The drones have gone and we are certainly enjoying the quiet and peace from the noise and anxiety that they caused.

HAPPENINGS - Bonython Against Drones Action Group

• Organising our BBQ!!! The ‘THE DRONES HAVE GONE - CELEBRATION BBQ’ is to be held on Sat 2 March. More details further in this Bulletin.

• A presentation was made to the Gungahlin Community Council on 12 February. Approximately 25 people were at the meeting to hear from the experts, aka the Bonython Against Drones Committee, on what it is like living with drones in the suburbs.

• Evoenergy contacted the Bonython Against Drones Committee requesting a meeting to discuss the use of drones in the suburb for the purpose of detecting vegetation near power lines that could cause damage to power networks. It is an endorsement of our action group that they took the time to inform us of an appropriate use of drones. Unfortunately, the same very expensive (nearly $500,000) and technical drone that they brought to the meeting was shot down shortly afterwards while undertaking survey work around Tennant. We are of the understanding that a person has been assisting police with their enquiries on this incident. When Evoenergy secure another drone they will be letterbox-dropping to all effected residents that drone surveillance of power lines will be happening. The committee can assure all residents that the sound of this drone is a squeak compared to Wing drones and it will only be in your area for a very short time, perhaps no more than once or twice a year.

• Committee members met with Senator David Smith, preselected candidate for Bean. This was a very productive meeting with a positive outcome that he will continue the cause by Gai Brodtman to question the use and regulation of drones in the ACT.

INQUIRY INTO DRONE DELIVERY SYSTEMS IN THE ACT: Public hearings.

Submissions to the Parliamentary Inquiry in Drone Deliveries in the ACT closed last Friday 22 February. Indications are that over 100 submissions had been made. Updates will be broadcast when final numbers are released.

The Standing Committee on Economic Development and Tourism will hold the first public hearing on 6 March 9:30am – 2:00pm and 13 March 2019. Public hearings are held in Committee Room 1 (unless otherwise indicated) of the Legislative Assembly building and web streamed live. For further information refer to https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/in-committees/public-hearings-schedule
Saturday 2 March: 5pm
Trevor Kaine Community Park
(cnr Lundie St and Helpmann St Bonython)
.... look for the balloons

For those who shared in the trials of ‘the trial’, this is the time to celebrate the drones leaving and meet your fellow Bonython Against Drones Facebook ‘posters’ and community. Also meet the ‘behind-the-scene’ committee who has worked tirelessly (and sleeplessly) for the past 6 months to support you in making validated and important claims against the aggravation and frustration that the drones imposed.

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BYO chair, wine, beer, and cheer!

◊ Sausages sandwiches will be provided – vegetarian sausages by special request for those non-meat eaters! Or bring your own meal.
◊ Soft drinks will be also available.

For all residents who have had an interest or input into the drone debacle ...

lets celebrate!!!

ACT GOVERNMENT FOI

The second part of the ACT Government FOI release has been received with the final part due on 15 March. The FOI release indicates that Mr Gentleman invited the drones to Tuggeranong for the trial while attending the Project Wing drone delivery trial at Royalla. These FOI documents have been posted on the BAD Facebook. If you would like a copy, please email stopbondrones@gmail.com.
BONYTHON AGAINST DRONES WEBSITE

This website will stay live as an information sharing site and a public resource for all Canberra residents, extending the awareness of the huge impact drones have had on our lives and creating an online resource, clearly and justly, to highlight the numerous problems that the drones have created in our daily lives.

You are encouraged to still make contributions to this site to help make it more realistic to the perils of drones. Your lived experience and concerns count and are important. You are an expert on living with the drones!

This is YOUR website also and we invite you to include your own personal account or testimony. Please send your contributions to stopbondrones@gmail.com. It could be just a few sentences or a few paragraphs and we would only publish your first name underneath your words.

Check out the Bonython Against Drones web site - https://bonythonagainstdrones.com/

NODRONE ZONE - a Canberra North side initiative

The NoDrone.Zone community campaign has arisen due to opposition to the proposed expansion of the Wing drone delivery service beyond the initial trials that have already occurred in Bonython (Tuggeranong).

For further information contact Jon
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