong. A further 26 graduates are expected to come to Canberra early May.
- Candidates now joining the force are experienced, which will enhance the service quality.

Questions:

- Where are the assaults happening? Is it mainly at pubs/clubs?
 - Alcohol fuelled violence is on the rise. Also, a growing number of family violence assaults.
- Calls to the police have also been increasing – How thin are your numbers? 10 new recruits but how many have you lost?
 - Even with the 10 joining, we are still low compared to national average.
- Drug use in the Territory has gone up due to the policy changes by the ACT Government.

MP/MLA Updates:

- Mark Parton

- Canberra Liberals share a big concern that investors will leave the market as it is getting harder to fund and maintain investment properties in the ACT.
- Liberals want to cancel light rail - Stage 2A will be the line for Liberals to stop the light rail. It won't be completed before the next election.

Questions

- What will the people of Tuggeranong get?
 - The current information is that Woden will have its tram by 2028.
 - Stage 2B might be extended to Mawson rather than Woden.
- Have we seen the latest figures on public housing insulation ratings?
 - Questions have been asked to the Government and awaiting their response.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

- Katrina Fanning, 2023 Canberra Citizen of the Year

Katrina informed attendees that she is a proud resident of Tuggeranong and has been for a long time now. She moved to Canberra while she was 17 for sports studies. She was one of the first girls to play on the boys' rugby league teams and was part of the first ever women's rugby league test match.

At University she was playing women's soccer. She took a job in the Magistrates Court and was tasked with speaking in front of people and continued as a public servant for 22 years. Early career was with the ACT Government. She worked in Centrelink for about 6 years at the Tuggeranong office. She later worked in the Small Claims Court.

Katrina has worked with many community groups in Canberra in the past. She has worked in Aboriginal Hostels focusing on homelessness, medical and basic needs. She ended up setting up a consulting business. Served as chairperson in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander body in Canberra. She has volunteered in a number of committees for children.

Voice Referendum

Katrina believes it does not undermine democracy. She wants to share her view on the Voice and not promote a Yes or No response for the referendum. Her mum lived in a village and had to stay within boundary lines in rural NSW and faced a lot of difficulties growing up. The Voice is not about race-based legislation. The recognition part of the referendum is very important and is about the 65,000 years history of our nation.

Our Constitution leads the way, and all Australians can be proud of our past history. The big difference with the Voice is that it will give advice on who will represent the Aboriginal community. What's different about this is that the approach towards the Aboriginal community doesn't change with a change of government and it will put more accountabilities within the Aboriginal community. This is just another avenue for a voice for the Aboriginal community into the Parliament.

Questions:

- Referendum is 2 parts - 1. Question and 2. Implementation.
 - If the referendum says Yes, then the Government will set up processes on how to build it and how to implement it.

- Healthy Waterways Program - Plaxy McCulloch and Dr Ralph Ogden

Plaxy and Ralph spoke about :

- Partnerships to prevent algal blooms in Lake Tuggeranong,
- the K2OK: Keeping Our Waterways Healthy projects and Infrastructure in Tuggeranong, and
- Other developments/programs in Tuggeranong

Please contact the Secretary to obtain a copy of the PowerPoint presentation if required.

Questions:

- How are you connecting with other departments such as ACT Roads?
 - There are efforts within the government organisations to improve their communications. Part of the exercise within the Catchment Plan is to build effective strategies to service multiple issues.

- What is the process for the sediments collected to be cleaned from the constructive outlands to maintain efficiency?
 - All rain gardens and constructional wetlands need to be renewed every 10 years to clean and maintain the ditch.

General Business:

- Apologies – Carol Vincent
- Minutes of previous meeting
 - Accepted - Albert Orszaczky
 - Seconded - Beverley Flint
- Treasurer’s Report – Robyn Rofe provided a Finance update.

Proposal to change the Starting Time of Meetings

- The members present were asked if they would prefer to change the start time of future general meetings to 7:00pm instead of 7:30pm.
- The attendees have favoured a 7pm start. The President advised that a formal survey will be sent to all members to finalise decision.

Sub Committee Reports:

- Community and Wellbeing Committee and Environment update - Didi Sommer

- Heritage Week ahead of us. A full week of events has been planned.
- Free Bulk Waste collection service available for each household.

- SouthFest in the Suburbs

- Meeting again next week. Will be a series of events over 3 weeks in November. Details will be released when finalised.

- Planning, Transport and Communication – Harvey Bell

- It has been a quiet month after our submission for the Territory Plan. We are now waiting for the 80 submissions on the website to be reviewed. The 2021 Plan projections advising no growth in Tuggeranong needs investigation.
- Chisholm shops DA is closed and is under review.
- Monash shops DA – Childcare Centre has been rejected.
- Tender out for a construction near Chisholm shops without any streetlights.

- Youth - Glenys Patulny

- 198 responses received so far to the recent Survey. These will formulate more action points for consideration by the Community Council.
- TCC Youth Engagement Forum will be held on Thursday the 4th May 2023.

Meeting closed at 9:33 pm.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, 2nd May