

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY MEETING – 3 October 2023

WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The meeting was opened at 7:32 pm by President, Glenys Patulny with an acknowledgement of country and welcome to participants.

Glenys advised that Senator David Pocock sends his apology for not being able to attend this meeting. The Chief Fire Officer for the Rural Fire Brigade will speak at our next monthly meeting about Fire Hazard reduction initiatives within Tuggeranong, etc.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Since last meeting I have been heavily involved in the following events:

- Combined Community Councils meeting
- Canberra's Night-time Economy government consultation
- SouthFest meeting
- TCC Executive meeting
- Launch of Tuggeranong Foreshores Project
- Australian Association of Environmental Educators three-day conference 25-27 September.

POLICE REPORT

- Representative unable to attend.
- The authorities have advised that there has been no major spike in crime rate compared to the previous month.

MP/MLA UPDATES

Johnathan Davis

The member advised that he has been working on the following issues over the past month:

- Public housing – meeting with the 1st group of residents of the 30 public residences in Calwell.
- New Healthy Waterways naturalisation projects in Tuggeranong are set to be built.
- Survey on new bus stops and the transport plan.
- Engaged with Gordon residents regarding new bus stop builds.
- Tuggeranong Skatepark - 770 sign petition to have it upgraded.
- Requested public participation for his survey published online.

Mark Parton

- Said he was glad the Referendum was almost over.
- Spoke about housing - Calwell
 - Mentioned there were over 500 vacant properties, including 14 in Braddon.
 - Advised that he will be raising this disparity with the current Labor government for attention and further action.

Peter Cain (via Zoom)

- Changing RZ2 rules to allow for dual occupancy.

GUEST SPEAKER(S)

Update on Mental Health Issues in the ACT - Emma Davidson, ACT Minister for Mental Health

Comments included information on the following:

- Programs for young people
- Social connection is important.
- Dementia support
- Mental health over bushfires - some people working on social recovery framework after natural disasters.

Question on Fragmentation - between the Commonwealth and the ACT - mentioned, and how do we get information to relevant groups of people; are there ongoing mental health burdens from Covid?

GENERAL BUSINESS

Apologies: Nicole Lawder MLA, Inspector Rod Anderson

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Minutes of the September General meeting were accepted by Harvey Bell, seconded by Robert Lowe.

Treasurer's Report:

Robyn Rofe provided a brief report for the past month. Accepted by Andrew Johnson, seconded by Wayne King.

Sub Committee Reports:

SouthFest

- Updated what is happening - 4 major events in the Laneway.
 - 10 November 4pm-9pm: **SouthFest Battle of the Bands Youth Event**
 - 11 November 10am-4pm: **Our Tuggeranong Community Day**
 - 11 November 4pm-9pm: **Laneways Alive, an evening of music dance and entertainment**
 - 12 November 10am-3pm: **Live Well: Tuggeranong Wellbeing and Sustainable Living Expo**
- At the moment, there are approximately 35 events happening throughout the local suburbs but further proposals still coming in.

Community Health and Wellbeing

Recent meeting about the Night Time Economy was basically about the city area, the noise effects on locals and safety issues. Suggestions included having uniformed special helpers around to assist people particularly after dark.

Environment

Lake Tuggeranong Cleanup is scheduled for Sunday, 19 November 2023. The Council has requested the community to volunteer and help clean up our Tuggeranong Lake.

Other business

Query raised about who will take over management of Tuggeranong Swimming Pool from YMCA.

- new managers recently announced as Belgravia Health.

General meeting closed at 9.30pm. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 7 November.