

## 2017 meetings

Hackett Community Association  
Committee meeting  
14 February 2017

Present – Greg Haughey, Marion Williams, Chris Mobbs, Kay Murphy, Terry de Luca and Bruce Smith

Apologies: Jean Chesson

Minutes: The Minutes from November were accepted. Greg reported that he had written to the Hackett shops but there had been no response to the request to develop a joint vision for the future of the shops.

Treasurer's report: Terry reported that the current balance is \$2,673.29 balance. Funding from the North Canberra Community Council has not yet been received. The amount in the account is a useful buffer for cash flow.

Trees at the oval: Chris reported that the ACT Minister for Transport and City Services (Meegan Fitzharris) had responded to the letter written last year and that a meeting was held with City Services. They recognised the need for the trees to be replaced, but also believed that there is no rush for this to be done. They agreed, however, that while there is no urgency, they will develop a plan to identify the trees for replacement in sequence. They may not replace pines with pines - eucalypts last longer. Chris summarized by saying that the ACT Government will engage with the HCA to seek community views on the plan.

Bragg Street Park: Chris reported that he had sent a plan to Patrick Nolan in City Services. They see this park as one of the first parks in Adopt-a-park scheme commencing in 2017-18. Chris to hold a meeting in March with the local community to take this forward.

Other tree issues:

- There was a discussion about tape around the trees at Phillip Ave - its positive community action aimed at preserving them. This will result in mature trees over time
- Marian reported that trees in Mills St need to be cut back. It was agreed that this needs to be reported – they are very overgrown. Chris agreed to submit request to Fix my Street.

Hackett shops: Chris reported that he had looked at studies of successful shopping centres and also asked if the ACT Government had done any studies. They reported that no, there haven't been any. They pointed to some shopping centres that have been rejuvenated – eg. Ainslie, Curtin, Aranda.

Nick Bakker from the ACT Government came to see the shops with Chris and made a number of observations:

- Under planning we couldn't have another eatery where the Chinese restaurant used to be - this will need a change of lease (Chris said that he would be happy to take up with the ACT Government to see if the price of variation could be lowered)
- Area in front of the shops needs painting, the notice board is useless, the sign needs repainting and perhaps some art works. He will advise on possible avenues for grants.

There was a discussion about whether it would be desirable to have toilets at the shops – there were various reservations about whether this was a good idea:

- they may lead to drugs etc and general unsavoury behaviour
- they would not be an attractive look right at the front of the shops
- Possibly better to focus on general rejuvenation, including murals, sculptures,

It was agreed that we need to engage the shopkeepers on this - they should be part of discussion.

Forward Planning for events: Greg talked about the need to articulate the events for the year ahead:

- We should hold the Party at the Shops in late October or early September
- We should hold 3 Contact Days over the year - party at shops would be de facto 4<sup>th</sup>
- We could consider having some Committee meetings at Wilburs- this could be more visible and inviting
- We could move Committee meetings back to the other building, but we would have to get keys from Fyshwick

Greg will draft some dates.

50 year book: Greg said he is happy to keep progressing this, but will have to hand on soon. It was agreed that he would hand the material over to Chris:

- We should look at the Curtin 50<sup>th</sup> book as an example.
- We should put a version out and see what people can contribute
- Lots of people have offered, they really need to be brought in to the project

## Events

Terry reported that Clean up Australia will be on 5 March. The focus will be on Antill St and also Kellaway St.

## Other business

Community garden: There was a discussion about an initiative to establish a vegetable garden by a group of residents around Gilruth Street. Two views put forward were:

- this is a positive “grassroots” development using underutilized space and should be encouraged
- it is positive, but should have a wider community-focused remit (involving as many people as possible) from the beginning as the basis for a genuine community garden.

Meeting times: There was discussion about moving the monthly meetings to Monday or Wednesdays, but the final view was that Tuesdays suit people better.

Handover from Greg to Chris: Greg reported that he would be leaving for Perth in late March, and that this would be his second-last meeting. Chris confirmed that he is willing to take over as Chair and this was unanimously supported. Greg and Chris made arrangement to handover the physical assets in Greg’s possession.

In regard to the HCA website, Greg offered to continue to maintain the website from Perth. He also argued that there is a strong case for continuing to have a separate HCA website from the Hackett Community website.

The meeting finished 9.00pm

New agreed actions	Status
Chris to work with ACT Government on Bragg St Park meeting in March	
Need to engage Hackett shopkeepers on whether toilets at shops are a good idea	
Greg to draft dates for forward planning for events	Done – initial email sent 25 February.
Greg to handover to Chris: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 50<sup>th</sup> year book</li> <li>- physical assets of Association</li> </ul>	
Greg to continue to maintain website from Perth	Ongoing
Previous agreed actions	
Bruce to write to Government: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• thanking them for path to shops</li> <li>• asking about toilets at shops</li> <li>• asking about electrical outlet at shops</li> <li>• nature strip near Hackett shops</li> </ul>	Done – no response received yet
Greg to write to shops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• thanking them for donations and other contributions to Party at Shops</li> <li>• stating that we are looking forward to working with them</li> <li>• asking them for suggestions for improvements and joint actions with HCA</li> </ul>	Done – no response received yet
Chris to approach ACT Government to find out how “micro parks” in urban areas and “adopt-apark” could work in Hackett	Done – as reported in minutes

**Hackett Community Association  
Committee meeting  
14 March 2017**

**Present** – Chris Mobbs, Greg Haughey, Marion Williams, Kay Murphy, Terry de Luca and John Carty

Apologies: Jean Chesson and Bruce Smith

**Minutes:** The Minutes from February were accepted subject to some minor changes made by Chris.

**Treasurer's report:** Terry reported that the current balance is \$2,773.29 following the sale of the Association's iPad. Chris to replace Greg as a co-signatory of the bank account and will need to show the bank the minutes of this meeting authorising him to be a co-signatory.

**Forward Planning:** Greg advised that dates for future events in 2017 had been placed on the Hackett Community and HCA websites:

- Community Contact Days on 29 April, 22 July and 2 December
- Party at the Shops 21 October
- AGM 8 August

Greg to place notice of above events on IGA Notice Board.

Chris to notify politicians of dates for Community Contact Days. Greg to forward email addresses of political parties to Chris. James to provide contact details of SES, Scouts etc.

Chris to invite local organisations such as FoMM, Neighbourhood Watch, Canberra Magic Kitchen (organic vegetables) and Hackett Preschool (cake stall) to 29 April Contact Day.

**Clean Up Australia Day:** Terry reported that 10 people participated in the Clean Up Australia event on 5 March. He was pleased to report that there was not as much rubbish as last year. Terry suggested that HCA take a more proactive approach to the suburbs cleanliness. Chris agreed to submit a list of dumping hot spots to the Government to incorporate in their regular surveillance routine via Fix My streets.

**50 year book:** Greg to complete review of existing material before handing over to Chris.

**Toilet at Shops:** Still waiting on response from Government to Bruce's letter on status of toilets before deciding what action to take.

**Events:**

55th Birthday Party - James suggested that we start planning for next year's 55th birthday party as a lot of people are involved. Greg suggested that we model the party on previous programs. Chris advised that this will be a standing item going forward.

29 April Community Contact Day - Chris to develop draft roster

**Other business:**

Pedestrian Crossing – Chris advised that he had received a submission from a resident recommending that a new pedestrian crossing be installed at the Phillip Avenue/Majura Avenue. The Committee agreed that this was a busy pedestrian crossing and endorsed the proposal but noted

that there were several other pedestrian crossings in close proximity. Chris agreed to follow up with the Government

Honorary Life Members – James proposed that a list of Honorary Life Members be added to website. Greg to add list to website.

Past Committee Members – James advised that he had received reports that the list of past committee members on the website was not complete. Greg to provide a list of past committee members for James to review.

Change of Public Officer – Chris agreed to assume role of Public Officer to advise Office of Regulatory Services of change.

Official Documents – Greg handed over a file to Chris of regulatory records following change of Chair.

Committee Membership – Terry advised that he had identified a potential new committee member and the Committee agreed to invite them to join the Committee.

The meeting finished 9.30pm. Next meeting 7.30pm Tuesday 11 April 2017.

New agreed actions	Status
Chris to replace Greg as a co-signatory of the bank account	
Chris to notify politicians of dates for Community Contact Days	
Greg to forward email addresses of political parties to Chris	
James to provide contact details of SES, Scouts etc.	
Chris to invite local organisations to 29 April Contact Day	
Chris to submit a list of dumping hot spots to the Government via Fix My streets	
Bruce to add next year's 55 <sup>th</sup> birthday as a standing agenda item.	
Chris to develop draft roster for 29 April Community Contact Day	
Greg to add list of Honorary Life Members to HCA website	
Chris to follow up on pedestrian crossing for Phillip Ave/Majura Ave intersection.	
Chris to submit change of Public Officer details to ORS	
Chris to invite potential new Committee Member to join the Committee	

<b>Previous agreed actions</b>	
Chris to work with ACT Government on Bragg St Park meeting in March	Done – no response received yet
Need to engage Hackett shopkeepers on whether toilets at shops are a good idea	Waiting on response to Bruce’s letter to Government on status of toilet
Greg to draft dates for forward planning for events	Done – published on Hackett Community and HCA websites
Greg to handover to Chris: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 50<sup>th</sup> year book</li> <li>- physical assets of Association</li> </ul>	Physical assets handed over. 50-year book pending Greg reviewing exiting material
Greg to continue to maintain website from Perth	Ongoing

**Hackett Community Association  
Committee meeting  
11 April 2017**

**Present –**

Committee: Chris Mobbs, Marian Williams, Kay Murphy, and Bruce Smith

Members: James Walker

Visitors: Grant Walton

Apologies: Terry de Luca, Jean Chesson

The meeting was inquorate but proceeded for the purposes of planning and discussion.

Chris welcomed Grant.

**Updates –** as per table below. In addition:

- Chris reported that, regard to the protection of trees on Philip Avenue, the pink tape has worked – the new trees have not been mowed down and the ACT Government has acknowledged that trees can grow subject to the provision that there is an appropriate gap from the houses;
- the tree pruning in Mills St has been done
- we also need to report the pruning that needs to be done for some of the lanes (Chris will make the report)
- Chris will also put in a general note in Hackett Neighbourhood Watch about how people can use Fix My Street
- There have been two requests for the creation of new pedestrian crossing: on Phillip ave near the Madigan St intersection; and on Madigan Street, near the school. Chris will put in a request on Fix My Street.
- the bushes in the median strip near the shops are too high – drivers don't see people crossing – they need to be trimmed. Chris will put in a request.

**50 year book**

There was a general discussion about how to make progress on the 50 year book. Points included:

- We need to collect more oral history - James has offered to run short oral history course
- We need to get back in touch with the author of the Downer history
- James has two cartons and three draw folders - at least some needs to be digitised
- Chris has some time – he offered to look at what is there, and the previous questionnaire
- We can use the contact days to share ideas. We could have sheets to hand out with invitation to fill out.
- The previous template may have been too complicated – we may need something simpler
- If we can get out a first edition, then it can be enhanced from there.

**Planning for Contact Day**

There was a general planning discussion about preparations for the Contact Day on Saturday 20 April. Points included:

- there has already been interest generated by the poster
- Chris has contacted a number of people and handed out sheets summarising the results
- We need to see what power is available - Chris will check out with Andrew whether we can access the points in the toilets
- James suggested that a poster go up 2 weeks before with names of politicians who will come, and advertising that there will be pancakes etc

- We should have posters up with the results of the Survey – eg. toilets, Hackett Oval;
- Chris will create posters at Officeworks and make name tags with logos and surnames
- We should run a Quiz - first correct entries will win prizes. Kay will talk to IGA about prizes
- a preliminary roster was agreed for the Contact Day.

## OTHER BUSINESS

New bin at shops: James raised the issue of the relocation of the bin to the Square at the shops. It is poorly located. It is right in the middle of where the bands play at the Party at the Shops, and also where kids play. It needs to be near the square but more accessible. Bruce to write a letter to the ACT Government asking for the location to change.

Empty shop: Grant raised the issue of the long-term empty shop at the Shops- has there been any thought about putting artists there? It would be much better than nothing. The point was made that the building is owned by a consortium – and there would be a substantial cost (\$27,000?) for a variation of lease.

Meeting closed 8.40

<b>New agreed actions</b>	
Chris to report on Fix My Street: lanes; pedestrian crossings; Madigan St median strip	
Chris to put article in HNW on Fix My Streets	
Chris to look at oral history template	
Bruce to write letter to ACT Govt about bin at shops	
Chris to continue preparations for Contact Day, including printing posters, following up invitees; talking to Andrew about power point.	

<b>Previous agreed actions</b>	<b>Status</b>
Chris to replace Greg as a co-signatory of the bank account	In progress
Chris to notify shops and politicians of dates for Community Contact Days	On agenda
Greg to forward email addresses of political parties to Chris	Done
James to provide contact details of SES, Scouts etc.	In progress
Chris to invite local organisations to 29 April Contact Day	On agenda
Chris to submit a list of dumping hot spots to the Government via Fix My streets	Nothing further
Bruce to add next year's 55 <sup>th</sup> birthday as a standing agenda item.	Yes – from now on
Chris to develop draft roster for 29 April Community Contact Day	In progress
Greg to add list of Honorary Life Members to HCA website	To be clarified with Greg
Chris to follow up on pedestrian crossing for bus stops on Phillip Ave and Madigan St.	On agenda
Chris to submit change of Public Officer details to ORS	In progress – will incur \$41 fee
Terry to invite potential new Committee Member to join the Committee	Done



**Hackett Community Association  
Committee meeting  
9 May 2017**

**Present –**

Committee: Chris Mobbs, Marian Williams, Kay Murphy, Terry de Luca, John Carty and Bruce Smith  
Members: James Walker

Apologies: Jean Chesson

The minutes of the meetings of 14 March and 11 April were approved subject to minor corrections.

**Updates** – as per table below. In addition:

**Treasurers Report:** Terry reported that the balance in the account is \$2,632.29. There was a discussion about clarifying the funding that was going to come from the North Canberra Community Council. Terry will check with Greg where it got up to, and Bruce will check with John Leiber, the Treasurer of the NCCC.

**Community Contact Day review:** There was a general discussion about how the Contact Day (20 April) went. It was agreed that it was successful. Points included:

- the cakes were sold at a lower price and therefore sold more quickly
- the Magic Kitchen was a major positive addition
- we need to pursue the issue of a power point available for these events (Chris to contact ACTEW about this)
- a number of politicians attended and were happy with the numbers when it got going
- Folkdance Canberra didn't get a lot of interest
- Friends of Mt Majura were happy
- We need to let ACT Government agencies (such as Transport Canberra and Health) know it is on.

The issue of the vacant shop was raised with politicians, including whether change of lease purpose fees were too high. Chris will get more facts about this and put them into a letter to MLAs

It was decided that future events should be held from 10.00am to 2.00pm. It was agreed that the next major event should be the Party at the Shops in Spring, and that the next Contact Day should be in February 2018.

**Hackett Community Survey:** It was agreed that the results from the Survey were very useful and, in addition to the poster Chris had put together for the Contact Day, Chris will request Greg to put it on the website for any comment. The Committee thanked Jean and Kate for their work on this.

**Housing Inquiry:** There was a discussion about whether and how the HCA should approach doing a submission to the Inquiry (due October). It was agreed that:

- Chris will find out whether the NCCC intends to lodge a submission
- We will put the Inquiry on the website and invite comments
- If we did write a submission, it should address the very limited obligations people have when they redevelop their houses

**55<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations:** Points from the discussion included:

- we need to decide on a date when the 2018 school holidays become known

- we could aim towards a monument for Sir John Hackett – the HCA could offer to subsidise it. This could be similar to the one in Lyons, and form part of a “Fathers of Federation” theme

**AGM:** We will need to check bookings – it may be that the second Tuesday in September is already taken up. Chris offered to follow up.

**Party at Shops:** It was agreed to hold the Party at the Shops on 21 October, subject to checking when the football grand finals are being held. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next Committee meeting.

**Lighting at bus stops and in lanes in Hackett:** It was noted that lighting is inadequate around some of the bus stops in Hackett, and in some laneways – particularly the lane from Mills Street to Stanley Street.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

<b>New agreed actions</b>	
Terry to check with Greg about NCCC funding	
Bruce to check with John Leiber about NCCC funding	
Chris to get facts about costs involved in changing purpose of vacant shop and put them into letter for MLAs	
Chris to request Greg to put Community Survey results on website	
Chris to find out whether NCCC intends to put submission to Housing Inquiry	
Chris to check availability for AGM bookings	

<b>Previous agreed actions</b>	<b>Status</b>
Chris to report on Fix My Street: lanes; pedestrian crossings; Madigan St median strip	Done – ACT Government says crossings not justified but will look at improving lighting
Chris to put article in HNW on Fix My Streets	Done
Chris to look at oral history template	In progress
Bruce to write letter to ACT Govt about bin at shops	Done
Chris to replace Greg as a co-signatory of the bank account	In progress
James to provide contact details of SES, Scouts etc.	In progress
Greg to add list of Honorary Life Members to HCA website	To be clarified with Greg
Chris to submit change of Public Officer details to ORS	In progress – will incur \$41 fee

**Hackett Community Association  
Committee meeting  
13 June 2017**

**Present –**

Committee: Chris Mobbs, Marian Williams, Kay Murphy, Terry de Luca, John Carty and Bruce Smith

Members: James Walker

Apologies: Jean Chesson and Grant Walton

The minutes of the meeting of 9 May were accepted.

Treasurer's report: Terry reported that the current balance is \$2,632.29.

Bins at shops: There are now three bins at the shops. They have been relocated as the Association requested – a good outcome. Elizabeth Lee MLA wrote to say that she had raised the issue of the bins and also the lack of public toilets. It was agreed that Bruce would write to thank both Ms Lee and also the relevant Minister, Rachel Stephen-Smith. This letter would also be an opportunity to raise the issue of the cost of the lease variation for the empty shop on the corner.

Diversity Day – The Association has received a letter from St. Margaret's Church, the organisers of the Hackett Diversity Day celebration, requesting to join the HCA contact days and parties. The Committee agreed to this – Bruce will respond to the letter.

Party at the Shops: There was a general discussion about preparations for the Party at the Shops on 21 October. Points included:

- James will type up a list of all the problems with participation, contacting people etc, which can then form part of a single document which brings everything together
- Kay will talk to the shopkeepers about prizes etc
- Chris will talk to politicians and government departments, and the Hackett Preschool
- People will need to be given plenty of notice – especially Kenny Koala
- We will also need to organise the Jumping Castle, Merici dancers, Campbell High, the Sausage Sizzle
- Bruce will invite Blue Gum and John will invite Daramalan, Merici, Campbell
- Bruce will put together standard invitation words which can then be used by the Committee

Housing inquiry: It was agreed that Bruce will check whether the NCCC is planning to make a submission to the Housing inquiry being conducted by the ACT Government.

AGM: It was agreed to hold the AGM on Wednesday 13 September. It was agreed that:

- Chris will look at Greg's notes about how to make the room booking (may need to go to the ACT Property office on Canberra Avenue)
- Bruce will approach Antonia and Sasa (Magic Kitchen) about speaking about their work in the suburb and possibly the idea of a Transition Street.

55th birthday party: There was a general discussion including:

- the party should be held in Spring 2018 – James will look at a date which might have some connection with Sir John Hackett
- We should do something about a plaque at the shops to commemorate Sir John Hackett – we could approach the ACT Government

Other business:

- Dickson College is expecting record enrolment numbers for Year 11
- The ABS census will be released soon – we should look at the changing face of Hackett compared with previous censuses
- The websites (HCA and the Hackett Community) were down for a period – when Greg got back from overseas he fixed the problem
- the ACT Government has established two Park and Rides in Hackett – at the Shops (to use carpark on northside) and at Kellaway Street
- we should find ways to circulate the Annual Report, possibly through publishing it in the HNW newsletter
- there is an emerging issue with people dumping things on the kerb for people to collect. Often, however, it is used to avoid tip fees. One option would be to use Fix My Street to notify when it has become an eyesore. Chris will talk to Barbara about putting a notice in HNW about this
- We need to pursue the issue of an accessible powerpoint at the shops.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm. Next meeting 8 August 2017 (no meeting in July as too cold)

<b>New agreed actions</b>	
Bruce to write to Elizabeth Lee and Rachel Stephen-Smith thanking them for bin relocation and, with Minister Stephen-Smith, raising the issue of the cost of the lease variation for the empty shop on the corner	
Bruce to respond to request about Diversity Day at Contact Days and annual Party	
Bruce to put together standard words for invitation to Party at the Shops	
Bruce to check whether NCCC intends to put in Housing submission	
Chris to find out about AGM room booking	
Bruce to invite Antonia and Sasa to speak at AGM	
Approach ACT Government about funding for plaque for 55 <sup>th</sup> birthday celebration	
Chris to talk to Barbara about note in HNW about dumping unwanted goods on streets	

<b>Previous agreed actions</b>	<b>Status</b>
Bruce to check with John Leiber about NCCC funding	In progress – Bruce has called
Chris to get facts about costs involved in changing purpose of vacant shop and put them into letter for MLAs	In progress - Chris has placed call to real estate agents managing the lease
Chris to request Greg to put Community Survey results on website	In progress
Bruce to find out whether NCCC intends to put submission to Housing Inquiry	In progress
Chris to check availability for AGM bookings	In progress
Chris to look at oral history template	In progress
Chris to replace Greg as a co-signatory of the bank account	In progress
James to provide contact details of SES, Scouts etc.	Done
Greg to add list of Honorary Life Members to HCA website	To be clarified with Greg
Chris to submit change of Public Officer details to ORS	Done

**Hackett Community Association  
Committee meeting  
8 August 2017**

**Present –**

Committee: Chris Mobbs, Kay Murphy, Terry de Luca, John Carty and Bruce Smith

Apologies: Jean Chesson and Grant Walton

The minutes of the meeting of 13 June were accepted. Actions were reported as below.

Treasurer's report: Terry reported that the current balance is the same as in June.

Membership lists: Chris reported that the Constitution specified that new memberships need to be approved each meeting. Greg has sent the membership spreadsheet to Chris, and Chris will provide to Terry and Bruce to reconcile the membership forms with the list.

Auditor: Terry reported that he proposed to use the same auditor as in previous years (Max Roberts) – if the accounts are under \$5,000 then it is unnecessary to use a firm.

It was agreed that small amounts can be spent without prior approval. On this basis, Terry will pay Greg for the use of the HCA Domain name.

Party at the Shops - 21 October: There was a general planning discussion about the Party, including that:

- there will be a sausage sizzle – Terry will organise the BBQ
- we are approaching schools, including Merici and Campbell – we have not heard back from Brindabella
- we should contact the bookseller – James knows her
- Bruce will contact St Margaret's
- John will followup about the knife sharpener
- Chocolates – Robyn Rowe
- SES said they would come
- there will be kids activities, including a jumping castle and face painting
- we will email Greg about the portaloos
- Bruce to contact NCCC to ask for \$1,000 funding for the Party
- Bruce to check that we are covered by NCCC insurance
- It was agreed to approve a budget for up to \$1,000 for the Party.

AGM: There was a discussion about arrangements for the AGM on 13 September, which covered:

- Chris has booked the room, and will collect key and will check alarm code
- Guest speakers - Antonia and Sasha
- Food – will be pizzas from Wilburs
- It was agreed that it would be appropriate to give a small gift to the guest speakers – a bottle of wine?
- It was agreed to approve a budget of up to \$200
- Bruce will run off nomination forms
- Chris will check with Greg about the exact status of the constitution.

Submission on Housing: It was agreed to monitor this issue at this stage.

Census results for Hackett: It was agreed that Committee members would look at the summary of results that Chris had made and provide any comments to Chris.

Power point at shops: The response from ACTEW (16 June) made it clear that they will not provide a power point at the shops for community use. We will have to continue with the ad hoc arrangements of previous years.

Bins near Hackett oval: There is clearly dumping happening, including tyres and building rubble. It is not clear who owns these bins, and there is no lock to stop dumping. Chris will write to the ACT Government about the issue.

#### Other business

It was agreed to send a thank you card to Caroline (formerly the Florist at the shops) thanking her for her support of the Hackett community, including her support for the Community website.

<b>New agreed actions</b>	
Terry and Bruce to reconcile membership list with membership forms	
Terry to pay Greg for use of HCA Domain name	
Bruce to apply for funding from NCCC for Party	
Bruce to confirm insurance cover for Party	
Committee members to provide comments on Census summary	
Chris to write to ACT Government about bins near oval	
Send thank you card to Caroline (Florist) from HCA	

<b>Previous agreed actions</b>	
Bruce to write to Elizabeth Lee and Rachel Stephen-Smith thanking them for bin relocation and, with Minister Stephen-Smith, raising the issue of the cost of the lease variation for the empty shop on the corner	Done
Bruce to respond to request about Diversity Day at Contact Days and annual Party	Done
Bruce to put together standard words for invitation to Party at the Shops	Done
Bruce to check whether NCCC intends to put in Housing submission	Done – not at this stage
Chris to find out about AGM room booking	Done
Bruce to invite Antonia and Sasa to speak at AGM	Done – they agreed.
Approach ACT Government about funding for plaque for 55 <sup>th</sup> birthday celebration	Done – There is a process for ACT Arts applications – this is not immediate, but something that could be considered.
Chris to talk to Barbara about note in HNW about dumping unwanted goods on streets	Done – agreed to monitor situation to see if it continues.
Bruce to check with John Leiber about NCCC funding	Done – Bruce has made application.

**Attendance:** As recorded in the General Meeting Attendance Book.

Chris Mobbs (Chair) opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

**Apologies:** Bruce Smith, John Carty, Jill Huntington, Lyn Binns

**Minutes:** The meeting accepted the minutes from the 2016 AGM.

**Treasurer's Report:** Terry de Luca reported that the HCA funds were in good shape overall, with over \$2,000 in the bank. The Association had a small deficit over the financial year, which was due to not receiving any funding from the NCCC which would have offset funds spent on activities like the annual Party at the Shops. Terry noted that the key emphasis should be to spend available funds on activities that benefitted the local community such as the Party at the Shops..

Terry acknowledged that assistance of the auditor in preparing the end of year financial performance statement.

**Chair's Report:** Chris Mobbs used his report to look back over the previous year, and to look ahead at the coming year for the Association. Chris acknowledged the considerable contributions of both James Walker and Greg Haughey as recent Chairs of the Association. He also thanked Neighbourhood Watch, and noted the various activities of the Association in 2016 such as the Party at the Shops, the Community Survey, contact days and representation on issues such as amenity at the Hackett shops, and better recognition for Hackett open spaces. Chris then noted a range of matters to look in to over the next 12 months, including HCA membership, the 50-year history of Hackett, ongoing HCA activity such as contact days. Chris also raised the possibility of developing a bike riding area for children near the oval, noting the attraction of the local Majura Pines riding area and that many bike riders regularly stop in at the Hackett shops as part of their rides in the local area.

**Election of Office Bearers:** The following office bearers were elected:

Chair: Chris Mobbs

Treasurer: Terry de Luca

Secretary: Bruce Smith

Deputy Secretary: Kay Murphy

Public Officer: Chris Mobbs

**General Business:** There was a discussion about the forthcoming Party at the Shops, and an acknowledgement of the need to invite the Folk Dance Society. There was also general agreement that Certificates of Appreciation were a good idea to acknowledge the assistance of various organisations in supporting the Party.

**Speakers:** Antonia and Sasa Basic, Canberra Magic Kitchen

Antonia and Sasa talked to the Association about moving to Canberra, and to Hackett in particular, from their home in Croatia. They chose the ACT (even though many people they met in Croatia said it was boring) because Antonia received an ACT visa sponsorship as a travel agent, and when they arrived they found they really liked Hackett.

Antonia and Sasa started to plant their garden with vegetables as they had done in Croatia, and soon found they had surplus which they decided to sell from a stall in their front garden, using an honour system for payment. Some other households from Hackett have also joined in to sell their produce, and the stall has been very successful. Antonia and Sasa also have also developed the Canberra Magic Kitchen where they prepare and sell vegan food, including catering for events, and holding regular crepe stalls in their front garden, which see a crowd of up to 150 people coming by to sample the crepes, listen to music and enjoy one another's company at tables set up in the front garden.

Sasa and Antonia emphasised how important neighbours are in Croatian culture, and that they have been keen to develop a life in Canberra that retains that focus, and that the vegetable stall and the crepe making have been great opportunities for enhancing a sense of community, and that further projects they develop will also look to do this.



## Hackett Community Association Chair's report 2016-17

Slim Dusty wrote a song *Looking Forward, Looking Back*. My report tonight is along those lines. It is important to reflect on our activities over the past 12 months and then from this we can look at our priorities for the next year.

### LOOKING BACK

**Change of chair** - I would like to first thank James Walker for his work as Chair from 2013 to August 2016. James has been with the HCA from its inception in 2003. He was instrumental in organising the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party celebrations in 2013, with one of the key outcomes being the development of a history about the first 50 years of Hackett. Thank you also to Greg Haughey took over from James, but then retired as Chair in February 2017 with his move to Perth. Greg did a lot to expand the communication efforts of the HCA with the website and the Hackett Community website. Greg continues to manage these websites for the HCA. Greg was also very active in organising events like the contact days and Party at the Shops.

**Neighbourhood Watch** – thank you for the on-going support for including news about the HCA in their monthly newsletter. It is important that NGOs work together to improve their local community.

**Party at the shops** - held on 29 October 2016 was well attended by many hundreds of people. There were attractions for children, music, dancing, food, raffles and stalls. This is one of the main events organised by the HCA and, subject to volunteers, we will aim to continue this in future years.

**Community contact days** – the HCA participated in the St Margaret's Church Diversity Day on 27 August 2016 and organised another contact day at the shops on 20 April 2017. The April event was well attended, with local organisations providing stalls to promote their activities. Several ACT House of Assembly members attended and discussed issues with residents.

**Community Survey** – 77 people completed a survey provided during the party at the shops. The report of the survey is on the Hackett Community website. On the question related to improvements over the next two to three years, toilets at the shops received the most votes, followed by more diversity in shops and improved playgrounds. Revamped local shopping centre, more community events and activities, diversity of housing and community garden were the next most popular categories.

**Communications** – in addition to the contact days and party at shops, the HCA uses a variety of avenues to communicate with residents, including two websites - one for the HCA <http://www.hackett.org.au/> and <http://hackettcommunity.com.au/> for the broader Hackett community and businesses. Facebook is also being used with just over 100 followers.

**Trees at Hackett Oval** – the trees on the eastern side of the oval provide a valuable visual backdrop and amenity for this area. However, the pines are nearing the end of their useful life and will need to be removed over the next 5-10 years. The Government has agreed to prepare a plan for their removal and replacement with appropriate species.

**Enhancing open spaces** – there are 6 open spaces in Hackett which provide important recreational value for residents (these include spaces on Bragg/Brennan St; Madigan to Mackenzie; Harris/Gilbert/French; Maitland/Gilruth; and Calwell/Stanley St). In the 2017 ACT election, the Labour and Greens proposed an *Adopt a Park* Scheme. Under the HCA, residents prepared a draft plan for the Bragg/Brennan st park and submitted to the ACT Government. The plan proposes the involvement of local residents to enhance the tree and shrub cover and developing a nature playground for children. Discussions with the ACT Government continue, though the Adopt a Park scheme appears to be on hold.

**Names for the open spaces** – The Government has agreed to consider having names for these open spaces, with the Bragg/Brennan St park the first one. Naming provides a sense of identity and can help emergency services locate an area. There are guidelines to be followed i.e. can be in accordance with the naming theme for Hackett (notable deceased Australian scientists); or the name of a deceased person/family who made a significant contribution to the local community; or a word or characteristic associated with the history of the local area. The HCA will facilitate proposals for naming these spaces.

**Street names** – in correspondence about the naming of open spaces, the ACT place names section noted that French St was named after three people - Charles French horticulturalist; George French, soldier in Qld and NSW Military Forces in late 1800s; and Cpl John French who won a Victoria Cross, in 1942 at Milne Bay. The street signs did not have the VC symbol on it, but this was recently added.

**Fix my street**- the ACT Government provides the on-line *Fix My Street* page to enable residents to report all matters related to damaged municipal facilities ranging from broken lights, rubbish, dangerous trees etc. However for residents who don't have on-line access, the HCA has lodged requests including tree pruning, improved lighting for bus stops along Phillip Avenue and illegal dumping of rubbish at bins near the change rooms at the oval – these bins are now locked thus preventing this illegal dumping.

**50 year history** – this was commenced by the Association in 2011, through the leadership of James Walker. He has compiled a lot of old photos, newspaper articles and stories which now need to be bought together on the website and hopefully in a publication.

**Mr Fluffy blocks** - Hackett had around 30 Mr Fluffy blocks which most have been sold. Some residents raised concerns about the types of developments that could occur on these. A lot of the concerns would appear to be due to information from ACT LPA not being readily available and understandable. A small group met with ACT LPA. In essence, blocks over 700m<sup>2</sup> can have single storey, dual occupancy dwellings, or a single dwelling up to two storeys – no apartments. The HCA looks forward to welcoming these new residents as they build and then move into their new homes.

**Hackett Shops** – the community survey identified the desire to have community toilets at the shops as well as general enhancement.

**Toilets** – in 2015 the ACT Government provided draft plans for the construction of toilets at the shops to be located in the paved area between IGA and Madigan St. Unfortunately, this would detract from this valuable space. It could possibly go on the grass near the bus stop but this would also impinge on valuable space. It will be a challenge to get the balance right, as both sites are where we hold the party – given the small size of the shops, this location will be very prominent.

**Vacant shop** (former King Ruby restaurant) continues to remain vacant which provides a negative feel to the shops. The HCA understands that any changes to the lease would incur a fee/levy in the order of \$30,000 – while any new shop will need to spend tens of thousands for fit-out, this additional cost may possibly act as a disincentive for new occupants and may be one reason for its on-going vacancy.

**Bins** – the Government provided three new bins – one unfortunately was placed in the middle of the open space (where we hold the party!). But having listened to HCA representatives, they moved it to a less obtrusive location.

## **LOOKING FORWARD**

We need to consider the changing face of Hackett – the 2016 census showed our population was 2,991 (compared with 2,881 in 2006 and 3,968 in 1976). And with more children (21% under 14 years in 2016 compared with 16.5% in 2006) we need to consider opportunities for this group and

their parents. Many of the issues commenced over the past year and earlier, will continue to be a priority for the HCA over the next 12 months and include:

- **50 year history** – aim to get content on website, and if sufficient funds available, released as a book
- **Hackett shops** – getting a new tenant in the empty shop, enhancing gardens and toilet
- **Commemoration of Sir John Hackett** - a plaque, sculpture or some other feature at the shops would provide important context about the suburb of Hackett. The HCA will discuss further with the ACT Government
- **Contact days and party at shops** – we will aim to have 1-2 contact days and a party at the shops each year. And 2018 will be the 55th birthday of Hackett
- **Open spaces** – get Government endorsement for plan to improve Bragg/Brennan st park. Facilitate community involvement for the other open spaces
- **Hackett oval tree replacement** – once the ACT Government provides a plan, the HCA will facilitate consultation with the community to get feedback and ultimately community endorsement
- **Bike riding area near oval** - Majura Pines mountain bike riding is a big attraction with many riders starting and finishing their ride at the Hackett shops – they can enjoy the great food at Wilburs or Siam Twist and get their bike serviced at Monkey Wrench. This recreational activity has got to be beneficial for the shops. Behind Maitland House near the oval is vacant space which may be suitable for a children's' bike riding area, similar to the North Ainslie Primary School track. Further discussions will be required with the ACT Government and Blue Gum School to explore this option.
- **Membership** - in the 50 year history material, there is a newspaper article from 2002 about the formation of the HCA – over 150 residents attended a meeting to raise concerns about the shops and other matters. We currently have around 130 individuals on our mailing list. In some respects, Hackett would appear to be immune from large scale developments that occur in other suburbs. That does not mean nothing happens. It is important that the community participates in NGOs like the HCA, as this collective input can be more influential in persuading the Government to undertake activities to improve the suburb. We will try and double our membership.
- **Other issues** – Increased membership can bring new ideas to the association. We are always open to receiving ideas, or having issues raised that the association can bring to the attention of the ACT Government.

Chris Mobbs

Chair, Hackett Community Association 13 September 2017

**Hackett Community Association  
Committee meeting  
10 October 2017**

**Present :** Chris Mobbs, Kay Murphy, Terry de Luca, Marian Williams and Bruce Smith

The minutes of the meeting of 8 August were accepted. Actions were reported as below. It was also agreed to put the draft minutes on the website as well as the Chairs report.

**Treasurers report** - Terry reported that Chris is now able to sign cheques. The account now stands at \$2071.69, but cheques to be cashed mean that the real balance is around \$1400. He noted that it will go down a bit in lead up to Party, but that we will make money from the BBQ.

**Party at the shops:** There was a general discussion about finalising arrangements for the Party. Points included:

- Siam Twist will do slushies and operate a portable wok
- Terry will organise the Sausage sizzle. It was decided not drinks - the preschool will sell lemonade.
- Schools expected are: Campbell High, Merici, North Ainslie,
- Folk Dance Canberra is booked
- Buskers - should invite
- Bruce will follow-up the Portable bookstore.
- Kay is organising the raffle
- Majura Pines will be attending.
- Bruce to check whether St Margaret's will be attending
- ACT Fire and Rescue trailer will be coming
- We will need duct tape for extension cords
- Bruce to help Terry with chairs etc from St Margaret's
- Chris will lend her bunting again
- Permit has been approved
- Number of Local representatives will attend
- Estimate of expenditure around \$1200

**HCA Constitution:** Chris had prepared a discussion paper on the current status of the Constitution and proposals for change. He reported that when the Constitution was originally submitted to the ACT Auditor-General we had ticked that we would adopt the model rules. But we then developed our own Constitution. Chris noted that in certain respects it was possible that we had not been operating in accordance with the Incorporated Associations Act. He noted that there are a number of inconsistencies between the Model Rules and the drafted Constitution, including setting fees, financial year, objectives, minimum age, quota, etc

It was agreed that the Committee would consider the Discussion paper and come back to the issue at the next meeting.

**Auditing:** it was noted that, under the ORS rules, it is not necessary to have a formal audit if the organisation has less than \$400,000 in its accounts. It was agreed to continue with the current auditing arrangements for the HCA.

**Membership fees:** There was a discussion about the need to continue to require a fee for membership. The general view was that the amount of money raised did not justify the

administration involved. It was agreed to set the membership fee to \$0 for 2017-18 and then to assess how that has gone in making a decision for 2018-19.

**50 year history of Hackett:** Chris talked about how he had collected a range of material from James's house, much of it beautifully preserved. It included photos, HCA meeting records, questionnaires, electronic resources. Chris has sorted the material and the next stage is to form a working group to develop topics and assign responsibility for them. We could have chapters on topics as varied as Wildlife in the suburbs and the HCA traffic survey. We should also put material on the website. The final publication can be Print on Demand - we would only print for as many copies as needed. The Foreword could be an acknowledgement to James.

**James Walker celebrations:** The Committee had a discussion about the planned celebration of James's life at Siam Twist. It was noted that the Hackett community was keen to pay tribute to James's contribution to the community and was looking to the Association to lead this. It was agreed that the Association would contribute \$100 for food. Andrew Leigh would be one of the speakers, and he may also be saying something in Parliament.

### Upcoming events

It was agreed to have the Christmas dinner at Wilbur's this year.

It was agreed to have a discussion in November about which day of the week Committee meeting should be held.

Meeting finished at 8.45

<b>New agreed actions</b>	
Arrangements for Party at the Shops	
Topics and responsibilities for 50 Year book to be developed and agreed	
Arrangements made for James Walker celebration	
Committee members to consider Constitution	

<b>Previous agreed actions</b>	
Terry and Bruce to reconcile membership list with membership forms	In progress
Bruce to apply for funding from NCCC for Party	Done
Bruce to confirm insurance cover for Party	Done
Terry to pay Greg for use of HCA Domain name	Done
Committee members to provide comments on Census summary	In progress
Chris to write to ACT Government about bins near oval	Done
Send thank you card to Caroline (Florist) from HCA	Done

**Hackett Community Association  
Committee meeting 21 November 2017  
Draft minutes**

**Present:** Chris Mobbs, Terry de Luca, Marian Williams, Bruce Smith, John Carty, Caroline Carty

**Apologies** – Kay Murphy

The minutes of the meeting of 10 October 2017 were accepted subject to some minor amendments. Actions were reported as below.

**Treasurers report** – As at 6 November 2017, the account stands at \$2,303. It was noted that income from the Party at shops raffle and BBQ was \$934.

**Party at the shops report:** Chris tabled a draft report about the party at the shops which covered topics including pre-publicity, permit requirements, entertainment, food, raffle, time of the party and taking photos. The report included recommendations to be considered for future parties. *Chris emailed the report to members and asked they provide any additional comments, suggestions.* Chris will then include these in a final report that can be used for planning future parties.

**HCA Constitution:** At the October meeting, Chris tabled a discussion paper (also emailed to members) about the current Constitution and proposals for change. The Committee noted the differences between the current Constitution and the Model Rules (prescribed under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991*) including setting fees, financial year, objectives, minimum age, quorums for AGMs. (When originally submitted to the ACT Government in April 2003, we ticked a form that said we would adopt the Model Rules. But we then developed our own Constitution.) *The Committee agreed that we should adopt the Model Rules and noted that we will need to hold a special meeting to formally adopt such changes. It was agreed that the special meeting would be held on the first meeting in 2018 (Tuesday 13 February.)*

**50 year history of Hackett:** Chris provided a progress report about the history project and a 1st version of the book based on material obtained from James Walker and Greg Haughey (report and 1st version emailed to committee members to assist reviewing). Chris indicated that while there were articles about the former primary school, Folk Dance Australia, activities of the HCA, and 11 personal reflections, there were still many gaps. There were a number of photos of the early days in Hackett. Articles could be prepared from the material that James Walker collected and is now with Chris. It was agreed that:

- Chris will coordinate this project with the aim of having a final version ready by early 2018 (February-March);
- Volunteers will be asked to prepare articles (e.g Kay will review the article she prepared about the Art and Craft show; Bruce to prepare article about traffic issues; Barbara Inglis to be asked to prepare article about Neighbourhood watch);
- Chris to ask Greg to send out the personal reflections questionnaire to people on the HCA members register inviting them to contribute stories, as well as photos and to volunteer to prepare articles and/or assist in searching archival records;
- Chris to visit ACT Heritage Library (source of early photos, maps, plans, and records of the former National Capital Development Commission), search the

digitized records of *The Canberra Times* held on the National Library of Australia Trove, and the National Archives of Australia;

- The books about the history of Watson, Downer and Curtain provide useful models for the Hackett publication;
- The final publication could be put on the HCA website, or published subject to cost. We may be able to apply for a grant to cover publishing but only after we have completed content.
- The publication would include an acknowledgement to James.

**Christmas dinner** – to be at Wilbur’s on Thursday 7 December starting at 6.30pm. Chris has booked table for 12 and will confirm final numbers nearer the day.

**Other business** – Chris tabled a letter from Minister Rachel Stephen-Smith thanking the HCA for inviting her to the party at the shops.

**Next meeting** – as the committee does not meet during the Christmas holidays, the next meeting will be the special meeting on 13 February 2018.

Meeting finished at 8.45

<b>New agreed actions</b>	
Members to email comments to Chris on draft report about Party at the Shops	
Chris to lead work on finalising content for the 50 Year history book including: Sending questionnaire out to current HCA members Inviting members to prepare articles on topics or assist researching archival material	
Hold special meeting on 13 February 2018 to consider adopting the Model Rules as the new Constitution for the HCA	