

HCA website news items 2014 and earlier

This document includes details of past events and activities that were provided on the former HCA website. Pictures have been removed along with old links for ease of reading. They have been retained for historical record purposes.

SEE-Change Sustainable House Tour Hackett on Sunday 19 October 2014 10 October 2014

SEE-Change are running a Sustainable House Tours program. This program is designed for renovators, home owners and renters who want to tour an amazing array of everyday homes all built and created around the ideal of reducing their footprint on the earth.

On these tours you can tap into local knowledge to learn how to successfully integrate renewable energy, recycling, food growing and other sustainable practices into your home and lifestyle.

The cost of the tours will be \$2 for SEE-Change for Australian Institute of Architecture members and \$5 for non-members. **The next tour involves a Hackett home on Sunday 19 October.**

Electric bikes information and test ride night 16 October 2014 3 October 2014

SEE-Change has organised an electric bike information and test ride night for Thursday 16 October from 6.15 – 7.15pm in O'Connor.

Music in the Park Bragg Street Park 3pm on Saturday 22 November 2014 29 September 2014

Music in the Park will commence at 3pm on Saturday 22 November 2014 in the Bragg Street Park. Local musicians will be playing from 3pm through until dark. Santa will be arriving around 5:30 pm. Everyone is welcome, so bring along your family and friends. Everything is BYO, including your dancing shoes! There will be the usual Christmas gold coin donation to a local charity. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to get together with family and friends and enjoy some great live music. Any enquires can be made to John and Christy on 62477517, or 0407 005 843.

Hackett Primary School Facebook Group 22 September 2014

There is now a dedicated Facebook site on the old Hackett Primary School. It includes numerous photos of past staff and students.

You can access the Facebook site by [clicking here](#).

SEE-change stall Sunday 21 September 2014 19 September 2014

See-change will be operating a stall at the Kingston Bus Depot markets on Sunday 21 September as part of Green Savvy Sundays.

Siam Twist Thai Restaurant 19 September 2014

The old Ten-Deli café has now been upgraded to a Thai restaurant and rebranded as the Siam Twist. This is a welcome addition to the now vibrant Hackett Shopping Centre. If you wish to book a table or order take away call 6249-1386.

Outdoor Table 19 September 2014

The ACT Government at the request of the Hackett Community Association has provided an outdoor table on the lawn area of the shops for the use of residents. We trust that this will be a popular addition especially during the warmer summer months.

Downer Community Association Spring Fair 20 September 2014 9 September 2014

The Downer Community Association is holding a Spring Fair from 10am to 3pm on Saturday 20th September at the Downer Community Centre

Notice Board 17 June 2014

Steve and Arthur from the IGA Shop have put up a Notice Board next to the ANZ ATM. This is a great addition for the community as the previous notice board was recently destroyed by vandals. It was also exposed to the rain and wind which ruined many notices. Members of the public can place personal ads along the bottom using the supplied cards. Official community notices will be placed in the larger plastic sleeves at the top.

HCA Contact Table 26 July 2014 15 June 2014

The Hackett Community Association Committee will be holding a contact table at the shops from 9am – 1pm on 26 July. Please come along and meet your fellow association members and let us know how you feel about living in Hackett.

We would be grateful if some non-committee residents could join us for a while to expand the representation at these tables. Your time commitment can be as short or as long as you are able to spare. Please contact James Walker on 6247-0951 to let us know that you will be joining us. We are also expecting the Friends of Mount Majura and a number of other local organisations to join us.

National Tree Day 2014 – Sunday 27 July 1pm – 3.30pm 11 June 2014

Friends of Mount Majura (FoMM) is celebrating National Tree Day with a planting party in the Mt Majura nature park. Get your hands dirty and plant local trees, shrubs and flowers into the ground. This year's event will be the third stage of a community re-vegetation project that started in Winter 2012 in the nature park behind "*The Fair*" in North Watson.

FoMM aims to replace weeds with local native plants, provide habitat for little woodland birds and improve the overall condition of the degraded endangered grassy woodland in the area. Volunteer registration opens at 12.45pm. The day will start with a fun demonstration on *how to plant* by TAMS Minister Shane Rattenbury.

Shopping centre update 10 June 2014

In the last week or so contractors have undertaken repairs to the retaining walls around the shopping centre square. The walls had collapsed in various parts due to the pressure from the roots of the various maturing trees and this gave the shopping centre a run-down look.

We thank the Government for its timely response and the return of our shopping precinct to its former glory. There has also been a hive of activity at Ten-Deli with bobcats, plumbers and concrete pours and while there is still much work to be done the café is starting to take shape.

Be part of Watson Preschool's 50th anniversary 24 May 2014

The Watson preschool is encouraging past, present and future students, parents, staff and friends of the preschool community to take the rare opportunity to have your name and/or drawing as a permanent feature.

This year's major project is landscaping the area between the classrooms. The school will be using the engraved pavers in this area to create an outdoor learning space. It will give the children a space to grow and care for a vegetable garden. Pick up your order form from the preschool. **Orders close 15 June 2014.**

Ten-Deli temporary closure May 2014 20 May 2014

Ten-Deli will be closed from 26 May 2014 for 3 weeks to undertake the fitting out of a Thai restaurant. This will be a most welcome addition to the Hackett scene and we look forward to the official opening.

Vale Mrs Jess Taylor May 2014 16 May 2014

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Mrs Jess Taylor the Secretary of the Hackett Primary School in the 1970s and '80s. Jess was a real Hackett identity, the right hand to four School Principals, confidante to staff and parents and the 'face' of the school – the first person to greet

visitors and parents. She knew every child in the school and would be fondly remembered by many thousands of children.

But it wasn't just the Hackett Primary School family who remember Jess with love and gratitude. She entered into many other community activities, going well and truly above the call of duty, especially with the assistance she gave to the Hackett Art and Craft Exhibition – the joint venture of Rosary Demonstration School and Hackett Primary.

Jess kept in touch with the Hackett Community, even after the school closed and retired to her garden down south. Members of the Art Show Committee were delighted to see Jess and her late husband Jack at the Art Show reunion some five years ago, and many residents had a chance to catch up with her at the Hackett 50th Anniversary celebrations.

We say farewell to a resourceful and gracious lady and pass on our condolences to her children and grandchildren.

Watson Preschool Fete 10 May 2014 18 April 2014

The Watson Preschool will be holding a fete on Saturday, 10 May 2014 from 10am – 2pm at 60 Knox Street Watson. This is Watson Preschool's 50th year so come along and join in the fun. There will be lots of stalls, a parade and cake cutting ceremony.

Parties @ the Shops 15 March 2014 16 March 2014

Although the prediction was for some mid-afternoon rain only a very short-lived light rain shower occurred and fortunately this was at the end the bush dancers' performance so it did not really mar the proceedings.

Many children came along to participate in the games and competitions and it seems face painting as well as the face painters were fully engaged from 2pm to well past 6pm.

The bush dancers put on a colourful and lively performance and much to the horror of some Hackett residents they were asked to join in. The tuition was obviously effective as the Hackett residents seemed to take the dancing with aplomb. To see YouTube video of dancing [click here](#).

The day finished off with some great music from Queen Juanita and her Zydeco Cowboys. Many children joined in with dancing and a number of very skilled swing dances took advantage of the occasion to finesse their skills. A number of other less skilled dancers were inspired by the swing dancers and joined in.

Clean Up Australia Day 2 March 2014 28 January 2014

The Hackett Community Association has organised a 'Clean Up Australia Day' campaign from 10 am to 1pm on Sunday 2 March 2013. Residents who wish to join in this very worthwhile effort to clean up the suburb are asked to meet at the Hackett Shops from 10 am. No effort is too small. Rubbish collection bags will be provided but bring your own gloves. Please contact Terry de Luca on 6249-1889 for further details.

HCA Committee Table 29 March 2014 28 January 2014

The Hackett Community Association Committee will be holding a table at the shops from 9am – 1pm on 29 March. Please come along and meet your fellow committee members and let us know how you feel about living in Hackett.

Parties @ the Shops 15 March 2014 28 January 2014

The Hackett Community Association will be holding another Parties @ the Shops on 15 March to coincide with the Canberra birthday celebrations. Our plan is to maximise community involvement with a mix of games, competitions, entertainment and a BYO dinner party. Residents and friends are encouraged to come along and join in the celebrations. The program will consist of:

- 2 – 4 pm – Games, competitions (for adults and children) and children’s entertainment
- 4 – 5 pm – Bush dancing with the Bush Dancers Display Group (residents encouraged to join in)
- 6.30 – 8.30 – BYO dinner accompanied by music by Queen Juanita and the Zydeco Cowboy

St Margaret’s Uniting Church 50th anniversary celebrations 1-2 February 2014 22 January 2014

On 1 and 2 February 2014 St Margaret’s will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a Saturday evening dinner and book launch, and a special worship service at 10.30 AM on the Sunday followed by a special morning tea. All are welcome to attend the Sunday events.

On 2 February 1964 at Watson Primary School, the first worship service of the new congregation of the still un-named Presbyterian Church in the Watson and Hackett suburbs was attended by 106 adults and 87 children. What was to become St Margaret’s Uniting Church was born.

The church is truly blessed with a central position in the northern suburbs of Canberra. Located at the corner of Antill Street and Phillip Avenue, it is right at the cross-roads and shares the site with Holy Cross Anglican Church. The site also has become the home of three very successful and important community programs initiated by St Margaret’s – Meg’s Toybox, Stepping Stones For Life, and Ross Walker Lodge.

The people who have comprised the St Margaret’s community over the years have been many. At the start they primarily resided in the suburbs of Hackett, Watson and Downer. Now the majority live in suburbs of Belconnen, but still have a great sense of belonging to a community. Many past members have moved elsewhere, but frequently have retained a strong connection.

Many have responded to an invitation to return for the anniversary celebrations. As well as the past members who will join the celebrations with current congregation members, there will be a number of special guests. Rev Jan Abblas played an important role in St Margaret’s early days. In 1963 he was appointed to initiate steps for a congregation to cover the Watson-Hackett area. Rev Abblas was then Minister of St Aidan’s in Red Hill. He will be present at the celebrations, together with the first Minister of the St Margaret’s congregation, Rev Don Erickson.

Also attending will be other past Ministers, including Rev Paul Cameron and Rev Paul Swadling, as well as Rev Barbara Allen who went on to become an ordained Minister elsewhere after being a candidate from St Margaret’s. The first couple married by the first Minister (at All Saints as St Margaret’s buildings had not been completed) will also be attending. The Moderator of the Uniting Church Synod of NSW and the ACT, Rev Brian Brown will also be a special guest, preaching at the service and launching the book that has been published for the occasion. “Reflecting on 50 Years: 1964-2014” is not a formal history. Rather it is a collection of written pieces and photographs that reflect in various ways on the journey and achievements of St Margaret’s over its fifty years.

Hackett Community Association website archived by National Library January 2014 20 January 2014

The National Library of Australia has selected the Hackett Community Association website for inclusion in the PANDORA Website Archive. The website will now be regularly archived. Archives of the HCA Website are now publicly available in the PANDORA Archive at <http://nla.gov.au/nla.arc-143362>. For more information on PANDORA go here <http://pandora.nla.gov.au/about.html>.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year December 2013 25 December 2013

The Hackett Community Association wishes you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Music in the Park 30 November 2013 1 December 2013

The 9th Music in the Park event was held in the Bragg Street park on 30 November 2013. The event was enjoyed by several hundred adults and children. Santa made a surprise visit and handed out sweets to the young children. Local bands Ultra Violet, The Country Preachers, Hit and Glide and local celebrity Alex Gibson of 'The Voice' fame performed on the day. To watch a YouTube video of the event click [here](#).

Committee table 30 November 2013 1 December 2013

The 30 November committee table was another great success. The sun shone throughout and there was a steady flow of residents inquiring about the Hackett Community Association, buying raffle tickets, second hand books or a delicious sausage sandwich. Below are some photos of the day.

Children's book by local Hackett author 23 November 2013

Queen Hooey's Nest

A delightful tale for primary school age children by Hackett old boy author Michael Marriott. Alex reckons that something funny is going on with the big bull -ant nest on the mountain behind his house. But it takes the arrival of his audacious cousin, Violet, who ignites a chain of events that ultimately lead to both Alex and Violet exploding into a world where they are definitely the odd ones' out...

Queen Hooey's Nest is the story of the biggest and best bull-ant nest on Mount Majura. The beautifully, brilliant, bullant Queen, Queen Hooey, utilising the powers invested in her by her huge brain, creates the space for cousins Alex and Violet to move from human world to insect world.

Guided by their new bull -ant friends the two cousins meet a range of colourful Mount Majura locals including; dropping in on a trapdoor spider, being hunted by a band of odd-bug thirsty inchmen plus catching a ride with a couple of Christmas beetles with poor flying records. Will Alex and Violet make it back to the nest in time for Queen Hooey's party or will they be the blackboard special on a praying mantis' menu...? **New release! You can purchase the book, \$16.95 on line at <http://www.inspiringbookshop.com/>**

Dr Andrew Leigh gives Hackett and Watson a wrap 19 November 2013

Dr Andrew Leigh our local member gave Hackett and Watson a wrap in Parliament on 18 November. We residents of Hackett love our suburb and its community feel and it is great to see that Andrew not only shares our view but it actively promoting this to his fellow parliamentarians. [Click here](#) to read Andrew's speech in full.

Committee table 30 November 2013 19 November 2013

The Hackett Community Association will be holding a table at the Hackett shops from 10 am to 1pm on 30 November 2013. The committee will also be holding a fund raising sausage sizzle for just \$1. So come along and meet your committee while enjoying a delicious snack.

Local Food Security Mini-Expo 11 am to 3 pm 16th November 8 November 2013

SEE-Change Canberra is holding a **Local Food Security Mini-Expo 11 am to 3 pm 16th November**: The final event in the [Our Hungry Future?](#) campaign is coming together – and it looks like being a fabulous day. There will be an aquaponics themed lucky dip and face-painting for the kids, demonstrations, information sessions, Australian organic coffee from Here's The Coffee, 100 free sausages sourced (not sauced!) from the local region through [My Farm Shop](#) and an all-day sausage sizzle run by Namadgi School.

National Day of Climate Action: 17th of November Garema Place at 11 am 8 November 2013

Australia's **GetUp!** are working with local groups around the country to coordinate over 100 events for a [National Day of Climate Action](#). The Canberra event will be held on Sunday 17th November in Garema Place at 11 am.

Music in the Park Saturday 30 November 2013 5 November 2013

The 9th Music in the Park will commence at 3pm on Saturday 30 November 2013 in the Bragg Street Park. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to get together with family and friends and enjoy some great live music. Local bands Ultra Violet, The Country Preachers and Hit and Glide will be performing, + other local artists. And for the children, Santa will be arriving around 5:30 to 6pm. This was a special part of last year's November event, so we are hoping to see lots of children again this year. For more information e-mail: musicinthepark@grapevine.com.au, or call John and Christy Murray on 6247 7517.

Clothing found at birthday celebrations 27 September 2013

The following items of clothing were left behind at the birthday celebrations:

- Dark grey with light grey inserts size 12 Snowgum fleecy zip up top
- Blue Thompson Wreckers and Auto Parts hoodie
- North Canberra-Gungahlin C.C baseball cap

Recent articles on Hackett's 50th birthday 24 September 2013

The Chronicle and the City News recently ran articles on Hackett's 50th birthday. You can access these articles by clicking on the links below:

- [City News](#)
- [The Chronicle](#)

Hackett features on ABC 666 23 September 2013

Hackett's 50 year history was featured on ABC 666. [Click here to see full story.](#)

Hackett 50th birthday celebrations 21-22 September 2013 23 September 2013

Hackett celebrated its 50 birthday over the 21-22 September 2013 weekend from 10am to 10pm on the Saturday and from 10am to 4pm on the Sunday.

During the week leading up to the celebrations Canberra experienced some of the heaviest rain on record and the likelihood of a fine weekend looked increasingly unlikely. Fortunately the Saturday proved to be a perfect Spring day with clear blue skies and lots of sunshine. The Sunday was marred by cloud cover and light rains but by early afternoon the sun had broken through.

Ms Robyn Archer AO, the Creative Director of the Centenary of Canberra, officially launched the celebrations at midday on the Saturday. The Hackett Preschool choir accompanied by the North Ainslie School band sang 'Happy Birthday Hackett'. Robyn followed by cutting the cake which was quickly shared by the large crowd in attendance.

Each day was commenced with an acknowledgement of the original owners and a flag raising ceremony. This was followed by an extensive and varied program of entertainment including live performers, school bands and choirs. On the Saturday live bands and a local DJ continued into the evening and on the Sunday an interdenominational service was held at midday.

A number of our local representatives visited the celebrations over the weekend including the Chief Minister Katy Gallagher MLA, Dr Andrew Leigh MP, Steve Doszpot MLA and Senator Kate Lundy.

Greg Haughey, the Chair of the Hackett Community Association, said that, " The weekend was an outstanding success with many thousands of people taking advantage of the near perfect weather and extensive and varied program to join in the celebrations".

Click on the first photo with your mouse pointer to start viewing the photos in full size and use the right arrow key on your keyboard to view the remaining photos. When you reach the last photo use the escape key (Esc) to go back to the main page where you first started. You can also view the photos as a slideshow by clicking on the 'slideshow' link above the photos.

Raffle Prize Winners - The winners of the 3 raffles held as part of the Hackett 50th birthday celebrations are:

First raffle

Collapsible bike and helmet donated by Monkey wrench Cycle Repairers – Kate Gorman (purple ticket A57)

Second raffle

First prize – Large bottle of wine donated by IGA – Nathan Kruger (blue ticket A15)

Second prize – \$100 voucher donated by Wibur's – Margaret George (blue ticket B32)

Third prize – Hair treatment by Tarquine Hair Salon – Nathan Kruger (blue ticket A13)

Third raffle

First prize – 2 massages donated by Michael Beacher Naturopath & Massage Therapist – Meg King (red ticket A52)

Second prize – 2 massages donated by Michael Beacher Naturopath & Massage Therapist – Catherine White (red ticket A84)

Third prize – Flower arrangement by Snail & Petal Florist – Catherine White (red ticket A82)

Hackett 50th Birthday Program 8 September 2013

Please find below the program for our 50th birthday. The Hackett Community Association would like to thank those who have generously given of their time, money and in kind support to make this event possible. We trust that you have a great time. Download and print program by clicking [here](#).

Saturday 21 September

| Time | Activity |
|---------------------------|--|
| 10.00 – 10.05 | Welcome speech and acknowledgement of traditional owners |
| TBC | Flag raising ceremony – Girl Guides |
| 10.15 – 10.45 | Emmaus School band |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | Con Brio Choir |
| 11.00 – 12.00 | Constable Kenny Koala |
| 11.30 – 12.00 | North Ainslie Primary Year 5 School Band |
| 12.00 – 12.15 | Official launch by Ms Robyn Archer AO |
| 12.15 – 12.20 | Singing of Happy Birthday by local schoolchildren |
| 12.20 – 12.25 | Cake cutting |
| 12.30 – 13.10 | Canberra City Band – John Agnew Band |
| 13.00 – 15.00 | Face painting |
| 13.15 – 14.00 | Folk Dancing Canberra |
| 14.00 – 14.30 | Dickson College Band 'Prefix' |
| 14.30 – 15.00 | croyoga performance |
| 15.00 – 15.30 | Acroyoga workshop |
| 15.30 – 16.00 | Rosary Primary School Choir |
| 16.30 – 17.00 | Troupe Olibasi Band |
| 17.30 – 19.00 | Hit and Glyde Band |
| 19.00 – 20.00 | King Hits Band |
| 20.00 – 21.00 | Rafe Band 'Prefix' |
| 21.00 – 22.00 | DJ Chris Pesic |
| Other Saturday Happenings | |

Hackett Preschool garage sale
Samaritan House tea, coffee and scones
School Reunion photo old Hackett Primary School 2 pm

Sunday 22 September

| Time | Activity |
|---------------|---|
| 10.00 – 10.10 | Flag raising – Boy Scouts |
| 10.10 – 10.30 | Demonstration activities – Scouts |
| 10.30 – 11.00 | Dickson College Jazz Band 'Sexytet' |
| 11.00 – 12.00 | Campbell High School Band |
| 12.00 – 12.30 | Interdenominational Service |
| 12.30 – 12.35 | Cake cutting |
| 12.30 – 12.45 | Salvation Army Band |
| 12.45 – 13.30 | Celebration of a Centenary of Dance – Merici College |
| 13.00 – 15.00 | Face painting |
| 13.30 – 14.00 | Surly Griffin Morris Dancers |
| 14.00 – 15.00 | Campbell High School Band |
| 15.00 – 15.45 | Dickson College Band 'Chloe and the Vienna Secession' |
| 16.00 | Draw raffles |

Other Sunday Happenings

Blue Gum Community School 'Slow Sunday' 11—1

Sponsors

IGA Supermarket
Wilbur's Café
The Snail and Petal Florist
Monkey Wrench Cycles
Michael Becher Naturopath and Massage Therapist
Tarquine Hair Salon
ten DELI cafe
North Canberra Community Council
ACT Government
ActewAGL

Hackett Facebook pages 31 August 2013

Here are some Facebook pages to help you keep in touch with what is going on in your community:

- Old Hackett Primary School <https://www.facebook.com/groups/254646431268782/>
- Hackett Community <https://www.facebook.com/HackettCommunity>

Shopping Centre 16 August 2013

The shopping centre just seems to get better by the day. Parking on most days is now at a premium and we have it on authority that other suburbs envy our lively and eclectic shopping centre. For those of you who have not ventured to the shops recently you will now find a busy hairdressers, a florist shop and fitting out underway of both the old King Ruby restaurant and the space between Wilbur's and IGA. Watch this space.

Vale Max Huntington 16 August 2013

It was with great sadness that the Hackett Community Association learnt recently of the passing of Max Huntington a long standing committee member. In more recent times Max acted as Deputy

Chairman and the committee is very grateful for the unstinting support he provided to the committee over many years. He will be sorely missed for his passionate advocacy for the suburb and the many sensible suggestions that he made, particularly in relation to infrastructure and transport issues. He will also be remembered for his ability to keep the committee on its toes with his devils' advocate approach to committee meetings.

Hackett Primary School Photos 8 July 2013

More Hackett Primary School photos have been uploaded to the website. Click here to view. If you are able to identify anyone please contact us at admin@hackett.org.au

Hackett's 50th birthday party 21-22 September 2013 19 June 2013

Hackett's 50th Birthday will be celebrated at the Hackett Shops over the 21-22 September 2013 weekend. The celebrations will commence at 10 am on the Saturday and conclude at 4 pm on the Sunday.

The celebrations will be officially launched at 12 noon on the Saturday by Ms Robyn Archer, Centenary of Canberra Creative Director. The launch ceremony will include the singing of 'Happy Birthday Hackett' by local pre-school children and the cutting of the birthday cake.

The Canberra City Band's John Agnew Band will be playing immediately after the cake cutting and a number of local representatives will also be attending.

A Reminiscing Corner with photographs of early photos will provide an opportunity for present and past residents to recall earlier times in the suburb.

There will be stalls selling books, craft items and food together with kid's activities including a jumping castle, face painting and a visit by Constable Kenny Koala.

During the course of each day there will be live performances by dance groups, school groups and street entertainers. There will also be live music by various bands and a local DJ from 5 to 10 pm on the Saturday.

Other local activities include:

- Hackett Preschool garage sale on the Saturday;
- Saint Vincent de Paul's Samaritan House (adjacent to Hackett Shops) Open House 10 am – 4 pm Saturday with tea, coffee and scones; and
- Blue Gum Community School 'Slow Sunday' from 11am to 1pm on 22 September to highlight the importance of SLOWING DOWN to savour all the good things around us.

In previous Birthday Parties we have attracted thousands of people and we are anticipating similar numbers for this birthday party.

It will also be a particularly memorable year for the Mount Majura region as our Watson neighbours will also be celebrating their 50th birthday on Saturday 16 November 2013.

National Tree Day planting on Mount Majura 28 July 2013 19 June 2013

The Hackett Community Association encourages local residents to celebrate **National Tree Day 2013** on Sunday 28 July 2013, from 1.00pm to 3.30pm with a community planting party in the Mount Majura nature park. Get your hands dirty and local trees, shrubs and flowers into the ground. For further details go to Friends of Mount Majura website www.majura.org

Closure of pharmacy 21 May 2013

The Hackett Community Association would like to advise that the pharmacist was unable to continue operating the pharmacy due to the ongoing losses and has since closed the pharmacy.

The pharmacist believes that the lack of a PBS number was a key reason for the lack of turnover. Despite the Association's concerted efforts in lobbying both federal and ACT government ministers and officials to help the pharmacist obtain a PBS number she was not able to do so in an acceptable timeframe.

The Association is very disappointed with this outcome as it saw the pharmacy as a means of providing more responsive health support for local residents. We would like to thank the many residents who did support us with our endeavours.

Update on the shopping centre 20 May 2013

Ritva's hairdressing shop is currently being fitted out by the new tenants who will be operating a florist outlet. The new shop is expected to open soon.

The pharmacy shop has now been leased to a hairdressing operation and will open following the completion of the required fit out.

The bicycle repair shop will be moving across the access way to the space previously occupied by the bakery as the current space is too small. This is expected to occur in August/September.

Committee table 18 May 2013 15 April 2013

The Hackett Community Association will be holding a table at the Hackett shops from 9 am to 1pm on 18 May 2013. Come along and meet your committee.

Seeking committee members 15 April 2013

The Hackett Community Association is seeking nominations from local residents to join the Committee in preparation for Committee elections at the Annual General Meeting in August. Your commitment will be attendance at the 10 monthly meetings per year and assisting with other activities from time to time. If you would like to be part of an enthusiastic and committed team and have the satisfaction of contributing to your local community please contact the Committee Chair Greg Haughey on 62474209 or email him on admin@hackett.org.au

Membership renewals 15 April 2013

Residents are reminded that membership of the Hackett Community Association is based on the financial year and subscriptions are due on 1 July. New memberships paid from 1 April will also qualify for full membership for the following financial year.

Applications for membership and payment of membership fees can be made via our website at <https://hackett.org.au/join/> or by downloading an application form from the website and forwarding this together with payment to one of the existing committee members listed on the website. Membership fees are \$7.50 per household, \$5 for an individual and \$2 concessions

Chair of Hackett Community Association embarks on 3 month motorcycle trip 11 April 2013

Greg Haughey, the Chair of the Hackett Community Association, will be riding his BMW R1200GS motorcycle around Australia from late April to early August. You can follow Greg's progress on www.ridinglegends.com.au

Ride to School Day 22 March 2013 25 March 2013

School Education Minister Peter Garrett, federal MP Andrew Leigh and Paralympian Michael Milton setting off for ride to school day Hackett Shops on 22 March with Sebastian and Matilda.

Parties at the Shops 12 March 2013 17 March 2013

The Parties at the Shops event on 12 March 2013 was a resounding success. The day started with the Senior's morning tea. Iris Wu, a local resident, started off the day with some lovely piano music.

Later we were joined by the dancers from Folk Dance Canberra who provided a lively and well received display of a number of international folk dances. Spectators were invited to join in a final dance which seemed to go faultlessly. Obviously there are some quick learners in Hackett. Students from Blue Gum School joined us at around 11 am for the cake cutting which was accompanied by their enthusiastic singing of Happy Birthday Canberra.

At 3.30 pm we started the Parent's and Children's afternoon session with clay making provided by the Blue Gum School and face painting by Chris de Luca, Iris Wu and Erika Alacs. The face painters were highly sought after and continued on until after 8 pm. We had another birthday cake around 4 pm and for quite some time there was a long queue of people waiting for their piece. At times we had so many children it was hard to move in the open area between the shops.

At 6 pm we started the evening session with Chris Pelic a local young DJ entertaining us with his creative mixes. This was followed by local band Waterford who played a wonderful mix of contemporary music. This was followed by flamenco dancers who provided a lively and colourful rendition of this wonderful dance style. Finally the night was closed by King of the Hill who played a mix of rock n roll numbers.

A special thanks to Monkey Wrench Cycles who provided electrical power for the day; Erika Alacs who helped organise many of the events; Lorraine Mason, Dorothy Mackenzie, Kay Murphy and Greg Haughey from the Hackett Community Association Committee who helped run the day; and finally to all the organisations and individuals who provided activities or entertainment on the day.

If you weren't able to come along plan to come to our 50th birthday on the weekend of 21-22 September when we run a similar line-up of events.

Music in the Park 2 March 2013 16 February 2013

The concert commences at 5pm (subject to the weather) opposite the park at the corner of Bragg and Mackenzie Streets with a wonderful mix of folk, blues, country rock and dancing on the street stuff. Bring your own food, drinks and seats or blanket. A couple of barbies will be provided so feel free to use these if you want to cook. Local residents are encouraged to attend and join in this great community experience. Contact John and Christy Murray on 6247-7517 for further details.

Changes in Ownership Hackett Shops 16 February 2013

Steve and Arthur Savoulidis have sold Wilbur's to new owners Corey Banvers and Sam Howarth and have taken over the IGA supermarket as their next business venture. They will be introducing a range of improvements to the supermarket but will not be proceeding with the previous owner's rebuilding plans.

Medical Practitioner Wanted 1 February 2013

The Hackett Community Association is looking for a community minded medical practitioner to operate from the Hackett Shopping Centre. If anyone is aware of a possible practitioner could they please contact us by clicking [here](#).

Parties at the Shops 12 March 2013 1 February 2013

Come along. Don't miss out on the fun. There is something for everybody.

The Hackett Community Association has organised a range of activities at the Hackett shops on 12 March 2013 as part of the Government's Parties at the Shops celebrations.

These celebrations are being held to mark the 100th anniversary of the naming of Canberra as the National Capital which occurred on 12 March 1913.

The program for the day will be:

- **10 am – 12.00 pm** Senior's morning tea with 100 year birthday cake.

- **10.45 am** Performance by Folk Dance Canberra
- **3 – 4.30 pm** Parent's and Children's afternoon tea with 100 year birthday cake and activities for the children. Blue Gum School will be involved with one of the activities.
- **Little Bean will be offering an all-day coffee and cake deal for \$5.50**
- **6.00 – 9.30 pm** Flamenco dancing and live music by local DJ Chris Pesic and local bands Waterford and King of the Hill
- **Wilbur's will be opening at 7 pm and will be offering a pizza and an alcoholic drink deal for \$22.50**

Woody Weeds Working Party 10 February 2013 28 January 2013

All residents are welcome to join in, but particularly residents who live in Mackenzie Street, a working party to tackle the woody weeds that grow in the nature reserve behind the houses in Mackenzie Street from around Russell Street to Hull Place on Sunday, 10 February 2013. The clean-up will start at 8.00am and we will finish off at 10.00am to avoid the heat of the day. This will be followed by a delicious morning tea hosted by Kate and Jean. We will be meeting in the nature park behind 81 Mackenzie Street.

Bring sun protection, sturdy shoes, body-covering clothing and garden loppers if you have them; some tools and gloves will be provided. No previous experience required! Friends of Mt Majura will introduce the weeds and show you how to efficiently and safely tackle them. Please call Kate on 6247-4209 or Jean on 6249-7404 to confirm attendance so that we make sure that we cater adequately.

Clean Up Australia Day 3 March 2013 28 January 2013

The Hackett Community Association has organised a 'Clean Up Australia Day' campaign from 10 am to 1pm on Sunday 3 March 2013. Residents who wish to join in this very worthwhile effort to clean up the suburb are asked to meet at the Hackett Shops from 10 am. No effort is too small. Rubbish collection bags will be provided but bring your own gloves. Please contact Terry de Luca on 6249-1889 for further details.

Wilbur's reopens 16 January 15 January 2013

For the coffee lovers of Hackett Wilbur's will be reopening on 16 January.

IGA supermarket upgrade 15 January 2013

The owners of the supermarket are in the process of seeking planning approval for the proposed upgrade. We will update readers on the start date of the proposed works once this is confirmed.

James (Gentleman Jim) Savoulidis 15 January 2013

Hackett residents were saddened to learn of the passing of on 20 December 2012. Jim was born in Greece, grew up during the Great Depression and was in 1938 sent to Australia by parents who wanted a better life for him. In 1959 he settled in Canberra and opened a number of businesses in the city starting with the Mondial Nightclub in East Row. During the '60s he helped many Greek families who had migrated to Australia to get established. In 1971 he established the Plaka restaurant in Mawson where Gough Whitlam was a regular patron and he taught Gough to dance the Zorba. We are reliably informed that Jim advised his 3 sons not to go into the food industry as it was too hard. Thank goodness they disregarded his advice and opened Wilbur's Cafe Bar which has been instrumental in revitalising our shopping centre.

Pharmacy now open 15 January 2013

Great news for Hackett residents. Rhonda Warne has now opened the pharmacy at the Hackett shops. This has been a great achievement for Hackett, and the HCA encourages residents to support the pharmacy as much as possible, as its retention is dependent on sufficient turnover. The

pharmacy will be open 9.30 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday, and 9.30 am to 1pm on Saturdays. A full range of prescriptions can be dispensed. The pharmacy will stock a large range of goods, including Pharmacist Only medicines.

Historic material updated 5 December 2012

We have added photos of Hackett's 40th and 45th birthday celebrations and early school photos to our historic collection. Go to the 'History' tab on the main navigation bar to access these.

Construction of public toilet delayed 29 November 2012

The ACT Government has agreed to construct a public toilet at the Hackett Shopping Centre. The toilet will be positioned between the bus stop on Madigan Street and the IGA supermarket.

The toilet was originally planned to be constructed by the end of June 2012 but this has now been delayed to fit in with the supermarket reconstruction. The toilet is now expected to be completed mid to late 2013.

Canberra 100 Facebook site 29 November 2012

The Centenary of Canberra team has set up a Facebook page to connect Canberra residents and promote the activities that will be held as part of the centenary celebrations. The Hackett Community Association encourages local residents to join in with these celebrations and the Facebook page is an easy way to keep up with what is happening. The HCA is promoting the holding of street parties to celebrate the namesakes of local streets as part of these celebrations. Click [here](#) for more details.

IGA Supermarket upgrade 29 November 2012

The Krnc brothers who own the Hackett IGA supermarket are planning to demolish the existing store and rebuild a larger state of the art full service supermarket. Work is expected to commence around April next year subject to the time taken to receive government approval and organise the necessary workforce. The Hackett Community Association is pleased that the Krnc brothers are willing to invest in the local community and provide Hackett residents with a larger and more functional supermarket.

The work is expected to take many months and during this time there will be no supermarket and some disruption to the shopping precinct. The Hackett Community Association will be in close communication with the owners to ensure that minimum disruption is caused to the 50th birthday party celebrations which will take place over the 21 -22 September 2013 weekend.

Hackett Primary School Facebook Group 29 November 2012

Suzi Leverington (nee Fox) who now lives in Melbourne attended the Hackett Primary School in the early 70s and has set up a Hackett Primary School Facebook Group.

Bicycle Repair Shop at Hackett Shops 29 November 2012

Residents may not be aware that a bicycle repair shop called Monkey Wrench Cycles has recently opened in the Hackett shops. The proprietors are Joel and Stan who have a long history of cycling and bicycle maintenance. They are open 7 days a week and look forward to helping local residents keep their bikes in top condition. Further details can be obtained from their website www.monkeywrenchcycles.com.au. With the imminent opening of the pharmacy the shopping centre is now fully occupied something not seen for many years.

Hackett's own Glastonbury 25 November 2012

Several hundred people enjoyed a free concert organised by local residents John and Christy Murray and Chris Mobbs. The weather was absolutely brilliant for the outdoor event and Father Christmas made a quick visit much to the delight of the numerous children present.

The crowd was treated to a diverse range of music by Acacia Suitcase and Hit & Glide and a number of impromptu acts by talented local residents including John and Christy's daughter Georgia. Don't miss the next performance early next year.

Community garden 25 November 2012

The Hackett Community Association is keen to establish a community garden in Hackett to increase the sense of community and is seeking expressions of interest from local residents who would be willing to help us in our endeavours to establish the community garden. Please contact us through the website or call Terry de Luca on 6249-1889.

Hard work pays dividends 23 November 2012

The Hackett Community Association is thrilled to see the return of a pharmacy to Hackett after many years and is pleased to extend a warm welcome to Rhonda Warne who will operate the pharmacy. There is still the need to obtain a PBS licence to be able to operate the pharmacy in its full capacity and the HCA will continue to support Rhonda with obtaining this. The 20 November 2012 Chronicle featured an article on the opening and you can read the first part by clicking [here](#) and the second part by clicking [here](#).

Hackett Committee Association table 10am – 1pm 1 December 2012 25 October 2012

The Hackett Community Association will be holding its next table at the Hackett shops on 1 December from 10am to 1pm. This is the principle means by which the Committee engages with local residents to update itself on your concerns and issues. The Committee would be thrilled to talk to as many residents as possible. So please come along and take a few moments to meet and chat to your committee.

2012 Annual General Meeting 10 October 2012

The HCA Annual General Meeting was held on 24 September. The new committee was elected at the meeting and now consists of Greg Haughey (Chair), James Walker (Deputy Chair), Bruce Smith (Secretary), Terry de Luca (Treasurer), Lorraine Mason (Assistant Treasurer), Dorothy Mackenzie (Assistant Secretary and Public Officer) and General Members Waltraud Pix, Max Huntington, Kaye Murphy and Marian Williams. At the end of the meeting architect Dominic Maiuto provided attendees with an update on the redevelopment of the IGA supermarket. Rhonda Warne followed with an update on the pharmacy issue.

ACT Government supports community gardening 20 August 2012

The ACT Government recognises that growing food locally can provide broad benefits to building community health and wellbeing and has recently announced a range of measures to help communities establish their own gardens. The Government has also promised to provide an additional \$200,000 over four years to establish 10 community gardens across Canberra in existing suburbs if re-elected. The Hackett Community Association is keen to establish a community garden in Hackett to increase the sense of community and is seeking expressions of interest from local residents who would be willing to help us in our endeavours to establish a Hackett community garden. Please contact us through the website or call Terry de Luca on 6249-1889.

Hackett Pharmacy Facebook page 20 August 2012 0

A new Facebook page has been set up to encourage debate and build support for a Hackett Pharmacy. Visit the Facebook page where you can go and "like" the page.

Street Parties 21 July 2012

The Hackett Community Association encourages local residents to organise street parties to celebrate the namesake person of their street as part of the Canberra 100 celebrations. We also encourage residents to connect with your neighbours and raise a toast in memory of the achievements of your person, maybe ask your neighbour to also add their research on the person your street is named after. If you decide to hold a suburb or street party you could consider inviting a descendant of your famous person to join in your celebration of their ancestor. Click here for more details.

The Hackett Community Association is keen to support this initiative and is seeking coordinators for each street in Hackett. We can help you with your research into your street namesake and provide advice on how to organise your street party. Please contact James Walker on 6247-0951 for further information.

National Tree Day planting party on Mount Majura 18 July 2012

Join the Friends of Mount Majura (FoMM) and the Watson Woodland parkCare groups to celebrate National Tree Day 2012 with the planting of local trees, shrubs and flowering ground-cover plants in the Mount Majura nature park. When: Sunday 29 July 2012, from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. For further details go to Friends of Mount Majura website www.majura.org

Public meeting on pharmacy 5 July 2012

The Hackett Community Association will be holding a public meeting at 7.30 pm on 23 July at St Margaret's Uniting Church to decide on strategies to persuade the Minister for Health and Aging to approve a pharmacy for the Hackett shops.

It is critical that we get a large turn out to show the Government and the Minister that the establishment of a pharmacy at the Hackett shops has the overwhelming support of the Hackett community. So please make a special effort to be there and tell your neighbours and friends to do likewise. If you need a lift please call Dorothy Mackenzie who is co-ordinating transport requirements on 6248-9281.

Centennial Trail route modified following lobbying 22 June 2012

Friends of Mount Majura have been actively lobbying the Government to modify the Centennial Trail route originally proposed for the Mount Majura Nature Reserve so that it avoided environmentally sensitive areas. The Government has taken their and other park groups concerns into account and has modified the route of the Centennial Trail to reduce its impact on all of the ACT's nature reserves that it passes through. Read full article in the Canberra Times by clicking here.

History of Hackett Primary School 20 June 2012

Mr Barry Price has written an 80 page book on the history of Downer Primary, Watson Primary and Hackett Primary Schools titled, 'The Predecessors of Majura Primary – Three North Canberra Primary Schools 1961-1991' published in 2009. The book contains extensive coverage on the history of the Hackett Primary School. If you wish to access the book online or download a copy click here.

Assistance with chemist scripts 14 June 2012

Virginie, a local resident, has kindly offered to pick up chemist scripts for local residents who may be experiencing difficulty getting to a pharmacy due to mobility or transport limitations. Virginie will pick up your script and take it to one of the local chemists to have it filled and then bring the drugs back to you.

Back to Hackett celebrations 13 June 2012

Hackett's 50th Birthday celebration on the weekend of 21-22 September 2013 will include a 'Back to Hackett' theme. We would welcome any photographs of events, people or occasions that have occurred during the last 50 years that could be used as part of an historic display at the Birthday

event. Photographs of ex-residents or past students of the Hackett Primary School would be most welcome.

You can e-mail scanned high quality images to us at info@hackett.org.au or alternatively you can deliver your photographs to us and we will copy and return your original copies to you so that your precious memories are not endangered.

If you would like to view a list taken from the electoral roll of all the residents living in Hackett in 1967 [click here](#).

Sausage sizzle a roaring success 19 May 2012

Today's sausage sizzle was a great success. Committee members met many residents, some for the first time. It was a fantastic opportunity to find out what mattered to our residents and we will be following up a number of suggestions to improve the local community. We were also honoured to be joined by Dr Andrew Leigh MP Federal Labor member for Fraser, Ms Caroline Le Couteur, MLA Greens member for Molonglo and Ms Angie Drake, Labor candidate for Molonglo.

Sausage Sizzle 19 May 2012 28 March 2012

The Hackett Community Association will be holding a FREE sausage sizzle at the Hackett Shops on 19 May from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm. Come along, have lunch on us and meet your committee.

Hackett 50th Anniversary Birthday Celebrations 19 March 2012

Hackett's 50th birthday will be celebrated over the 21-22 September 2013 weekend. Plans are well underway for this event and it will include an official launch ceremony, distinguished guests, singers, dancing, live music, historic displays, rides, food stalls, cutting of the birthday cake and special activities for children. Further updates will be provided as planning is further progressed. Mark your diary for this great event. The committee would appreciate any assistance in organising the events.

Assistance Sought for Community Garden 10 March 2012

The Hackett Community Association wishes to explore the viability of a community garden and would welcome the assistance of anyone with skills in preparing applications for planning approval and financial assistance and/or organising a similar project. Please contact Terry de Luca on 6249 1889 for further details.

Music in the Park 24 March 2012 9 March 2012

The first of the 2012 'Music in the Park' concerts will be held opposite the park at the corner of Bragg and Mackenzie Streets from 2pm onwards on 24 March 2012 (subject to the weather). 'Hit and Glide' will be performing. Local residents are encouraged to attend and join in this great community experience. Bring your own food, drinks and seats or blanket. Please contact John and Christy Murray on 6247-7517 for further details.
