

**Tuggeranong Community Council Inc**  
**General Meeting – 7 May 2013**  
**Minutes**

**Present:**

See attendance record of 7 May 2013

President Nick Tsoulias opened the Meeting at 7.30pm.

**Welcomes:**

Zed Seselja MLA

**Apologies:**

Gai Brodtmann MP, Rusty Woodward, Jan Petrie, Terry and Gail Barton, Sue Foley, Wayne King, Greg Downing.

**Confirmation of Minutes of April 2013 Meeting:**

Accepted: *Albert Orszaczky*                      Seconded: *Darryl Johnston*

**Matters Arising from April 2013 Meeting:**

The Secretary reported he had not received any further advice from the TCC's lawyers concerning the lack of response from Queanbeyan City Council (QCC) to the TCC's request for an explanation over a letter to the editor to The Canberra Times, which the TCC believed had been authored by a QCC executive.

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

President, Nick Tsoulias presented the following Report:

“Thank you for joining us for another meeting of the Tuggeranong Community Council.

During the month of April the TCC Executive attended a community forum in South Tuggeranong hosted by Mick Gentleman MLA. The Chief Minister opened the forum and took a diverse range of questions from the floor. The meeting was also attended by the Lanyon Residents Forum, residents from Chisholm and SETRA. Two weeks ago I was joined by our Treasurer Frank Vrins, Federal Member for Canberra Gai Brodtmann MP, Tuggeranong Hyperdome Manager Jodie Marques to launch the TCC petition to call on the House of Representatives to do all in its power to:

- *Maintain and improve existing public service jobs that are located in the Tuggeranong region; and*
- *To locate in Tuggeranong CBD the required 40,000 to 42,000 square metres of space that is needed to house the newly consolidated Commonwealth Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.*

I am pleased to announce our progress to date that we have around 500 signatures of support from all of you and our community thus far. For those residents wishing to support this, the petition will be available at the Hyperdome Management offices, and both at the Federal Member for Canberra Gai Brodtmann's office, and Senator Gary Humphries' office in Canberra City. The petition has also been circulated as widely as possible, and the TCC executive tonight urges you all to sometime during tonight's meeting to support and sign this petition, which can be done anytime throughout the evening. Our Vice President, Mr Russ Morison, has been actively meeting with the residents of Banks to see a balanced outcome for next week's auction of land at the Banks Shops.

Finally, a reminder to all members that there is a Tralee forum being possibly planned for 13th June. This forum is being organised by Federal Member for Canberra Gai Brodtmann MP and we will keep you all informed about this important forum. Only today the TCC sent its reply to the Canberra Airport and Village Building Group informing both these groups about the upcoming forum that may be held on the 13th June or later this year. The TCC also asks all financial members and any new members wanting to sign up as a new member or renew their annual membership to do so in the coming months. We have a great bunch of members on these sub committees who over the years have contributed to keeping a strong Council. I am also happy to say our attendance at TCC meetings has grown slightly over the last 6 months as the Club and our Treasurer have reported good attendances.

As tonight we have a number of speakers, I will encourage a good transparent meeting, and urge members to ask constructive questions that will benefit both our Council and our guest speakers.”

**Treasurer’s Report (Mr Frank Vrins):**

The Treasurer delivered his report as follows:

As at 7 May 2013 the balance was \$19,276.70 comprising of \$1,384.59 in the Operating account and \$17,892.11 in the Investment account. Total expenditure was \$1,458.79, comprising of \$465.26 office costs and \$993.53 for insurance.

Accepted: *Darryl Johnston* Seconded: *Colin Petrie*

**Sub-Committee and other Reports:**

**- Transport and Community Services Committee**

Russ Morison advised the ACT Government is seeking a new contract to complete the Park and Ride facilities at Calwell. Transport Sub-committee will hold a meeting at the Calwell Club tomorrow night, 8 May 2013.

Eric Traise advised members the NSW Government was seeking public comment on proposals to exclude certain areas close to Canberra Airport from future development. The TCC will lodge a submission.

He also encouraged TCC members to join the 2CC petition on petrol prices.

**- Footsteps to Follow**

Beverley Flint provided an update report on the *Footsteps to Follow* project being conducted as part of the Canberra Centenary.

**- Planning and Environment Committee**

Glenys Patulny advised the launch of two books, *Labor of Love* and *Tuggeranong Treasurers*, copies of which were made available for perusal and ordering by members.

**Police Report:**

Sergeant Daryl Neit presented the following brief report on crime statistics and information regarding other local Police activities during April:

- Increase in burglaries, property damage, assaults and stolen motor vehicles and number plates.
- 36 people arrested over March for various offences from breach of bail, outstanding warrants and traffic related offences.
- Police attended 819 jobs over the month.
- ACT police new roster trial underway. More proactive police operations out in the field and frees up over 50 police, resulting in:
  - Over 2000 RBT tests,
  - 48 traffic offences detected
  - 4715 RAPID scans
  - 88 drug tests
  - 10 on the spot fines issued
  - 6 arrests for drunkenness
  - 30 hours visiting licensed premises

**Questions from the floor:**

- Request for further information on RAPID scans.
- Update on closure of Kambah Pool Road at night. Update from Gleneagles Neighbourhood Watch by Terry Lee Reynolds.

**Update from Local Members:**

The President invited the various local Members in attendance to provide a brief report on current activities and issues of interest in the ACT.

Ms. Joy Burch (ALP) mentioned the following items:

- Offered to collect signatures on the Tuggeranong Public Servants Petition at her community stalls.
- Updated Assembly on NDIS and how it will be rolled out in the ACT.

Mr. Zed Seselja (Liberals) advised the following information:

- Introduced legislation for an additional Supreme Court Judge.
- Putting forward a motion on parking issues at Erindale.
- Draft Variation 306 will be debated tomorrow and putting forward a motion to oppose it.

Mr. Mick Gentleman (ALP) mentioned the following items:

- Calwell public forum
- Launched Centenary Rally.
- Launched Red Shield Appeal.
- Launched Bill on establishment of ACT Industrial Court.
- Change to Transport Act to allow people to ride more powerful electric powered bicycles.

Mr. Andrew Wall (Liberals) mentioned the following activities:

- Involved with visiting shopping centres and door knocking.
- Attended Men's Link meetings to discuss mental health awareness among young people.

Questions from the floor

- Re Men's Link and what schools were covered. ???

Mr. Brendan Smyth (Liberals) advised the following details:

- Paid tribute to Men's Link and highlighted mental health among men.
- Hester Place Youth Refuge. Holding discussions with Salvation Army.
- Federal Budget next week.
- ACT Budget issues.

Questions from the floor

- Re: Tuggeranong Men's Shed.
- Request update on new Chisholm Medical Centre.

**Guest Speaker – Steve Hardy Lend Lease Corporation**

President, Nick Tsoulias introduced Mr. Steve Hardy of the Lend Lease Corporation who addressed the meeting about the development of the Isabella Gardens Retirement Village.

Questions from the floor

- Re: Public access,
- Re: Parking facilities,
- Re: Emergency exits,
- Re: Unit size and costs.

**Guest Speaker – Kristi Jorgenson – Land Development Agency**

President, Nick Tsoulias introduced Ms Kristi Jorgenson who provided an update on progress with the planned Southquay development at Greenway.

Questions from the floor

- Re: Extent of development planned for the opposite side of the lake,
- Re: Tree planting on the foreshores,
- Re: Maintaining water quality,
- Re: access to Drakeford Drive.

**Other Business / General Announcements:**

Nil.

The next General Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, 4 June 2013**. Meeting closed 9.15pm.