

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY MEETING – 5 SEP 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.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

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

- Attended the Volunteer Environment Conference.
- Participated, with other members of the TCC, in a SouthFest meeting.
- Also met with David Pocock, the local ACT Senator to discuss several issues within the Valley.
- Had a conversation with a reporter from Radio 2CC who is about to move onto WIN News regarding TCC.

POLICE REPORT

Southern District Acting Inspector, Brett Coutts provided an overview of current crime trends in Tuggeranong. He stated that crime statistics have neither decreased nor increased recently. He also highlighted that Police have observed or been working on:

- Decrease in assaults overall.
- Nil sexual offences last month.
- No robberies, but shop burglaries have increased to 2.
- Stolen motor vehicle increased - 2 every week.
- Overall offences on people have decreased.
- Number of media releases – assault on a 5 year old boy in the Monash playground.
- Road rage incident – Tuggeranong Parkway coming into Tuggeranong.
- Targeting hoon driving in NSW – issued 20 defects and 11 offences were caught.

MP/MLA UPDATES

Johnathan Davis

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

- Prioritised public housing concerns.
- Offered support for the community facing rental increase challenges.
- Introduced a Bill proposing a freeze on rent price increases for a two-year period and is actively seeking community feedback.
- Government announcement: Released 30 brand new class A public housing units in Calwell.
- Minister Shane Rattenbury's proposal for a rent relief program, offering cash grants of \$2,400 or equivalent to four weeks' rent. Also expressed interest in collaborating with Care Financials and struggling families to enhance financial management.
- Launched the Revitalisation project.
- Construction commenced on the new Lanyon Dog Park.
- Solicited feedback on plans for Lanyon and Calwell shops.
- Successfully secured \$33.5 million for the construction of a naturalised waterways facility in Calwell.

Nicole Lawder:

The member was participating via Zoom and advised that she has been away for holidays and had COVID, hence she was not able to attend recent meetings, but has been working on the following issues during the past month:

- GPs were concerned about the payroll tax, also known as the SICK TAX, which could potentially increase the cost of GP visits by \$15-\$20 each time.
- Cost of Living has been a significant area of interest for her.
- Regarding housing, she believed that a rent freeze was not a viable solution for addressing homelessness.
- She was actively engaged in matters related to City Services and happy to follow up any issues.
- She expressed concerns about access to MRIs and potential health issues following the Calvary Hospital takeover.

GUEST SPEAKER(S)

Dr Devin Bowles – CEO, ACTCOSS

Dr Bowles addressed the meeting on the role of the ACT Council of Social Services. Please reach out to the Secretary for a copy of the presentation provided.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Apologies: Didi Sommer and Carol & Kit Vincent

Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the August meeting were accepted by Albert Orszaczky and seconded by Harvey Bell.

Treasurer's Report

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

General meeting closed at 8:19 pm and was followed by the Annual General Meeting.