

## MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY MEETING – 3 September 2024

### WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The meeting was opened at 7:30 pm by President, Glenys Patulny, with an acknowledgement of country and welcome to participants.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome everybody, since last meeting I have been involved in:

- Monaro Highway - walk over site near turnoff to Queanbeyan – with Harvey
- Supported Kambah Turns 50 events – on Planning group and provided insurance for Kambah Village Fair, attended Long Table Lunch and Kambah Village Fair and Vintage Car Display
- Put in submission to ACT government to help fund SouthFest next year
- On ABC Radio re Election commitment for Tuggeranong. Jeff spoke at South.Point session about SouthFest
- TCC Community Engagement Survey – to date 324 responses
- Attended Independent Competition & Regulatory Committee (ICRC ) on future water, gas and electricity pricing
- Youth and SouthFest committee meetings
- Topics for next meeting – any suggestions?

Remember Brindabella Candidates' Forum on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October just after our next Community meeting.

### POLICE REPORT

No representative or report was available.

### MP/MLA UPDATES

#### Laura Nuttall (ACT Greens):

- Skatepark to be redeveloped by 2027.

### GUEST SPEAKER(S)

#### **Tuggeranong History** - *Rebecca Lamb, Tuggeranong historian*

The Tuggeranong Valley was discovered in 1823 by explorers Mark John Currie, John Ovens & Joseph Wild

- Tuggeranong pastoral land can be seen from Mt Taylor
- Documented corroboree that took place in the Tuggeranong Valley in 1826/27 witnessed by William Edward Riley
- Thomas Macquoid the Sheriff of the Supreme Court of NSW took up a land grant in 1829 named his property 'Wanniassa'
- Wanniassa homestead evolved back into the original name of Tuggeranong Homestead, and was occupied by Andrew Cunningham then his son James Cunningham who managed the property under his overseer Peter McIntyre
- Jim Cunningham lived at Tuggeranong with his family and his brother Andrew lived at Lanyon.

#### Bean era:

Official historian for WW1, CEW Bean occupied the Tuggeranong homestead 1919-1925 along with his team of writers, cartographers and clerical staff and housekeepers.

Tuggeranong Creek regularly flooded and on one occasion in 1950s water was 19 feet deep in the creek near the homestead and it surrounded the house on all sides.

- The stone barn was built by convicts under Thomas Macquoid about 1830-35

#### McCormack era:

A seven-furlong racecourse was created by T J McCormack in 1929, but race meetings ceased after the death of Peggy Gibbs, a local jockey who fell while racing.

- In 1992 Minders of Tuggeranong Homestead (MOTH) Inc. was formed and incorporated as a community advocacy group to prevent inappropriate housing development on the heritage listed 31-hectare homestead property and today maintains regular landcare projects and holds heritage themed walks and talks in cooperation with the managers.

#### **Kambah History** - *Glenn Schwinghamer, Kambah historian and committee member for Kambah's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations*

- The first privately owned house in Tuggeranong, in Attiwell Circuit, Kambah, was handed over on 16 May 1974
- The suburb of Kambah is named after the Kambah Homestead (demolished 1981). The name for the area first appears in records from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. It could be of Aboriginal origin as claimed in Wikipedia, but evidence is needed
- Thomas Macquoid, Colonial Sheriff of NSW, was an early landholder
- In 1875 William Sullivan selected a piece of the large Yarralumla estate and named it Sulwood
- The oldest part of the Kambah Woolshed dates back to the time of Sulwood
- Raymond McClymont took up a lease in Kambah around 1926
- Rabbits, weed infestation and the Depression made it difficult for McClymont and a succession of subsequent leaseholders in the 1930s
- In 1940 Frank Sim Bennet swapped his Carinya property near Cooma for Kambah. Bennet served in the RAAF in World War II.
- Bennet subsequently developed Kambah into an agricultural show place, grazing sheep and cattle. He visited California to look at pasture improvement and had a dairy near McQuoids Hill. Bennet bred racehorses, including one called Kambah
- Bennet demolished the old Sulwood homestead and replaced it with the existing Nissen hut, which he used as a hayshed. The adjacent slab hut (Sulwood kitchen block) was demolished by the government in 1975
- The Urambi homestead (now demolished) was owned by farmer Gerald Sheehan from around mid 1920s to 1960
- Bennet's Kambah was resumed by the government for the development of Tuggeranong in 1970
- The Bennet's employee cottage behind the Kambah Homestead site is now used by Diversity ACT.

There is currently an art and heritage exhibition about Kambah on display at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre, open until mid-October.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Apologies:** Rod Anderson, Nicole Lawder, Mark Parton, Rosa Harber

**Minutes:** Previous meeting Minutes were accepted - moved by Albert Orszaczky, seconded by Lionel Wood. Approved

**Treasurer's Report:**

Brief report presented, with acceptance moved by Robyn Rofe, seconded Didi Sommer. Approved.

Meeting closed by the President at 9:30 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

**AGM to follow**