

**Hackett Community Association
Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett:
Tuesday 17 February 2009.**

Present: James Walker (Chair), Terry de Luca, Max Huntington, Laura Turnbull, Waltraud Pix, Lorraine Mason, Harriet Spring, Pat McNamara; Peter Kelly; A. Martin, Bruce Smith

Apologies: Jochen Zeil, Dorothy Mackenzie

Minutes of last meeting, accepted with amendment to reflect attendance of Terry de Luca

Treasurer's report: No change

General Business:

Clean Up Australia day: It was agreed that HCA would support the Clean Up Australia day on 1 March.

Moved: Waltraud; Seconded: Terry.

Notice of future financial issues for Committee to consider: James foreshadowed three issues he will be raising in future which have financial implications for the Association:

1. Committee member name tags: plastic sleeves with the HCA logo - would help to identify Committee members at functions
2. Essay competition for kids - topic could be on people who streets were named after. This would involve research and writing - prizes could be book vouchers (we could approach Dymocks and/or Borders for sponsorship). Australian Dictionary of Biography may assist us to publicise.
3. Annual birthday event in May: a low key event (not full-scale birthday party) which could include a sausage sizzle/BBQ. People could also have their own craft stalls etc.

Terry also foreshadowed a motion to provide financial support (\$273.75) to assist in the recovery of data from a damaged hard drive belonging to Waltraud and Jochen. This hard drive has a large amount of community information and photographs on it and would be an important resource to retain. Waltraud will also be seeking funding from other sources. The Committee indicated a general disposition to support the proposal.

Traffic: Bruce set out a new proposal from ACT Roads to address the problem of vehicles using Hackett as a short-cut to Majura Ave:

- Option One involved preventing left hand turns from Antill St into Hackett between 7.00am and 9.30am on weekdays
- Option Two also prevents right hand turns into Hackett from Antill Street during that period.

The Committee noted the advantages of the proposal but also noted that it could disadvantage some drivers wishing to enter the suburb during that period (who would have to do so from Philip Ave). The Committee agreed that, on balance, the advantages would outweigh the disadvantages and that the Association should notify ACT Roads that they supported Option 2 being trialled for 6 months on the basis that:

- Residents were given advance notice of the trial;
- The period would end at 9.00am (allowing parents who were dropping kids off at school to return to the suburb).

Majura Parkway: Waltraud informed the Committee of proposals being developed to build Majura Parkway, which would be dual carriage. The plan at this stage involves moving the road significantly to the west of the existing road. There has been limited consultation - NCCC has not been approached. This will be something the HCA will need to watch as the proposals are further developed.

NCCC Website: Bruce reported that the NCCC website has been redeveloped and that there is scope for material about and from the HCA. The meeting agreed that material from the HCA should be put onto the web, subject to usual provisions about privacy. The NCCC should also be cautious about allowing advertising on the site.

Community Garden: Harriet reported that the grant application to develop an organic community garden in Hackett had been unsuccessful. It was seen to be too large in scope. A smaller scale approach may be attempted in future, but there are no immediate plans to do this.

Camping on Kellaway St car park: A(?) told the meeting that there has been camping at the car part on Kellaway St, leading to rubbish being left at and near the site, and also open flame BBQs being used. It was agreed that HCA would write to the City Rangers to see if "no camping" signs could be installed.

Clean up Australia Day in Hackett: Further to the item above, Waltraud asked for volunteers to help manage the clean up activities on the reserve near Kellaway St on 1 March. Particularly needed for the 2.30-4.00pm period.

Date for next meeting: Tuesday 16 December 2008

MINUTES OF HCA MEETING HELD 17 MARCH 2009

1. PRESENT: James Walker, Laura Turnbull, Max Huntington, Lorraine Marriott, Waltraud Pix, Harriet Spring.

18 visitors attended this meeting and several joined the HCA

2 APOLOGIES: Dorothy Mackenzie, Bruce Smith

3.MINUTES of previous meeting were accepted.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT NOT AVAILABLE

5. BUSINESS ARISING

1. Name tags will be available at \$5.00 each.
2. Essay Competition –President reported some success.
 - Open to all school-aged children
 - Topic: One of the people their street is named for
 - Closes 15th August
 - Had received notice of interest from several schools already
 - Formal invitations will soon be sent out by our Secretary.
 - Prizes, probably in the form of Book Vouchers./Mind Games
 - NCCC to be approached for support
 - Prizes & Results 15th September 2009
 - Publicity-as widely as possible-
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Moved :Harriot Spring Seconded: Lorraine Mason.

This was unanimously agreed upon

6. MAY CELEBRATION will be discussed next month

7 TRAFFIC IN HACKETT

James put the meeting in the picture as to what had happened so far.. It had been under discussion for a number of years now and we have recently received two Proposals from ACTPLA to deal with the problem

These were tabled.

Those present then asked leave to make comments.

1. JOHN KRIM asked “Did the community really have input to the problems involved? As a shop-owner he said that they would be opposing any restrictions to traffic access to Hackett Shops.. Roads & transport cannot restrict access in the way outlined in Options 1 & 2. It will cost the shops dearly and they are prepared to put money into opposing these.

(It was explained that in an emergency these restrictions would not apply)

2. Steve ,who lives in Kaleen said that they has a traffic problem there.

He had not heard about a problem in Hackett until now.He has lost a potential tenant for his shop because of the proposed changes to traffic flow.

He feels that there has not been a lot a thought put into this issue. Shop-owners have been put at a total disadvantage by these proposals. Could we not seek other

options e.g. Traffic- Calming measures or having more crossings for children or the aged.?

James outlined some of the HCA Committees' earlier suggestions re traffic control- e.g. Lights had been suggested but the cost was said to be prohibitive for the near future.

3 A comment was made that Hackett had been designed to stop through traffic but this is not working.

4. Workers at IGA need access to the shops so do trucks making deliveries

5 Amanda went to both meetings on Traffic Issues as a result of seeing adverts in "Neighbourhood Watch" She commented that 7-9a.m. restrictions have worked at Ainslie. She felt that we should trial these options. She did see the problem with delivery trucks.

6. Chris was looking at buying a house in Hackett. He thought that w by-pass was needed for Gunghalin traffic.

7. Waltraud said that we should also be aware that it is the quality of life in Hackett that was being threatened. The residents here have valued the "Peace & Quiet" of this suburb. We should be asking how we can protect this. She felt that concern was justified to protect this.

8. Gissa, who lives in Hackett, we are getting the "brush-off" from Roads & Traffic on this. Canberra should have an integrated Traffic Plan. We need to have a two way approach to this issue. Residents need to protect their homes. Calming measures and even Traffic Lights should be considered. We should be pushing for Community Safety.

9 Pat brought e-mails from several people he had contacted about this issue (see attached) He felt that this issue would be affecting House Prices soon if we ignored this .He asked when we need to respond to these proposals. James replied that we would be preparing a response in the near future. We are still looking at Traffic Response input.

10 We should be pressing for a decision on this issue. This problem CAN be solved. Lorraine asked if there was a similar problem with traffic in the afternoons?

11. Eric Glasnicks said that lights should be placed at the top of Mt. Majura Road where it meets Phillip Avenue.. Why not place a set of lights there?

12. James explained that there were three options :-

1) Roundabout 2) Lights 3) Proposals under discussion

James said there are 1430 house in this suburb. Traffic calming measures need to be considered as a priority. We need to be writing to our MLA's & M.P's.

He urged everyone to seek publicity on this issue. Elizabeth said that our concerns need to be further publicized. Surrounding schools should be canvassed and drawn into this concern. All measure need to go before the Assembly.

Harriet suggested that we go for a concerted PUSH for lights. We will put suggested proformats on our website for the use of residents; advertisements in Neighbourhood Watch; approach NCCCC for their support .Last year they did agree to this approach.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

**Hackett Community Association
Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett:
Tuesday 21 April 2009.**

Present: James Walker (Chair), Terry de Luca, Max Huntington, Laura Turnbull, Bruce Smith

Apologies: Jochen Zeil, Dorothy Mackenzie, Waltraud Pix, Lorraine Mason, Harriet Spring,

Minutes of last meeting, Read by Laura, and accepted

General Business:

Attendance at meetings: The issue of non-members attending meetings was discussed. It was agreed that notice to the Committee should be given that there is strong general interest in an issue, and consideration given to whether there should be a general meeting (as opposed to a Committee meeting) to cater for wider discussion.

Traffic update: There was a general discussion about traffic issues and options, and an update on where things stood since the last meeting. It was agreed that a set of questions for ACT Roads would be circulated by Bruce by email and then sent to Roads for their response.

Name tags: Options for titles and icons on name tags were discussed. James thought it would help to have titles so that people at public events and AGMs would know who was who. It was agreed that the Chair should have his title on his card, that this could also be appropriate for the Treasurer and Secretary.

Funding for recovery of hard drive: It was confirmed that a cheque had been provided to Waltraud as a contribution to the costs of recovering data (as previously agreed by the Committee).

Financial records: The need for the current Treasurer (Lorraine) to have a full set of financial records was discussed. Terry will ensure that he has provided Lorraine with past records.

Membership list and policy: HCA's membership policy was discussed, including the issue that there is no provision for members to be taken off the membership list once they join. This means that people who have long since had no contact with the Association are still on the list (including people who may have left the suburb or died). It was agreed that:

- James would give consideration to options for changing the Constitution to specify, for example, that only people who have renewed their membership in the previous two years should be counted as members;
- Members who join in May or June would be counted as financial members for the following financial year.

Sir John Hackett Essay Competition: James provided an update on progress. Options for publicity were discussed, including:

- HNW newsletter
- Canberra Times/Chronicle/City News
- Local radio
- Posters in shops and schools (Bruce will do design/ Terry will print off)
- Church noticeboards
- Website
- Emails

Other aspects of the essay competition discussed were:

- Australian Dictionary of Biography (ADB) representative will attend the AGM in September to announce the winner
- Entries will be numbered to ensure anonymity
- There will be 3 assessors for each paper
- Prizes could include trophies, certificates, movie vouchers (Terry will see if Dendy would be interested in providing these)
- Possibly copy of a volume of the ADB
- Some of the winning entries could also be included in the 50 Year History of Hackett

50 year history of Hackett: James outlined a proposal for the HCA sponsoring the development of a history of Hackett in time for its 50th birthday in 2013 (the same time as Canberra's 100th birthday). James discussed a number of possible elements of the project, including:

- Getting things going by collecting lists of names of original residents from early phonebooks and electoral rolls
 - This could be sought at Territory Archives (at McArthur House)
 - We could ask for volunteers to undertake this
- An Oral history program including:
 - People recording themselves; or
 - By interviews by volunteers (James is willing to train volunteers)
- It would be particularly important to speak to original residents where possible, including those who came as kids (eg Kate Lundy)
- Another possible source are the ABS books on North Canberra

Hackett Birthday party: The best timing for a small scale event was discussed. It was agreed to hold the party on the first Saturday in September. This will provide time for publicity and people are more willing to come to events like this in Spring.

Community Garden: Terry talked about the need to revisit the concept of a community garden in Hackett. This was proposed last year, but did not receive ACT Government funding support. Terry proposed a meeting with Jon Stanhope to see if there was a chance of getting funding. He will speak to Edwina Richardson first to get a better understanding of why the original application was unsuccessful, and any other learnings from that process. It was agreed that:

- Bruce will send a copy of the proposal to Terry
- He will provide a physical copy for discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Date for next meeting: Tuesday 19 May 2009

**Hackett Community Association
Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett:
Tuesday 19 May 2009.**

Present: James Walker (Chair), Max Huntington, Laura Turnbull, Dorothy Mackenzie Lorraine Mason, Harriet Spring, Pat McNamara, Ray Prowse, Jan Prowse, Bruce Smith

Apologies: Jochen Zeil, Waltraud Pix, Terry de Luca,

Minutes of last meeting, accepted

General Business:

National Tree Day: National Tree Day will be on 2 August. Waltraud has passed on her request that the HCA provide moral support for the Day (no funding needed) and help to spread the word that its on. Waltraud will also be arranging for an article in the Newsletter to advertise activities.

50 Year Book: James talked about the need to find someone who can handle historical statistics to start compiling information in preparation for the book. While we do have 4 years to prepare the book, we should start thinking about it now. In regard to oral history, it would also be desirable to identify long-term and former residents who might be willing to be interviewed. It is important, however, to ensure that people are willing to take part first.

Essay competition: James provided an update on progress. Letters have been sent to schools and support secured from the Australian Dictionary of Biography. We will need to put posters up, and provide appropriate text to schools. Could also provide more information on an appropriately designed web page. It was agreed to extend an invitation to local politicians to attend the AGM in September to present prizes to winners of the competition.

Hackett website: Bruce provided an update on the content of the Hackett website (part of the North Canberra Community Council website). We should put very brief biographies of committee members on the site, including possibly work, when came to suburb, how long on committee and particular interests (possibly also qualifications if thought desirable). It was agreed that the Minutes of meetings should be put onto the website once they have been approved by the Committee.

Traffic: There was a wide-ranging discussion about traffic, which included consideration of:

- Questions to be put to ACT Roads (which have previously been circulated). It was suggested that an additional question could address whether it would be feasible to have traffic lights operating part-time
- Update on Majura Parkway redevelopment, and whether funding will be included in the next ACT Budget
- Merits of traffic lights versus roundabout at Majura/Philip intersection

Community garden: There was discussion about the reasons for the rejection of last year's application to the ACT Government for funding for a community garden in Hackett. It is not entirely clear, but one element could have been the level of funding requested. Discussion then turned to whether it would be feasible to re-start the process, and particularly whether it would be worth undertaking a community consultation process about the desirability of a garden, its location and possible uses. Jan and Ray also discussed their plans to develop a garden off Grayson St, and there was discussion about possible support for this, particularly from the Canberra Organic Gardens Society (COGS).

The meeting closed at 8.40pm. The next meeting will be held on 16 June.

Hackett Community Association

Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett: Tuesday 16 June, 2009

Present: James Walker (Chair), Dorothy Mackenzie, Lorraine Mason, Waltraud Pix, Alyssa Bayley, Steve Savoulidis, Chris Hallett, Tony Folino.

Apologies: Max Huntington, Bruce Smith, Laura Turnbull, Jochen Zeil.

Because the meeting was without a quorum we didn't approve the minutes of 19 May and decided to go through the General Business under the headings used in 19 May minutes and bring the people present up to date on what is happening. **There would be a meeting next Tuesday 23, at same time, according to the constitution.**

General Business:

- **Traffic issues-** The only response we have so far is an e-mail from the Chief Minister that was published in the June HNW newsletter in which he understands that the installation of traffic lights is the preferred option to managing the volume of traffic at this intersection and that a proposal will be developed by Roads ACT for consideration by the ACT Government as part of the 2010/11 Capital Works Program. There has been nothing further from Roads ACT re answers to Bruce's questions. It is believed that Tony Gill would like to push for lights.
- One of the visitors (Friends) to the meeting lives at the intersection on Phillip Ave and would be very disadvantaged by lights being installed there. He would like to see a round-about. We have no idea how many people have sent a letter to the Chief Minister.
- **Majura Parkway-** Tony Gill will attend our meeting in August to talk about the New Alignment of Majura Parkway closer into the foothills of Majura and Ainslie. It is placed here as there is a possibility of a high speed train to Sydney that will have a terminal at the Airport. This is a matter for NCCC's consideration.
- **Hackett's Birthday Event-** The date nominated by executive is the first Saturday in Spring – September 5, 2009, 11 am – 2 pm. Max and Terry suggested that it would help get people used to the idea of congregating at the shops for a Sausage Sizzle (Rotary), invite two schools to send their bands, and have some stalls run by people from the community. It makes it easier for people to keep in touch, rejoin and renew membership. But there is a considerable amount of work to be done even though it would be small. Eg. Setting up displays, posters, decorations, other ideas.
- **Community Garden-** The people interested in this matter were not available. Alyssa Bayley registered her interest. Harriett Spring and Edwina Richardson are not available.

- **Essay Competition-** James brought us up to date. The National Centre of Biography has included half a page to the competition and will support it. Children must live in Hackett, write about the name of the street where they live and it must be their own work. James has rung some schools attended by Hackett chn to ask them to bring the competition to the attention of the students' concerned. It is important that chn hear about it in plenty of time to write. Steve suggested that the IGA could hand out printed copies of entry forms to shoppers with chn or chn living nearby, to help spread the word. Entry form will also be on Nth Canberra Website. The winning entries will be announced at the AGM of the HCA, and prizes awarded. Melanie, editor of NCB has indicated that she would like to be present. There will need to be a list of prizes on the entry form. The things that need to be done are – to complete the design and production of Entry Form so that they can be handed out in July. Conditions of entry etc must be clear. Eg. Judges decision will be final. Closing date will be 15 August. We are looking for a suitable portrait of Sir John Hackett for the entry form. It was suggested by Steve that the winning essay could be installed in one of the shop windows as a permanent display. Essays good enough may be published in the 50 Year Book of Hackett.
- **Steve Savoulidis, shop owner** mentioned a wall that could be used to display essays, posters etc. He talked about people using the area adjacent to end shop for rough living, drinking etc. They have done a big clean up and will be planting ground cover instead of the shrubs.
- **AGM of HCA is** scheduled for the third Tuesday in September (15th). It will begin with a presentation to the prize winners of the Essay competition, by Melanie of N.C.B. We need another drawcard to attract members, and media present so that it is a really worthwhile occasion. It is hoped that it can be included in Schools' newsletters.
- **50 Year Book for Hackett.** Histories of the following will need to be included: Primary School, Pre-School, Knights of the Southern Cross, MAMPA (Mount Ainslie and Majura Protection Association), FoMM, NHW, Churches, Scouts, Guides, Brownies, ACTEWAGL, Telstra, Canberra City Band, Bus Services and shelters, Organisations _ Dragwayaway, C4C. Need to examine old Electoral Rolls and old Telephone Books, ACT Sports House have promised assistance. The Hackett Oval, Government houses, Gypsies and dunny can services (people living in caravans on their blocks while building their houses).
- **Need to form a Working Group – Bruce and James have volunteered to chair it.** The book is due to come out on the centenary of ACT so will attract some Gov't assistance maybe set up costs could be covered. But we need to start thinking about

it now and have as much done as soon as possible. It needs to have a statistical base so we need someone who is willing to research and read statistics. We need photographs. List of local representatives (James will handle this)

- **The Editor of Neighbourhood Watch newsletter, Jochen Zeil, has tendered his resignation. He will be leaving for Sabbatical. He may be able to produce the July edition.**
- **Meeting adjourned until Tuesday 23 June.** Constitution requires that if a Committee meeting does not have a quorum it will meet again a week later. No formal decisions were made at the above meeting. There will need to be a confirmation of the date of the birthday “do”.
- **Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.**

**Hackett Community Association
Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett:
Tuesday 21 July 2009.**

Present: Max Huntington, Laura Turnbull, Dorothy Mackenzie Lorraine Mason, Mike Hettinger, Waltraud Pix, Terry de Luca, Bruce Smith

Apologies: Jochen Zeil, Harriett Spring, James Walker

Record of last meeting, noted (given that meeting was non-quorate) Dorothy/Waltraud

Matters arising from minutes

It was agreed that it would be sensible to link the next celebration at Hackett shops to the opening of the new shops. This would maximise participation, provide a promotional opportunity for the shops and generate a sense of renewal of the shops. Bruce agreed to find out when the new shops would be opening.

General Business:

National Tree Day (2 August): Waltraud gave an update: Andrew Barr had accepted an invitation; North Canberra Rotary would do the BBQ; there will be Canberra Chronicle Coverage, and there would be a Schools Day on 31 July

Treasurer's Report: Lorraine reported that the balance is \$1,030.16. She also reported that \$25 had been incorrectly deposited to the account. It was agreed to restore this money to the rightful association (not HCA).

Majura Parkway: Bruce and Waltraud gave an update of issues. Discussion particularly focussed on the connections (or lack thereof) between the parkway and a Very Fast Train in the Majura Valley and the Airport. The key issue is that the proposed route of the Parkway (at high cost and maximum environmental and community impact) is being influenced by a possible need for a Train link to the Airport. It was agreed that a train link was unlikely in any event, but if it did happen, it should not be automatically assumed that it should be linked to the airport.

Community Garden: The Committee considered a letter from Edwina Richardson stating that she was unable to commit to time on developing a community garden in Hackett at this time. Terry indicated that he was interested in pursuing this, but in a low key way over time given other commitments. The Committee supported Terry in that approach.

The Committee also noted the reference in Edwina's letter to plans by Blue Gum school for a new hall. It was agreed to invite Blue Gum to talk about its plans.

Essay competition: It was agreed that, subject to a number of entries being received, prizes for the competition should be: \$30 book vouchers for first prize and \$25 vouchers for runners up. It was agreed to apply to the NCCC for funding of up to \$300 to cover the cost of prizes if necessary.

Membership records: It was agreed that a letter be sent to existing members asking them to indicate their interest in continuing as members of the HCA (Laura/Terry). An amendment to the proposed letter was agreed which would note the membership fees. Agreed that Bruce would send out the letters and that the HCA would cover the costs of postage.

Hackett website: Committee members agreed to provide brief biographies for the website.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm. The next meeting will be held on 18 August.

**Hackett Community Association
Committee Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett:**

Tuesday 18 August 2009.

Present: James Walker (Chair), Max Huntington, Laura Turnbull, Lorraine Mason, Waltraud Pix, Maureen Hartung, Bruce Smith

Apologies: Jochen Zeil, Harriett Spring,

Minutes of last meeting, accepted Bruce/Waltraud

Chair's Report

James noted the need to start preparing for the AGM (later item) and reported that there had not been any entries for the Essay Competition.

Treasurer's Report

Lorraine reported that the current balance in account is \$1040.16

Traffic

The Committee discussed the responses by Roads ACT to the questions put to them by the HCA. It was agreed that the Committee would go back to Roads ACT with a series of supplementary questions:

- It is still not clear why a traffic light only operating 90 minutes a day would not be possible - can we get additional clarification?
- Regarding the "no entry to Maitland St" option, would it be feasible to:
 - Just do Maitland St, acknowledging that there would be scope to go down other streets, but that it is unlikely that many cars would take this option; or
 - Just do the closer (to Antill St) end of Maitland, on the basis that cars are unlikely to go down the other end of Maitland since they are almost at the Phillip/Madigan intersection at that point, and they will have to go through the 40 kph school zone
- In regard to the possibility of a 50 kph zone on Madigan St, would it be possible to subject it to a Local Area Treatment Management (similar to what led to Officer Cres being zoned as 50 kph)?

Change in constitution

It was agreed to propose a motion for the AGM to amend section 8 of the HCA Constitution to add a clause stipulating that: "The Committee may remove from the membership roll any members who have for 2 years ceased to pay annual subscriptions" (Moved Laura/Bruce)

Annual General Meeting

It was confirmed that the date for the meeting would be 22 September, and that the venue will be St Margaret's Church Hall. A sub-group to organise the meeting will consist of Laura, Bruce and Lorraine.

The next meeting will be the AGM to be held on 22 September.

Hackett Community Association Annual General Meeting

7.30pm, Tuesday 29 September 2009
St Margaret's Church Hall

Present: [as recorded in attendance book]

[Note: this meeting following an initial meeting on 22 September, which was not quorate - largely due to incredibly inclement weather]

James Walker opened the meeting and welcomed everyone

Minutes of AGM of 20 September, accepted (Bruce/Dorothy)

Treasurer's report

Lorraine reported that the balance for the Association is \$1,030.16. Report accepted (Lorraine/Terry)

Chair's Report: (attached)

In his verbal report James highlighted a number of key developments for HCA over the last year:

- Not enough use made of working groups
- Difficult to generate interest in community activities for a number of reasons:
 - Hackett not a community yet
 - Increase in younger families - less time to spend on community activities
 - Also strong NIMBY factor
- Some very successful activities:
 - Waltraud's work with FoMM
 - Jochen's work with NCCC
 - Dorothy's work with Neighbourhood Watch
- In contrast, the Sir John Hackett Essay Competition was not successful
- Another success was the Hackett section of the NCCC website
- Traffic has got worse over the year:
 - a public meeting was held in November, but limited agreement about how to move forward - objections even to traffic lights
 - some relief may be provided with Majura Parkway, but that will be limited, and has issues of its own
 - some good recent publicity on TV and radio
- Additional highlights for the community over the last year were:
 - Arrival of the Majura SES at the old Band Hut
 - HCA's support for a community garden
 - Success of National Tree Day and Clean Up Australia Day

Future challenges

- Traffic problems will continue - working group will need support
- Possible Hackett 50 year book
- Streamlined bike path access
- Toilets at shops
- Tables and seats under trees at shops
- Polling place for Hackett

James also extended his congratulations to people in Hackett honoured for their volunteer work.

Chair's report accepted (James/Jochen)

Jochen also moved a vote of thanks for the work of the Committee over the last year.

Amendment to Constitution

It was agreed to amend section 8 of the HCA Constitution to add a clause stipulating that:

“The Committee may remove from the membership roll anyone who has, for 2 years, ceased to participate in the Association through either:

- (a) not paying their annual subscription; or
- (b) other criteria determined by the Committee”

Elections:

- **Chair:** James Walker
- **Deputy Chair:** Max Huntington
- **Treasurer:** Lorraine Mason
- **Assistant Treasurer:** Terry de Luca
- **Secretary:** Bruce Smith
- **Assistant Secretary:** Dorothy Mackenzie
- **Public Officer:** Laura Turnbull
- **General Committee:** Waltraud Pix, Jochen Zeil, Keiran Vaughan

General business

50 year book: will need to set up a working group to support this project.

Frequency and nature of meetings: Terry proposed that meetings be held every second month, which will decrease the pressure on people. In addition:

- James suggested that there be a couple of daytime events for people who can't get out at night. These could be in place of some committee meetings and could take the form of a “Meet the Committee” morning at the local café (when open)
- Jochen suggested that in “off months” we organise a talk instead from politicians or community activists

Email distribution: It was agreed that email addressees should be done as “BCC”, and that all emails go through the Secretary (with a phone call to him to notify)

Christmas dinner: agreed that we should have one this year.

Casuarina trail: Waltraud said that the new trail would be launched this Friday by the Chief Minister - the Committee congratulated Waltraud on this achievement.

HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 2009

CHAIR'S REPORT

Administration

Nine Committee meetings have been held since the last AGM. They were well attended.

During the year the Committee had to move from the Friends of Blue Gum Lounge to ACT Sports House, where it currently meets, on the 3rd Tuesday of most months. All HCA members are entitled to attend the Committee and listen in.

This year not enough use was made of working groups and the Committee had to deal with subjects which would have been better left to the groups.

Overview of activities

The last year was a very mixed one for Hackett. There is still a great deal of indifference and unfortunately of NIMBY. Some of our representatives are not really aware of us until something happens.

On the other hand, we also have a very active group of people who are working very hard indeed on Hackett's behalf both in HCA and in other groups, and they have had some successes.

NCCC have created a North Canberra website <http://northcanberra.org.au/> and Hackett and HCA have their own segments. Those having internet access are encouraged to access the site for up-to-date information.

Our traffic problems continue. HCA has continued to explore relief options with Roads ACT and held a public meeting at the Friends of Blue Gum School Lounge in November. At the meeting there were a large number of options put forward, most of which also received objections. While there was general agreement that something needed to be done, there was also considerable disagreement as to what (with a great deal of NIMBY). Traffic lights at the intersection of Phillip and Majura Avenues seems to be the preferred options, but even this has been objected to. Roads ACT put traffic lights forward for the current ACT Budget but this was not successful. Roads ACT will try again next year.

Roads ACT has responded to a number of questions that HCA has put forward. Some relief may be provided in the longer term by the development of Majura Parkway, but this has a number of problems of its own (these are being addressed by the NCCC).

Over the last few weeks the traffic problem has received some media attention with the Chair being approached by the ABC and the *Canberra Chronicle*. On Wednesday 16th September the Chair was interviewed by the ABC and part of this interview was carried on the news on ABC-FM and 666 the next morning. Thursday also saw the Chair and the NCCC Chair being interviewed at the Majura/Phillip Ave intersection and this carried on ABC-1 news that night and on the ABC website.

Traffic will be an on-going problem for Hackett, especially as the past weekend saw the announcement that the ACT's population was expected to reach 400,000 by 2020.

A major development in the suburb's life this year has been the arrival of the Majura SES at the old Band Hut. At the November committee meeting SES representatives attended to brief us. HCA was represented at the opening of their new base.

During the year HCA was asked to support the creation of a community garden and the Committee agreed to do so. While the application to the ACT Government was unsuccessful, the Committee still supports this project in the longer term.

HCA was asked to support the Clean Up Australia Day and agreed to do so.

The Future

Traffic concerns will continue to be a subject for HCA activity and any member who wishes to be involved should join the working group. Other items for consideration could include: a Hackett 50 year book; more streamlined bike path access from Hackett to the city; public toilets at the shops - the shopkeepers have been after this for some time; tables and seats under the trees at the shops - if finances permit perhaps HCA could meet part of the cost; a polling place for Hackett. Other matters, which people wish to be considered, should be sent to the Secretary.

James Walker
Chair

22 September 2009

**Hackett Community Association
Committee Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett:**

Tuesday 18 October 2009.

Present: James Walker (Chair), Max Huntington, Lorraine Mason, Terry de Luca, Bruce Smith

Apologies: Pat McNamara

Minutes of last meeting, accepted Bruce/Lorraine

Working Groups

The main focus of the meeting was the reconstitution of working groups, following the discussion at the AGM that greater use should be made of groups as opposed to doing all business through the main committee.

Traffic: It was agreed to maintain the Traffic and Pedestrian working group (Bruce/Max)

Membership: It was agreed to establish a Membership working group, with a particular focus on implementing the change to the constitution agreed at the AGM (Terry/Max). Membership will consist of the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

Shops: There was discussion about whether it was necessary to establish a working group about facilities at the Hackett Shops - including toilets and seats and a table. It was noted that there are arguments for and against toilets, and that a number of similar shopping centres do not have toilets. It was agreed that, while seats would be desirable, there did not appear to be strong community support for these at this stage, and that a working group on this issue would not be formed. The Association would, however, be willing to endorse work by others.

50 year book: It was agreed to establish a working group to take forward work on a book commemorating the 50th birthday of Hackett. The Chair is willing to do a lot of the work on this, but will need support. Funding will need to be sought for an editor at a latter stage of the process. Issues that will need to be addressed include:

- Gathering material, including statistics that are meaningful (eg. largest number at primary school). Will also need to undertake oral histories. Need to track down the first people, but not only them – later people see it differently.
- Campbell is good example, but perhaps left later than desirable. We've got 4 years
- Lots of material available at Heritage Library. eg. Ainslie Voices, Campbell history, Canberra High School,

It was agreed that an email would be sent out to canvass the names of people who might be interested in being part of the working group.

Other groups: It was agreed to formally close down the Sustainable Hackett group (now merged into North Canberra See-Change) and to leave Healthy Hackett suspended at this stage.

Committee meetings

There was a general discussion about advantages and disadvantages of moving to meetings every 2 months. The general feeling was that it would be better to keep to monthly meetings on the basis that this would be easier for people to remember and keep track of them. We could just make ad hoc decisions that, in addition to the current

arrangements for an informal meeting in December and no January meeting, we could also decided not to have one or two meetings in winter (possibly replacing them with speakers etc).

Car parking

It was noted that some parents at Blue Gum School are driving around back of school to pick up their children – this may not be an appropriate use of that space and may be damaging to the park. Will follow up with email to school to get further information.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.

The next meeting will be held on 17 November.

**Hackett Community Association
Committee Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett:**

Tuesday 17 November 2009.

Present: James Walker (Chair), Max Huntington, Patrick McNamara, Lorraine Mason, Laura Turnbull, Dorothy Mackenzie, Kieran Vaughan

Apologies: Bruce Smith, Terry de Luca

Minutes of last meeting: Accepted Bruce Smith/James Walker with corrections under Car Parking. Second sentence should read "This may not be an appropriate use of that space..."

Treasurer's Report: Lorraine reported that the closing balance as at 30 October, 2009 in the bank totals \$1,133.16.

Business:

- 1. Monash Drive. National Capital Planning Authority** is calling for submissions to remove Monash Drive off the Territory Plan.
 - One letter of reply needs to be written on our behalf. Will Secretary please write the submission?
 - At every previous consultation and at public meetings the majority of residents of Hackett expressed a wish to get Monash Drive off the Plan.
 - People expressed a wish for Hackett to remain the quiet suburb near to the Nature Reserve of Mt Majura with no expressway between houses and the Park.
 - Other suburbs will be affected if this goes ahead one day so need to send their own submissions.
 - There ensued a long discussion of the traffic problems of Hackett in the early peak hour period – "If Monash Dr. goes we are left with rat running". It's not so much the quantity of traffic but speed. Madigan and Maitland affected mainly, though some people in Phillip Ave can't get out of their driveways. There are no signs saying Maitland is 50 kmh. Need Traffic lights or a pedestrian crossing on Madigan for children crossing from Upper Hackett to the School. Traffic calming in form of bumps or refuges may be a way to slow speeds – but if there is a formal crossing should be lit at night. Max thinks that the ACT Govt would not build a road like this as it would cost too much money. Majura Parkway may alleviate problems of Gungahlin residents need for proper access.

- 2. Investigation for proposal for bike paths for ACT:** Chairman James informed the meeting that there will be a community consultation early in the new year. As there won't be another formal meeting this year we need to be fully briefed on our proposal for increased use of bike paths.
- Hackett (and Watson) are not part of the City's bike path system.
 - The end of the bike path from Dickson College is very unsatisfactory and some cyclists end up in the DC carpark.
 - Not safe- The bridge needs to be widened.
 - The bike path should continue by some route to Hackett Shopping Centre.
 - A bike path along the burn behind Ainslie has been suggested. Campbell High students use this dirt path at the moment and they need a safe way to travel away from the roads. Work needs doing to alleviate the dangers of this route especially the gullies. It would be very costly to construct a bitumen path – machinery etc.
 - Suggestions and responses need to be asked from the community – perhaps through the newsletter.
- 3. ACT Roads email.** Patrick read this out to the meeting.
- **Traffic Lights** – can't be switched off. Have to be full time not part-time
 - **Maitland Street**- plan for restrictions to cars turning down this street off Madigan.
 - **Madigan Street**- speed cameras – mobile speed camera vans has been added to list for assessment.
 - **ACT Policing** will be asked to focus on the Hackett area.
 - Laura suggested that we ask the Secretary to send a letter thanking ACT Roads? We are pleased that they've heard our concerns and we'll watch with interest.
 - **Max** asked how lights at Majura/Phillip would discourage people to cut through Hackett streets and there was a discussion on timing of lights so that cars from Antill on Phillip Ave would have preference to cars that have used Madigan and Phillip.
 - **The key issue is safety** – especially of children walking to school.
- 4. Letter to Blue Gum School** re parking on grass area behind school.

- Question of who is legally responsible for this area and what is its status.
 - Car parks fill quickly but Parents need part of the car park for “Drop Off” only.
 - Parents are using tracks behind the school so that young chn can be dropped off and picked up.
 - Need to get the stakeholders - Blue Gum, Sports House and HCA together to sit down as there are a number of issues for the school. The verbal approach is a softer approach rather than through letters.
 - Max volunteered to find out the status of the land behind Blue Gum. Then James and Laura will make a time to talk to the Principal.
5. **Volunteers for Various Working Groups.** This will be left until next year.
 6. **NHW Editor** – Patrick was asked how the position will be filled. He is still asking around for expressions of interest.
 7. **Christmas Get Together for Committee members** - 15 December, 7.30 pm. Venue will be decided and an email sent to all involved.
 8. **The meeting closed at 9.00 pm**
 9. **Next meeting will be third Tuesday in February, 2010.**