

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY MEETING – 5 March 2024**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 REPORT

- Youth Engagement – the survey was sent out with 150 responses so far, primarily from high school students. Following a question from the floor on the benefits of the survey it was explained that the survey provides the TCC a snapshot into what young people think. A lot of the responses were similar to what the general population feels with the lake issues being highlighted, safety - as in footpaths, lighting etc, and communication, ie. internet connections being chief areas of concern.
- Clean Up Australia Day – the event was held on 3 March and this will be the 12th year that the TCC has organised this event around Lake Tuggeranong. Even though the Sea Scouts were holding their own event they assisted with the loan of tents and setting up. City Service crews were also involved around the lake to help clean up the rubbish, which was considerably less than past years.
- SouthFest – ongoing planning meetings have been held to discuss this year's event including involvement with the Tuggeranong Arts Centre, closing off the car park across from McDonalds for activities and stalls, particularly for children's activities.
- Combined Community Councils Meeting – there are a number of common issues across all Councils that they all would like to push in light of this being an ACT election year.

POLICE REPORT

Acting Inspector Troy Gordon provided an overview of current crime trends in Tuggeranong. He stated that statistics are mostly the same, other than a slight increase in offences around property, keys stolen from higher end cars and shop lifting. The investigation into the disappearance of Tim Lyons is still ongoing, with assistance being sought from the public.

A question from the floor was in regard to additional placement of chevrons on local roads to mitigate tailgating of vehicles. Troy explained that this was outside the ACT Policing remit. Nicole Lawder MLA mentioned that the results of reviews on the chevrons on Tuggeranong Parkway had shown no positive results with avoiding tailgating.

MP/MLA UPDATES

- Nicole Lawder:
 - Nicole expressed her opinion that not enough is being done to improve Lake Tuggeranong and felt the current government was generally not doing enough maintenance in suburban areas.

- She attended a Neighbourhood Watch information session recently and issues being highlighted were home security and safety, with particular reference to lighting around the suburbs.
- She also emphasised the exorbitant amount that the current government is spending to cover interest on its debts.
- Mark Parton:
 - Mark introduced Rosa Harber, contesting Liberal candidate for Brindabella.
 - He spoke in depth regarding issues with the light rail, including that the tram to Tuggeranong is earmarked for Stage 4 of the project, and if the tram to Woden is not due for completion until December 2033, then the prospect for a tram to Tuggeranong is surely a long way off.
- Laura Nuttal:
 - Laura introduced herself as the ACT Greens candidate for Tuggeranong. She mentioned that her current focus is on opposing vaping, education, local issues like polystyrene drop off points and parking at Urambi Hills.

GUEST SPEAKER(S)

- **Infrastructure Projects in Tuggeranong** - Sophie Clement from Transport Canberra

Sophie provided the following update on infrastructure projects in and around Tuggeranong.

- Monaro Highway – 3 stages
 - Lanyon Drive Interchange – works started January 2024. Initial work involves earthworks and during this period traffic may be impacted with reduced speed limits in place. Major works expected to be completed by end 2026.
 - Hume Interchange (Tralee Street, Sheppard Street and Mugga Lane): preliminary design stage.
 - Isabella Drive Interchange: preliminary design stage.
- Athllon Drive – works will be completed in two sections:
 - Southern – between Sulwood and Drakeford Drives. Design started 2023 with community engagement planned for April/May 2024.
 - Northern – between Hindmarsh and Melrose Drives. Detailed design process will begin this year.
- Sulwood Drive – plans and improvements continuing for a shared path between Athllon and Drakeford Drives, traffic lights at Mannheim Street intersection, pedestrian crossings on Inkster Street and Livingston Avenue and improved access into Mt Taylor car park.
- Tharwa Drive, Theodore – traffic lights are being installed at the Lawrence Wackett Crescent intersection.
- Isabella Drive – pavement rehabilitation eastbound almost complete.
- Tuggeranong Foreshore improvements – continuing including new toilet block near skate park, boardwalk works, directional signage, playground area, College walk, Bartlett Place crossing. Reed St works to start March 2024, and furniture replacement around the foreshore.
- Local shops – improvements and upgrades to Monash commercial area, and Calwell and Lanyon Marketplace.

- Play space upgrades: planning, design and works continue to be undertaken at Point Hut playground, Gordon and Alston St playground, Chisholm.
- Lanyon dog park – construction to start toward the end of 2024.
- Southern Memorial Park – Stage 1. Currently working through planning and environmental approvals with construction timeframes dependent on the outcome of approvals.
- Active Streets for Schools – in design phase for works around Gordon Primary, St Mary Mackillop College, Taylor Primary, Monash Primary, Trinity Christian School.

For more information on infrastructure projects in Tuggeranong refer to - <https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/Infrastructure-Projects/tuggeranong3>.

- **FOGO and Waste Management Project Update** - Rochelle Crowe, Project Director

Rochelle provided an update on the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) and the Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) project in Hume.

Overview

- The ACT Government is proposing to:
 - Replace and upgrade the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF).
 - Construct a Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) facility.
- The FOGO 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 receive 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.

The Environmental Impact Study (EIS) is on public notification from 29 January to 12 March 2024, plus 3 community pop ups were held in February that were generally received very positively.

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: Nil

Constitution: Jim Thornton advised that the Constitution review and update has been completed and the document has been sent out to members for comment. It will be voted on at the next Community Meeting in April, prior to being ratified as the new TCC Constitution.

Minutes:

Previous meeting Minutes were accepted by Albert Orszaczkzy and seconded by Carol Vincent.

Treasurer's Report:

Not provided due to Treasurer's absence overseas.

Sub Committee Reports:

- **Environment and Sustainability** - Didi Sommer
 - Lake Cleanup update
 - Mentioned the consultation process on release of the Draft ACT Regional Drought Resilience Plan.

- **SouthFest** - Glenys Patulny
 - Glenys Patulny provided an update on planned activities for this year's event on Saturday, 16th November.
 - A number of Tuggeranong community groups are part of the Planning Committee, including Tuggeranong SEE-Change, Tuggeranong Arts Centre, Tuggeranong Rotary and Lions Clubs
 - We are looking for more groups to join us.

- **Planning and Transport** - Harvey Bell
 - Nothing to report.

Meeting closed by the President at 9:30 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 2 April 2024.