

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.

Questions from the floor:

- Asked what the position of the Canberra Liberals was in regard to Tralee.
 - 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 if 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).

Guest Speakers – Minders of Tuggeranong Homestead:

President, Nick Tsoulis 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?

Guest Speakers – Purdon and Associates:

President, Nick Tsoulis 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:
 - traffic islands between bus stops in Benham Street, Chisholm and Clift Cres, Richardson which effectively block the roads when buses stop.
 - the third lane on the Monaro Highway near the Service station that is used as a race track by motorists attempting to overtake everyone.
 - 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.**