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The President's Pen

Dear Friends of the Tuggeranong Festival,

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2011. This year's Festival theme is "Nature on Your Doorstep", in recognition of the International Year of Forests. We hope that individuals and community groups are able to celebrate our theme at the Festival on Friday 25 through to Sunday 27 November 2011. We are also planning to celebrate the Festival throughout our public libraries at Erindale and Tuggeranong leading up to these dates. Watch this space for announcements!



The cornerstone of the Tuggeranong Festival is expressing the idea of "community". I was recently asked to define what the Tuggeranong Festival is. After some thought I explained it in this way: "the Festival is about stretching as far as your imagination wants to go, you can create whatever you feel. The beauty of the Festival is that it can be anything that adds value to the community".

With this in mind, our newly installed Festival Committee has been busy developing fresh ideas on activities and events, devising new approaches to engage the community and ways to attract volunteers to help with organising and planning. Some of these are covered in this publication, notably our efforts to tap into social media networks and our plans to be seen more often in the community (not just on the weekend of the Festival).

Our progress to date includes:

- Planning several volunteer recruitment drives at local shopping centres and disseminating information. We are thinking of having an information booth at Erindale, Calwell, Tuggeranong and Lanyon shopping centres in coming months.
- Greater emphasis on enjoying the benefits of physical activity in a non-competitive environment. We have been liaising with the Lake Tuggeranong Rowing Club on introducing a prestigious annual rowing event, Coerver Coaching ACT (endorsed by FIFA and UEFA) on conducting some football demonstrations aimed at young players, and the Vikings Lawn Bowling Club have confirmed that they will host the inaugural "King and Queen of Lawn Bowls" tournament.
- Conducting one-on-one meetings with community groups to encourage them to participate. We have already had some discussions with a number of walking groups/clubs, have approached local scouts groups and intend to contact community singing/choir groups soon. We would like to talk to as many groups as possible.
- Planning to expand and diversify the number and variety of stallholders.

Lastly, you will notice that we are continually upgrading and making our website more interesting and interactive. Please take a look at www.tuggeranongfestival.org.au and let us know your thoughts.

If you have ideas, big or small or suggestions on what you would like the Festival to include, please get in touch. I am also happy to attend any community group meeting to help them get involved in the Festival.

Happy reading and best wishes.

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Lake Tuggeranong Rowing Club

This year's Tuggeranong Festival sees the return of rowing racing to Lake Tuggeranong.

Lake Tuggeranong Rowing Club is hosting the inaugural Tuggeranong Festival Cup Regatta.

The event is limited to one boat class only, the quad scull. This is the fastest of all the sculling boats, only surpassed in speed by the eight oared boats.

The event will be a sprint type regatta raced over 500 metres. A series of heats and semi finals will be conducted between crews from all Canberra rowing clubs.

Competition will start at 10am with the final conducted at 2pm.



Pssst did you know ...

That work has commenced on the new club house for the Tuggeranong 55 Plus Club. The club house, being built on Cowlshaw Street, Greenway, is expected to be completed this year. It will be a wonderful community asset and a meeting venue for young 55s to host events and activities.

- Retired CEO of Communities@Work, Maureen Cane was named 2011 Canberra Citizen of the Year. Congratulations Maureen and well deserved! Retirement was short lived as Maureen is now CEO of Volunteering ACT, an organisation that Tuggeranong Festival is a member.

- The latest issue of the Tuggeranong Community Council Newsletter Valley Voice is now available at <http://bit.ly/valleyvoicemay2011>. Catch up on issues affecting our community, including Council meeting times/dates and how to get involved.
- Work on putting-up the walls, roof and sound and lighting beams for Tuggeranong Town Park stage should start next month. The works includes landscaping and architectural improvements to add to the parks aesthetics. Keep tuned for further announcements.

Scarecrow Competition

Entries are now open for this year's scarecrow competition.

Get your entries in early and get a head start on building your scarecrow. It's

rewarding, it's creative and most of all, it's good fun. You'll find the entry form at:

<http://tuggeranongfestival.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/ScarecrowComp2011.pdf>



Communities@Work

Communities@Work (C@W) has been a sponsor of the Tuggeranong Festival for the past 10 years. This valuable organisation provides a full range of services directly to more than 10% of Tuggeranong's residents. Its programs include child care and foster care, parenting and family support, youth programs, educational programs, transition housing, respite, disability services as well as transport, in home support and social activities for seniors. It also provides employment to more than 400 people and has about 200 volunteer staff and 150 self employed family day care educators.

For more information on C@W please call 6293 6500 or check out their website: www.commsatwork.org.