

2013 minutes

Hackett Community Association Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett 18 February 2013.

Present: Marian Williams, James Walker, Terry de Luca, Lorraine Mason, Kaye Murphy, Greg Haughey, Dorothy Mackenzie, John Carty, Waltraud Pix, Bruce Smith.

Visitor: Barry Price.

Apologies: Max Huntington

Hackett's 50 Year Book -

Mr Barry Price, a Watson resident who is writing a history of Watson, was invited to address the meeting on the processes that he is going through and that are working well for him. He has spent 9 months on his research and writing drafts and is 85% through the task.

Documentary evidence allows questions to be asked and important to get dates correct.

- Govt files in ACT Archives – ask for Mark Dawson to assist
- Restrictions on years that materials become available to be viewed
- Commonwealth Archives- material since 1985 available
- Most ACT documents have transferred to the ACT Archives ☒ When you order files allow a time lapse of 3 to 4 weeks.

Second most useful sources- time consuming unless you have precise dates

- Canberra District Historical Society
- Newspaper clippings – good resource for early sources
- Canberra Times – microfilm
- National Library
- Map collection a very good source
- N.C.Planning Authority – NCDC in the bunker by Lake- not easy to access ☒ ACT Heritage Library – next to ACT Archives. In Woden Library.

The process that Barry found worked for him:

- He made notes by hand and then put them into a draft – “a blended draft” He has written 45,000 words and 85% finished. There is a lot of editing to fit into the complete work. He finds that topics appear that he can start to develop.
- Original occupants _ Interviews -you can't rely on individuals memory. Time consuming, use a tape recorder for an accurate account
- Early residences – Mostly Government houses in the beginning. Some original inhabitants.
- Department Interior – Housing tenancy residences-records date construction finished and date first occupied.
- Who to select for interview – TV stations, Channel, institutions – people who were connected to them
- Barry is hoping to finish his notes in the next month.

After that:

- Look at the Downer Book. Find illustrations. Public School texts.

Hackett's book may take a similar course. Barry will offer guidance when his Watson book is complete. It becomes a joint effort by a number of people. We don't have enough material at present and need to identify task and stocktake what we have so far.

Overview of Development of Watson"

- 1906 resumed - Block and Section Numbers have changed up to 3 times
- 1920 Soldier Settlement blocks. Hector Hamilton was a share farmer in 20s until 1960. O'Sullivans, Piggery.
- 1970s gradually divided up.
- Dickson Experimental farm in 1940-60
- Aboriginal pre-history
- Old Watson 60 onwards – Shopping Centre, Canberra Technology Park
- North Watson – Entertainment/Tourist – Drive In, Carotel
- Institutions – Seminary, Religious – Catholic Uni, YWAM

Chair Greg Haughey thanked Barry Price for giving up his time to speak to us and for offering his help in the future.

Minutes: The Minutes of 19 November, 2012 were accepted by the meeting. Moved Dorothy Mackenzie and Seconded by James Walker

Correspondence: None received Treasurer's

Report:

- Terry de Luca, Treasurer tabled 2012 Financial Report (he was away at the time of AGM) when total Balance of Funds stood at \$304.57. Current balance is now \$1,399.84. Therefore we have improved our financial position by \$1,095.27. Incoming amounts include \$1,000 from NCCC to pay for brochures in full. Rest of money came from fund raising, donations and membership. Membership renewals are due on 1 July, 2013. Terry thanked John Carty for kindly auditing the books for us.
Motion: Financial Report be accepted. Moved - Terry de Luca and Seconded - James Walker.
- Public Officer to lodge Annual Return to Office of Regulatory Services for a late fee of \$69.00

Issues and updates:

Centenary of Canberra. Birthday Party. ACT Gov't has given HCA a grant of \$500 to fund a Hackett celebration.

- **Date:** 12 March
- **Time:** 10-12 Seniors Morning Tea near the shops. Little Bean and Wilbur's will be open for people to buy their lunch if they wish.
- **Program:** 11.00- 11.20 Canberra Folk Dance to demonstrate participatory dances - 3.00 – 4.40 Parents and chn. Erica appearing as Rat. Two bands, to play.
- Evening Wilburs to provide Pizza and alcoholic drinks.
- **Publicity:** Banner, pamphlets, NHW Newsletters, Greg to deliver pamphlets to schools.
- **Table at the shops- 2 March 10.00 am to 2 pm.**
9-10am Greg and Lorraine, 10-11 Terry and John, 11-12 Dorothy and Marion, 12-1pm Kaye.
- **Clean Up Australia on March 3.** Terry de Luca is organising a Hackett Clean Up.

Time 10 am to 1pm. People will be asked if they'd like to clean up Mt Majura.

Hackett's Birthday Party developments.

- Friends of Blue Gum will be having an open day. Invitations to schools have resulted in some positive responses.
- Waterford Band will be asked to play.
- Action Bus – vintage model is in Action's Heritage Fleet. Fire Engine – Queanbeyan has special insurance.
- Constable Kenny – Bruce has sent an invitation
- SES and Canberra City Band still to be approached.
- FoMM – Arial image of Mt Majura 2012 available. Will organise a raffle and stall.
- Space for stalls- discussion of space available. Perhaps close part of car park. Toilets – we must get on to TAMS.
- James suggested that we invite Virginia Hausager to open our party.
- **Community Garden.** Terry reported that there may be developments in near future, but there are many processes to go through. We need to coordinate with Blue Gum.
- Website is back up on line. Can issue receipts.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

**Hackett Community Association
Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett
18 March 2013.**

Present: Marian Williams, James Walker, Terry de Luca, Lorraine Mason, Kaye Murphy, Greg Haughey, Dorothy Mackenzie.

Apologies: Max Huntington, Bruce Smith

Minutes of Meeting of 18 February, 2013 – was accepted as a fair reflection of that meeting. James pointed out that he had long promoted the ideas for a Hackett Book to be started some years ago.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Terry de Luca – He listed the costs incurred by Canberra's birthday parties at the shops. Cakes were \$83 each from Dickson Cake Shop. \$78 spent on face paint. Committee agreed that reimbursement of \$60 to Chris de Luca should be made and a donation of \$18 was accepted from Chris and Terry de Luca. Blue Gum participants will be reimbursed for their cost of clay.

Balance in bank is approximately \$1,100. But on 1st March was \$1,330.

Post Mortem on Canberra Day Party at the Shops: with lessons to be learnt for Hackett's birthday.

- Power supply for PA system. We were reliant on someone else's power supply. Special thanks to The Bike shop "Monkey Wrench" who generously helped out. We need a backstop of access to a generator.
- Insurance matters. Committee agreed to approach NCCC for Public Liability Insurance for Hackett's birthday party in September – There will be a need for insurance for performers, community stalls, use of Fire Truck and Vintage Bus.
- Shop owners were caught by surprise at the success of the day, especially the involvement of the Pre-school and Blue Gum and the evening music program.
- Publicity was crucial to the success of the day. Government provided posters, newspaper ads, radio station coverage with little cost to HCA.
- Complaints that the Folk dancing was boring, Wilbur's service was slow, because they were so busy and that some of the music was too reminiscent of our younger days!

Pharmacy- Matters pertaining to Rhonda Warne continuing to operate her pharmacy were discussed. The Agent responsible for her lease would not extend it beyond April. Greg offered to produce a flyer about the imminent closing of the Pharmacy which could be included in the April edition of the Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter.

Community Garden

Terry reported that such a project needs a game plan, will take a lot of effort and will need a lot of support. Facilities such as toilet block, water supply and power would have to be provided. Cost estimated at \$100,000 for the scale that the Government is looking at with Govt supplying perhaps \$20,000. Blocks would be sold to users (6 by 10 sq. metres.) Fencing and security will need to be provided. Watson and Downer are also interested in Community Gardens. Greg and Terry will continue to make enquiries.

Hackett's Birthday Party developments.

- Need an event that draws attention. Best of 3 in a tug of war - Committee challenge MLAs with 6 a side. Or MLAs and ex MLAs.
- Steering group should spend some money to advertise in local papers. Need to send a Press release 6 mths ahead.

- Canberra City Band will play on Saturday at 12.00 John Murray – Saturday night.
- 10 schools may be involved.
- ACTION Bus and Fire Engine.
- Vintage school uniforms.

Meeting closed at 9 pm. Next Meeting on Monday 15 April.

**Hackett Community Association Meeting at ACT
Sports House, Hackett 15 April 2013.**

Present: Marian Williams, James Walker, Terry de Luca, Lorraine Mason, Kay Murphy, Greg Haughey, Dorothy Mackenzie, Claire Lewis, Bob Lewis, Bruce Smith

Apologies: Max Huntington

Minutes of Meeting of 18 March 2013 – were accepted as a fair reflection of that meeting (Dorothy/Bruce)

Treasurer's report: Terry reported that the balance stands at \$1114.00

Update on shops

- The Hairdressers is closing, but another shop is potentially going to be opening on that site
- Pharmacy - Greg saw Rhonda last week. She has had meeting with Simon Corbell, but there were no undertakings. She will be closing soon.

Birthday bash

- Lorraine reported that Virginia Haussegger has said that she cannot open the birthday party. It was agreed to approach Robyn Archer to see if she is willing to undertake the launch.
- There are a range of acts in place. Bands will be going into Saturday night.
- Kaye talked about the idea of a reminiscing nook. People can come to talk to each other and remember
- James reported that there are meant to be 4 heritage buses, but that it is not clear who is responsible or who owns them. Retires Association is trying to work it out. ACTION doesn't know who owns them. They said they will keep trying
- It is possible that there may be a Hackett School reunion at the time of the Hackett party
- It was suggested that there should be certificates of appreciation for participants in the party.
- Insurance – it was agreed to try to find out if it was possible to extend the NCCC insurance policy
- Greg has developed a draft program as a basis for discussion
- The sub-group will aim to meet this week. 2.30pm Wednesday

Table at shops: it was agreed to hold a table at the shops on 18 May. A tentative roster was agreed.

Membership: It was agreed to extend membership into next financial year for applications made from now to end of financial year.

AGM: Greg suggested putting an ad in the newsletter seeking nominations for committee. We may need to be proactive leading up to the AGM.

Meeting ended 8.10pm

**Hackett Community Association Meeting at
ACT Sports House, Hackett 20 May 2013.**

Present: Marian Williams, Terry de Luca, Kay Murphy, Greg Haughey, Bruce Smith

Visitor: Steve Doszpot (Member, Legislative Assembly)

Apologies: Max Huntington, Lorraine Mason, James Walker, Dorothy Mackenzie

Minutes of Meeting of 15 April 2013 – were accepted as a fair reflection of that meeting

Treasurer's report: Terry reported that, on 1 May, the balance stood at t \$1079. A cheque for \$1,000 had been received from the North Canberra Community Council for the birthday party.

Hackett Shops: Greg reported that:

- A florist will be opening where the hairdressers is in early June
- The bike repair shop will be moving across the way to where the baker was
- The pharmacy will become a hairdresser ☐ The IGA is close to putting in Deli

Hackett birthday party: There was a general discussion about preparations for the party. It was agreed that the challenge at this point is to keep everyone on the radar, and then ramp up in August. Other points included:

- We should talk to the IGA about how they would like to be involved;
- Greg has asked Robyn Archer to open
- Greg has also approached Senator Gary Humphries, the Chief Minister and also Andrew Leigh
- James will chase up ex politicians, and also the buses and fire engine
- Greg has written to seek the use of the jumping castle from the Minister in Bungendore – we need to ensure that the request comes from Holy Cross - Dorothy will need to do that
- Dorothy will also follow up on inter-faith arrangements
- Amy Moon has confirmed that we are covered on insurance
- We now have 4 bands
- Canberra city band will provide a sub band – they will do Happy Birthday ☐ There will be a meeting of the Committee on Tuesday afternoon

General Business: Steve Doszpot introduced himself and talked about his role in representing the electorate. He stressed that he is keen to be involved in the community, and noted that he has specific responsibility in the Shadow Cabinet for the Inner North. He is keen to explore issues related to ageing. He can highlight issues and get movement. In the short term, Steve will follow up on where the installation of a public toilet at the shops is up to (we need to forward him the relevant correspondence).

Annual General Meeting: There was a discussion about the need to ensure there are sufficient nominations for committee positions. There was also discussion about speakers for the meeting. Greg is preparing an advertisement to publicise the AGM.

The meeting finished at 8.45pm

HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING, Monday 15 July, 2013.

Present: James Walker, Marian Williams, Terry de Luca, Kaye Murphy, Dorothy Mackenzie, Jenny Pearson, Erika Alacs.

Apologies: Bruce Smith, Greg Haughey, Max Huntington.

Minutes of previous meeting 17 June were accepted as an accurate account of that meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Terry de Luca reported that the account balance is now \$2,032.00 which includes \$1,000 from NCCC on 23 May, plus membership dues.

General Business:

1. Planning for AGM 19 August

- Persons will be needed to man the main door into Sports House.
- A person will be needed to man the door to the meeting room, ensuring that all attendees record their names in attendance book (a legal requirement of ACT Gov't regulations and our Constitution).
- All attendees will need to renew their subscriptions with Treasurer, and new members fill in application forms.
- Guest Speakers? This will need to be checked with Chairman by email.
- Supper – Terry de Luca agreed to organise tea, coffee, pizzas.
- Advertising in HNW Newsletter for August. A4 notices for notice boards at shops and on noticeboards. Perhaps large signs for road side.
- Quorum is 20 financial members – will everyone bring along a friend or neighbour?
- Issues that will be highlighted include the bus shelter and public toilet outside the shops that was held up while previous owners of IGA were considering extensions. Greg Haughey has been in touch with Municipal Services. ☐ Politicians may be attending.

2. Planning for Hackett 50th birthday. Saturday 21 September 10am to 4pm and 5.30 to 10 pm. Sunday 10 am to 3 pm.

- Stalls Coordinator, Terry de Luca reported that stall holders will have their own insurance. He envisions 6 stalls – books, wood products, Hackett PreSchool, Rotary barbecue.
- Advertising – NHW August and September to highlight.
- Entertainment – Jenny Pearson and Erika Alacs are coordinating the Bands to play on the Saturday evening.
- Blue Gum Community School will be holding an Open Day and Fete on that day. We will make enquiries about the ceramic leaves that were made on Canberra's birthday at the shops.
- Kaye Murphy reported on the Reminiscing corner now in a space at the shops for people to connect on old Hackett days. Photos will be needed.

- Hackett Primary School Reunion – Anthony Corp is coordinating. We will need to give him a call on what is happening.
- Fire Engine and vintage buses – not located yet.
- Clown, juggler and Acra yoga – Jenny and Erika to check.
- Face painting – Chris de Luca to organise.
- Mural – could be drawn by children – Suggested by Terry.
- Flags – Canberra – blue and gold, Hackett , bunting, banner.
- Special Tree planting – in park? Need to contact Waltraud Pix.

3. Welcome to new members Jenny Pearson and Erika Alacs.

4. New shops in the complex are most welcome– Florist and Hairdresser.

5. Up coming Events:

- **AGM 19 August**
- **Birthday 21/22 September**
- **National Tree Day 28 July**

6. Meeting closed at 9 pm.

**Hackett Community Association
Annual General Meeting
19 August 2013
ACT Sports House, Hackett**

Attendance: as recorded in the General Meeting Attendance book

Greg opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes: Minutes of the 2012 AGM were accepted – (Kay/ Waltraud)

Treasurer's report. Terry reported that there has been an increase in membership numbers, due in part to the operation of the website (including the capacity to pay through Pay Pal) and the contact tables at the shops. Terry also acknowledged the contribution (\$1,000) of the North Canberra Community Council to meeting costs associated with the Hackett 50th birthday party.

The major expenditure, beyond the projected expenditure on the party, was \$1000 on the design and production of the HCA Brochure. Terry reported that the end of year balance in the account was \$2019.27. It is expected that costs from the party will be a major call on those funds.

The report was accepted (Len/ Lorraine)

Chairs report - Greg reported that 2012-13 had been an active and productive year. He felt that the activities of the Association were leading to a more inclusive community.

Greg noted that the Hackett Pharmacy, despite a strong lobbying effort by many people, did not get a PBS number.

The Association's Website, which was designed and launched during the year, has been a key means of communicating with the community. It is working well. It is also linking to other resources, such as the Neighbourhood Watch newsletter.

The revitalisation of the shopping centre continued during the year. This was due to the vision of some shopkeepers who decided that there were commercial possibilities. There is now a sense of pride in the shops - a big turn around.

Greg reported that other projects are moving slowly but the Association will be continuing its efforts. The toilet block is on the back burner but we still pursuing it. We are also still pursuing the tables and chairs at the shops and the plaque for Sir John Hackett.

Greg noted that the Party at the shops on 12 March 2013 went well and that the 50th birthday celebrations should be bigger and better. It will be held over two days and we are expecting thousands to come along.

Greg turned finally to the Association itself and paid tribute to some of the key individuals who have made a significant contribution to the community including through their work in the HCA. He talked about Laura Turnbull, who died during the year. Laura was one of the founding members of the Association and Laura and Freddie were key contributors.

Greg also acknowledged the work of Max Huntington, who was a pivotal member of the Committee right up to his illness.

Greg also paid tribute to the contributions of Waltraud Pix and Dorothy Mackenzie - who have both been so generous with their time over many years. Flowers were presented to Dorothy and Waltraud.

Election of office bearers

Len Crossfield was the Returning Officer and the following people were elected to the Committee:

Chair - Greg Haughey
Deputy Chair - James Walker
Treasurer Terry de Luca
Assistant Treasurer - Lorraine Mason
Secretary - Bruce Smith
Assistant Secretary - Kay Murphy

General Committee members

Marian Williams
John Carty
Erika Alacs
Jennifer Pierson

Guest Speakers

Mr John Widdup, from Pedal Power, spoke about the work Pedal Power does to increase the number of people on bikes. Key points included:

- Pedal Power has 3,500 members - courses, rides, advocacy path
- A key campaign is to push for more off-road paths, including a path to Hackett.
- Also pushing on quiet roads paths - so people don't need to ride on paths
- We need to increase bike share and cut car congestion
- Altruistic as well as for ourselves. 4-5 % now on bikes - needs to be higher, especially for schools.
- Lot of people say too far to ride to work - will ride up to 5/6/7 kms - but many are longer.
- We need to integrate different forms of transport - especially bikes and buses. Should be able to use all forms of transport. Bike cages at interchanges and "park and ride" could make a key contribution.
- Hackett should look at the quiet streets strategy - lower speed limits - traffic calming - humps, connect them up - making it physically unpleasant to speed.

Mr Leon Arundell, Chair of the North Canberra Community Council, spoke about the work of the Council. Key points included:

- Aims are to be a local forum - promote communication - inform the community - ensure that the interests of community groups are represented. A key function is to support local associations.
- Also important to communicate to the ACT Government the views of local community members

- The NCCC participates in key ongoing forums, including those relating to planning, the airport and the combined community councils.
- A major objective is to get better planning procedures - too often people are being told afterwards about developments. There are 130 technical amendments to Act, more than 300 draft variations - an incredible speed of change.
- Recent issues have included: the redevelopment of the Braddon Club, the use of precinct codes, the redevelopment of the ABC flats in Civic, the development of the Strategic cycling network, the Centenary trail, the deconcessionalisation of the Hellenic club in Civic, the change of location for the Bus layover, the City to lake development, changes to Heritage legislation, the draft ACT water strategy, the section 64 conservation assessment in Watson, the roll out of the national broadband network in North Canberra and Canberra Health Centres.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
2013 CHAIR'S REPORT

It has been a very active and productive year for your committee and I am pleased to say that I feel that we have made significant progress towards our ultimate vision for Hackett which is where we all feel a sense of belonging and pride and that our less mobile and isolated residents feel included. I would now like to mention our achievements and our future plans.

Pharmacy

The pharmacy as you would all be aware closed down earlier this year due to the lack of turnover which the pharmacist attributed to the inability to obtain a PBS number and she was unwilling to continue in the face of the ongoing uncertainty. The Hackett Community Association had been lobbying for years for a pharmacy and we were very disappointed with the final outcome. Despite all strong lobbying of both ACT Government and Federal members the federal bureaucracy won out in the end. We now believe that the opportunity to establish a pharmacy in Hackett has passed for the foreseeable future.

Website

The website continues to be one of our key methods of communication and news items are continually being added to the site. We are pleased that the site is being visited regularly. We currently have around 120 residents subscribing to our monthly newsletter and if you are not already subscribed we encourage you to join via the website. We understand that not everyone is online and we also add most new items to the Hackett Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter to ensure that we also reach these residents.

Shopping Centre

It is hard to believe that only several years ago the shopping centre was subject to graffiti and was an eyesore to look at. Now it is hard to get parking spot there at times and the place is now a hive of activity. We believe that the increased usage of the shopping centre will improve a sense of community within Hackett and the committee are very pleased with the turnaround to which we owe a vote of thanks to the majority owners the Savoulidis brothers Steve, Arthur and Andrew.

If you recall a toilet was due to be built at the shops by the ACT Government but when the previous owners of the supermarket announced they were going to demolish and rebuild the existing supermarket the installation was delayed. Our subsequent inquiries to find out why construction has not commenced have been unsuccessful. We will be pursuing this issue as a matter of urgency.

Following our initial discussions with the Government on installing a notice board, chairs and tables outside the shops we have heard nothing more. Our subsequent inquiries to find out what is going on have been unsuccessful. Again we will be pursuing this issue as a matter of urgency.

Shopping Centre Sign and Memorial to Sir John Hackett

Last year we mentioned that one of our aims was to establish a shopping centre sign together with a memorial to Sir John Hackett. We undertook some preliminary discussions with the Government and they told us that they are willing to help us on a shared cost basis. We approached the previous

owners of the supermarket for support and they agreed to help us as part of the rebuilding of the supermarket. We will continue to explore options for achieving our objectives including seeking support from the shopping centre owners and perhaps an accompanying funding drive.

Traffic Lights

The traffic lights at the corner of Phillip Avenue and Majura Avenue have now been operating for a couple of years and I think you will all agree that the efforts of past committees in pursuing these lights had been well and truly vindicated. The solution offered by the lights has greatly benefited the suburb and should continue to do so as traffic patterns are now well established and they show no signs of going back to the rat running patterns of old.

Parties at the Shops in March

The Parties at the Shops event on 12 March 2013 to celebrate Canberra's 100th anniversary was a resounding success. We tried to include activities to cover all age groups including older residents and children and I think we successfully achieved this. Several hundred people joined in and we had a number of people come up to us later and tell us that they wished they had come.

50th Birthday Party

The big ticket item for 2013 will be our 50th birthday party on the weekend of 21 and 22 September 2013. Robyn Archer the Creative Director for Centenary of Canberra will officially launch the celebrations. Robyn has recently been appointed to the Australia Council which oversees arts grants and her participation is a real coup for us. A lot of work has gone into organising this event and I am very appreciative of the hard work that the committee has undertaken to date and it is far from over. We have also been placing updates in The Hackett Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter and on our website as we have firmed up details to keep you up to date. We are expecting thousands to attend, based on past experience so it will be a big weekend for the suburb.

Community Garden

Last year I mentioned that one of our key objectives going forward is to establish a community garden. We have been in contact with the ACT Government, visited the Mitch Community garden and undertaken discussions with the convenor and met with the principal of Blue Gum school with a view to siting the garden alongside the school. We had expected that by now we would have something concrete to report on but the cost, governance and approval processes are formidable and it will require much more work on our part to progress this issue. With the birthday taking up a large slice of our time this year we have put the community garden in abeyance until we have more capacity to pursue it.

HCA

It is with great sadness that I mention the deaths of two of our committee members this last year. Firstly, Laura Turnbull who passed away late last year. Laura and her husband Freddie were founding members of the HCA and had been tireless supporters of the HCA for many years. Secondly, Max Huntington our long standing Vice Chairman who passed away last week. Again Max was a longstanding and generous contributor to the HCA. Both will be sadly missed.

One of our committee members Waltraud Pix, who many of you will know through her role as convenor of Friends of Mount Majura has decided to retire. Waltraud has been with the committee over many years and she has somehow managed to juggle this commitment with her huge Friends of Mount Majura. But nothing should surprise us with Waltraud as she is such a dynamo of energy but sensibly she has decided to take a well-earned rest not only from the HCA but also from her role as convenor of FoMM. Waltraud on behalf of the Committee thank you for your support. Finally, Dorothy Mackenzie has also decided to retire from the HCA. I believe that Dorothy was also a founding member of the HCA so she has been there with us for many many years and like Waltraud Dorothy is also a human dynamo. You would have thought that Dorothy would be slowing down but no she is leaving us to take on a new role with her church. Dorothy on behalf of the Committee I thank you for tireless support over more years than we care to remember and our very best wishes wherever life should take you.

We have been very active during the last year recruiting additional members through our tables, sausage sizzle and new brochure and we now have over 200 members.

Eight committee meetings have been held since the last Annual General Meeting. Average attendance has been seven Committee members and from time to time two or three non members in the form of local residents and more recently our local candidates.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their untiring support. It is very much a team game as we are generally all time poor and without everyone's contribution and encouragement we would not have achieved what we have done and I might add that we will continue to do so as long as our members see value in our efforts.

I would also like to thank everyone here tonight. We are all busy and your attendance comes at some sacrifice to yourselves and for that we are very appreciative.

**Hackett Community Association Meeting
at ACT Sports House, Hackett
21 October 2013.**

Present: James Walker, Terry de Luca, Lorraine Mason, Kay Murphy, Dorothy Mackenzie, Marian Williams, John Carty, Bruce Smith

Apologies: Greg Haughey,

Treasurers report – Terry reported that the audit of Committee finances was submitted on time.

Terry also reported on the financial outcomes of the 50th birthday party:

- \$1300 was raised from the raffle
- \$30 from the jewellery stall
- \$50 from the bookshop
- \$200 from the Coffee stall
- Over 500 sausages (donated by IGA) were sold – Rotary made \$697 gross and \$520 net

Outcomes and reflections on 50th birthday party

The 50th birthday party was a huge success and was a milestone for the suburb. James reported that, at a conservative estimate, approximately 6,500 - 7,500 people attended over the two days. The biggest numbers was 764 at midday Saturday. In addition:

- About 60-70 people dropped into Samaritan House for a cuppa.
- Over 1500 people went to the Pre-school event - a lot of people had come from the bash
- Blue Gum had over 300 people attend its event
- A number of politicians attended, including Chief Minister Katie Gallagher, Senator Kate Lundy, and Andrew Leigh MP ☐ The shops did well – particularly the cafes

Anything that went wrong was fixed very quickly. People were still talking about the bus driver who stopped the bus for 5 minutes while he and the passengers got off the bus and looked at the party.

It was agreed that we should record things to improve for next time - where things went wrong and what worked really well:

- Katie Gallagher will talk to the ACT Treasurer about insurance for events such as the party;
- We need to get the Government to put in external power points at the shops - one at each end (a special meter can be used)
- We needed additional workers – Greg was full on the whole time
- We should have had a table next to the raffle table

Dorothy reported that the majority of thank you letters and certificates have been written and delivered - about 30 letters.

Table at shops

It was agreed to have a Table at the shops on 30 November from 10am to 1pm. We can have a sausage sizzle and use up some of the sausages left over from the bash. We will need to set up a roster and it would be good to have some ordinary members involved. We can also put up photos from the party.

Honorary life members

It was agreed to recommend to the next AGM that Dorothy and Waltraud be elected honorary life members in recognition of their long and valuable service to the Association.

Upcoming events

- ☐ Dorothy reported that there will be a presentation by Dr Barry Price about the history of Watson, but also including Hackett, on 30 October at St Margarets.

Meeting finished 8.45pm

Hackett Community Association Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett 18 November 2013.

Present: Greg Haughey, James Walker, Terry de Luca, Lorraine Mason, Kay Murphy, Marian Williams, Bruce Smith

Minutes: Both the July and October meeting minutes were accepted but, in relation to the October minutes, it was noted that at the party the bus passengers got off the bus and lined up next to it.

Treasurers report – Terry reported that the balance of the account is \$3195.28.

Table at shops: It was decided to hold a final table at the shops for 2013 on Saturday 30 November. Details of roster and prices were discussed (\$1 for sausages) and it was agreed there would be a raffle, with prizes including a set of bowls, a digital breath alcohol tester, desk organiser, mincer, 4 serving bowls, space logic organiser and touch free soap dispenser.

It was noted that there will be new regulations about bbqs but they should not affect us.

Life member nomination - James indicated his intention to nominate Waltraud and Dorothy for life membership for the next AGM, for services to Hackett. This was strongly supported by the Committee.

Parking on Madigan St / Phillip Ave: There was a discussion about digging equipment parked in a dangerous position near the intersection of Madigan and Phillip Ave. This particularly presents a problem for buses. Greg will give the relevant person a call and see if it can be sorted out.

Spiky trees in walkways: Bruce raised the issue of spiky trees in a number of the walkways in Hackett, and how this is potentially dangerous. It was agreed that he would write a letter to Canberra Connect and, if there was no appropriate response, then write to Steve Doszpot.

Christmas dinner: A date was set for 6.30 for 7.00pm on Thursday 12 December at Wilbur's

History of Hackett: There was a discussion about the production of a history of Hackett. The following points were made:

- the book on the history of Watson was very good
- photos are essential and there should also be an index ☒ we should use lots of oral history ☒ It should be a community history.
- Before we talk to people we should aim to get the facts together
- Faces of Ainslie and the history of Campbell could be good models

It was suggested that the best way to do it would be booklet by booklet - history of shops to begin with. The booklets could be the same page size which can be bound together at the end

It was agreed to have a working group to develop this. A first step would be to decide on four topics and then ask if anyone is interested in doing research? Greg will develop a dot point outline. James indicated a willingness to be editor in chief. The working group will meet at Wilbur's on 11th December at 4.00pm.

Meetings in 2014: It was agreed to continue with Mondays and have the AGM in September.