# <u>Tuggeranong Community Council Inc</u> <u>General Meeting – 6 November 2012</u> <u>Minutes</u>

#### **Present:**

See attendance record of 6 November 2012.

President Nick Tsoulias welcomed members and guests.

### **Apologies:**

Dug Holmes, Susan Penn-Turrall, Rusty Woodward. Russ Morison, Mick Gentleman MLA, Greg Downing

## **Confirmation of Minutes of October 2012 Meeting:**

Accepted: Colin Petrie Seconded: Albert Orszaczky

# **Matters Arising from October 2012 Meeting:**

No matters were raised by members.

# **President's Report (Nick Tsoulias):**

President, Nick Tsoulias presented the following Report:

Now we have an outcome on the ACT Election, and when the celebrations or commiserations cease everyone will need to take a deep breath and realize we are facing the same disquieting news about our population problems today in Tuggeranong as we were facing before the election. Being a region of the Australian Capital Territory that is also known as the 'outer suburbs' or 'South of the Lake', Tuggeranong lost in 2011/12 a net of 1328 residents to another area of the ACT. The largest population decreases occurred in our outer suburbs of, Gordon (down 180 people), Calwell (140) and Banks (120). During the ACT Election campaign, the Tuggeranong Community Council supported the ACT Governments announcement of the Tuggeranong Masterplan, in which a plan to see developed around 8000 new dwellings within 30 years could possibly restore our population levels closer to 100,000 people. Unless we act on it now, it is very unlikely that the Tuggeranong Masterplan will be able to make a significant change to our population demise, as the rate of annual net loss of residents may in fact supersede the rate of new residents moving into Tuggeranong. We understand the masterplan primarily focuses on residential projects around the Town Centre. We also support the view, that most of the infrastructure is there for the 8000 dwellings, including roads, power, shops and services, and it will no doubt be prudent and economically viable that 40% of the developments could be sold off the plan prior to any development commencing. With this in mind, Chief planners of the ACT Government should be aiming to see a commencement of these developments within 3-5 years and completed within 10 years. 30 years is really another lifetime. The consequences of inaction for Tuggeranong would result in the next 5- 10 years seeing local business relocation and more national retailers relocating to Woden and Gungahlin. The TCC will be addressing this issue at our first meeting with Chief Minister Katy Gallagher on Monday December 3rd 2012. From then forward it will be down to work for our Council and local MLAs in 2013 to all work together to seeing fruition to job creation projects, and identifying new suburbs for the Town region. I welcome you all to our last Tuggeranong Community Council meeting for 2012, which will be on Tuesday, December 4th 2012, at the Southern Cross Club Tuggeranong, 7.30pm. Our guest speakers will be Health Care Consumers Advocate Association and we will also have a report of the duplication of Ashley Drive by AECOM. Please all come along and share in the Christmas spirit, have a coffee, finger food and some cake on us. I would like to also take this opportunity on behalf of the Tuggeranong Community Council to also invite you all to the 2012 Tuggeranong Festival 2012. where the TCC will have a stall, on Saturday 1st Decembers at the Tuggeranong Town Park. I also wanted to wish every TCC members, Tuggeranong residents, our local community groups, and all our local MLA's and Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year 2013.

Accepted: Eric Traise Seconded: Alison Ryan

#### **Treasurer's Report (Frank Vrins):**

Current bank account balance is \$10,558.01 comprising of our Operating Account of \$1,143.22 and Investment Account of \$9,125.79. Expenditure totaled \$149.09, with the main items being for phone and

internet costs of \$22.14 and office costs of \$126.95. Income during the period was \$24.76 comprising bank interest of \$17.76 and membership fees of \$7.00.

Accepted: Jan Petrie Seconded: Jeff Chapman

#### **Sub-Committee Reports:**

# - Planning and Environment Committee

Glenys Patulny provided an update on the activities of the Tuggeranong Lake Carers (TLC) group and the recent clean up activities around the Lake. She also forecast further meetings of TLC and regular clean up campaigns around the Lake. The TLC also proposes a community awareness campaign and competition to design a new logo for the TLC.

# - Transport and Community Services Committee

Colin Petrie raised the issue of the NSW Government's recent approval of Tralee. He reiterated the ACT and Federal Government's strong opposition to Tralee and its possible impact on the Tuggeranong Valley in the future with the relocation of flight paths over the Valley.

Darryl Johnston moved the following motion:

"That this meeting of the Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) approve talks between the TCC Executive and the TCC's lawyers to discuss what, if any, legal action may be available to individual Tuggeranong Valley residents who find that their lives and properties have been negatively impacted by aircraft noise as a result of residential development at Tralee."

Seconded by: Colin Petrie.

Ross McConnell highlighted the example of lease agreements signed by residents living near Melbourne's Tullarmarine Airport. Eric Traise stressed that the issue still had a long way to go and highlighted the aspect of the ACT Government's opposition to the project and that it still required the co-operation of the ACT for it to proceed.

After a show of hands the motion was adopted unanimously.

#### **Police Report:**

Sergeant Daryl Neit, OIC of Tuggeranong Police Station provided the following report:

- Recently released Tuggeranong crime statistics showed a 16 percent decrease in overall offences compared to the previous year. However, there had been a slight increase in burglaries and assaults.
- Public assistance led to the arrest of a person responsible for recent armed robberies in Tuggeranong.
- Police will target shopping centres in the lead up to and over Christmas to guard against shoplifting.
- Increase in RBT activity in the Tuggeranong Valley.

# **Questions from the floor:**

Members raised some concerns, including the following:

- Information re attempted armed robbery and assault at Chisholm shops. Police have suspects.
- Re illegal parking in disabled spots.
- Recent police operation in Calwell.
- Meeting with Bonython residents re antisocial behaviour in the neighbourhood.
- Pedestrian safety in Tharwa Drive, Gordon

## **Update from Local Members:**

Nick invited the local Members in attendance, namely Gai Brodtmann, Joy Burch, Brendan Smyth and Andrew Wall to provide a brief report on current activities and issues of interest in the political arena.

Ms Brodtmann provided copies of a media release by local Federal Labor members and Senator condemning the NSW Government's approval of Tralee. She also reminded attendees to provide her office with information on volunteers to highlight in Parliament as "local heroes."

She presented a framed copy of a Hansard transcript to former TCC President, Darryl Johnston in which she highlighted and complimented his work and that of the TCC.

Andrew Wall MLA introduced himself as a new member for Brindabella. He thanked members for his election to office and promised to continue to work with the Council. He also paid tribute to Amanda Bresnan for her past work in the Assembly and in the community.

Brendyn Smyth MLA thanked the public for their support and being returned to the Legislative Assembly. He also paid tribute to our democratic system of government and the process of election.

#### **Ouestions from the floor:**

- Asked what the position of the Canberra Liberals was in regard to Tralee.
  - o Mr Smyth said the Canberra Liberals had always stated that they did not support anything that would lead to flight paths being relocated over Canberra. The Canberra Liberals had put forward the notion of legislation that would secure corridors and force the airlines within the boundaries set by the aviation authorities. "We have always said it they want to build something in NSW then it should not cause us to suffer".
  - Mr Smyth said he would take the matter up with Zed Seselja but was not sure if they would take it up with the NSW Government.

Ms Burch provided the following information:

Thanked voters for returning her to the Legislative Assembly. She also paid tribute to Amanda Bresnan and her work in the Assembly, community and as a member of the Council.

She reiterated the ACT Government's opposition to Tralee describing it as "a stupid idea" and that it must not go ahead. Ms Burch said she had briefly discussed it with the Chief Minister. Pleased to see funding allocated for Lake Tuggeranong. Highlighted the 55Plus Club's Grand Parents' Day on the shores of Lake Tuggeranong as a success.

A short break was taken at this stage prior to the presentation by our guest speaker(s).

# <u>Guest Speakers – Minders of Tuggeranong Homestead:</u>

President, Nick Tsoulias introduced Jennifer Horsfield of the Minders of Tuggeranong Homestead (MOTH). Ms Horsfield provided a brief Power Point presentation outlining the extensive work of MOTH in the restoration of the waterways, creek banks and surrounding land through cleaning up and the replanting of native vegetation.

#### **Questions from the floor:**

Various queries and concerns were raised by members, including the following:

- Linking the Tuggeranong Homestead to other historical sites in the Valley for tourism and education purposes.
- How new plantings will survive if there is a lack of water on the site?

# <u>Guest Speakers – Purdon and Associates:</u>

President, Nick Tsoulias introduced speakers from Purdon and Associates to outline the community consultation process over traffic safety and management in the eastern suburbs of Chisholm, Richardson, Gilmore, Macarthur and Fadden. Several diagrams were displayed to demonstrate various areas requiring attention.

# **Questions from the floor:**

Various queries and concerns were raised by members, including the following:

- Darryl Johnston expressed concerns over:
  - o traffic islands between bus stops in Benham Street, Chisholm and Clift Cres, Richardson which effectively block the roads when buses stop.
  - o the third lane on the Monaro Highway near the Service station that is used as a race track by motorists attempting to overtake everyone.
  - o the lack of "Keep Left Unless Overtaking" signs on the Monaro Highway northbound lane.
- Bill Heins stated a similar traffic study had been undertaken less than 10-years ago.
- Members raised concerns over safety for school children on Box Hill Avenue at Conder.

Other Business / General Announcements:
No matters were raised by members due to time constraints.
Meeting closed at 9.40pm. The next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 4 December 2012.