Hackett Community Association

Meeting of the Committee held on Thursday 20 March 2003 at 3 Tryon Street, Hackett.

Present: Terra de Luca, James Walker, Len Crossfield, Laura Turnbull, Margaret Simpson, Jocken Tiel, Dorothy Mackenzie.

Apologies: Lynne Hall.

Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday 3 December 2002 were circulated.

Business arising:

- **Incorporation and registration of the Association.** Margaret, Laura and Terry will look into incorporation, or register as a business. We will feel that we exist as an entity and as a way forward. Most importantly we are protected from any liability that may arise from a public meeting.
- **A letter should be written to the Northside Community Service** to formally inform them of our intention of being incorporated. We may be able to apply for a grant at the same time to cover costs of incorporation and of the forthcoming celebrations.
- **Terry undertook to produce a letterhead** for future correspondence especially about the 40th Anniversary celebrations.
- **Plants** have been kept watered by people on a roster.
- **Shopping Centre developments:** Julie McCarron-Benson to open soon. The bookshop didn't go ahead. The Drycleaners and Laundrymat seems at a standstill.

Lapac report by Terry:

- It seems that Lapac is being phased out and Neighbourhood Planning to take its place which will involve people living in a particular community.200 metre rule will mean that developers can develop within 200 metres of shopping centres new concepts of urban infill, but must consult with the local members of the group. Three storey buildings can be built in this area as will happen soon in Dickson, and other parts of the inner north.
- There are pluses and minuses. We discussed the possible degrading of the urban environment and the impact on quiet streets. Eg. Ainslie has a pub across the road from homes. Manuka is a busy centre and nearby housing has become office space.
- Dual occupancy is coming.
- There is an increase of one person households.
- A problem of smaller blocks is the difficulty of growing trees.

Hackett's Birthday Celebrations – May 17. James Walker.

- **Letters** must be sent out to all the people who have been contacted already.
- Contact **Chronicle, Canberra Times** to invite past residents.
- **1960's fashion parade.**
- **Human chess board. Or locate the large chess pieces from Civic.**

- **Shops to be open and to be involved. Early Bird to have coffee, and Julie McCarron-Benson coffee and cake. We should ask them in what way they could help and what they would like to do.**
- **Apply for a grant from the NCS**

Motion: The Churches be invited to hold an ecumenical service to open the day.

- **Involve children and the schools and pre-schools. Scouts, Guides, story telling.**
- **World Dance and other performers and groups inc. school bands.**
- **It can be a rolling celebration and a fund raiser. Sausage sizzle and cool drinks. (ice cream)**
- **Margaret spoke about having a 40th birthday cake and asking someone to cut it at midday.**
- **Prime Possum Kids show compere Elissa might be interested in ideas involving children. Dressing up draws them in.**
- **We need to have a table for HCA where people can sign up for membership and find out about the AGM that will have to be organised for soon after the 17th. We are the interim committee, and we should be incorporated by then and registered.**
- **We need to draw up an action timetable as there is much to do.**
- **NCS has said that they will help with getting out publicity, a brochure and most importantly with Public Liability Insurance. We will contact them after the Majura Festival of the 22 March.**
- **Ask Jolanta Gallagher is she would like to attend the continuation of the meeting on Sunday 23rd at 3 Tryon St, Hackett.**
- **The meeting closed at 10 pm.**

HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

P.O. BOX 644. DICKSON. ACT. 2602.

Meeting of the HCA Committee on Thursday 20 March 2003

Present: Jocken, Margaret, Laura, Tony, Terry,James, Dorothy.

Matters discussed and agreed on:

- Letterhead prepared by Terry and Dominic.
- Draft of invitation to the celebration prepared by Dorothy and James, later photocopied by Northside Community Service, later to be delivered by James to all previous contacts and Laura to shop owners.

The Celebration

- The history static display could include an aerial map of Mt Majura Reserve and walkways.
- Oral history - table and tape recorder for people to tell their stories. (Leila was mentioned)
- Time Warp Gallery - could include 60s photographs of us all.
- Majura Scout Group very interested. John Hood.
- Musical items - school bands and dancers.
- Ecumenical Service has been suggested by John Stead of Holy Cross Anglican Church.

Things to do:

- Power access (will need the cooperation of one of the shop owners)
- Talk to shop owners -
- Book the Neighbourhood Watch barbecue trailor and check on gas, urn, trestles, chairs. Dorothy to contact Central N.W. Fred Fawke (fpfawke@webone.com.au) 62590759. Has the key to the garage where it is kept in Belconnen. Tony Steele volunteered to pick it up.
- Birthday cake.
- Tarpolens for shelter if should rain.
- Display boards from Urban Services.
- Photographs and memorabilia. Must be copies and have writing to describe on the back of photo. We will pick them up.
- Make a poster and put it on the community board. Laminate 4 large posters.
- Banner suggested by NCS that could be made professionally. We could ask shop owners to sponsor.
- Ask the shop owners to support by donation.
- Need funds up to $200. Ask NCS.
- Peter Leonard, Leanne Scott were suggested VIPs to cut the cake and open the Celebration.
- Get in touch with Radio 666 - Fridge Door, Andrew Kazor of the Chronicle, local TV stns.
- NW newsletter to have the back page as initial publicity for the celebration - **Come to Hackett's 40th birthday party!**

Next meeting on 7 April 8 pm

HACA HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 644. Dickson. ACT. 2602.

Meeting on April 7 at 8 pm

Present: Len, Laura, James, Margaret, Terry, Dorothy.
Apologies ; Lynne.
Application to incorporate as an Association. $120 fee. Laura to take it into Office of Incorporation.

Recapitulation of progress on discussions about the Celebration on May 17.

- Barbecue Trailor has been booked.
- Mr Visavitus said we could use laundry shop for display
- Laura visited shops and hand delivered letters to IGA, Roe Redmond, Early Bird, King Ruby, Julie McCarron Benson. All said were interested, though King Ruby unsure of availability.
- James had distributed invitations to all groups that use the Hackett School buildings.
- Display - we will need pin or felt boards.
- Majura School has a carton of photo albums gained when Hackett School merged with Watson.
- Trophies need to be placed in a secure place and probably cleaned.
- Bus - historical tour of Hackett.
- Ecumenical Service - John Stead and Ministers fraternal.
- We have firm responses from Majura Mountain Scouts and from IGA

Things to be Done:

- Sound system
- Service - check with ministers
- Story telling corner
- Table for the HCA - We are the interim committee preparing for the AGM. We will invite people to join up by donation. We need to be financial. We will have copies of the Constitution.
- History room static display - Will need to be manned.
- Master of Ceremonies - Terry.
- Barbecue and cooking - Tony
- Ask people who came to Clean Up Hackett Day to help. Also the plant watering group.
- Stage performances - bands, dancers,
- Cake cutting ceremony. Terry to ask Early Bird to donate one which will be acknowledged in publicity Tony Pham 6257 5291.
- Tape of 60s music John Real to be asked by Margaret.
- Chronicle Report. Advertise for previous residents. Local members.
- Check with Mr Visavitus
- Check on Public Liability -read the fine print. See Jeff Thompson. Keep in touch with NCS
- Draw up a master sheet for program of the day.
- James asked that the Heritage bus could park behind the regular bus stop. Place witches hats.
- Terry - old cars give a bit of character.
- Police presence, Fred Fawke, Glenda Lomas.
- Public Address system will be needed.
- Contact schools to tell them their suggested times.
- Display could include items from newspapers 10 years apart - 60s, 70s, etc. Headlines of newspapers of the time. What movies were showing at that time? Ask Screensound.

Next meeting - Monday 14 April.

Hackett Community Association Incorporated.

Meeting of the HCA committee on Monday April 14 2003 with the Celebration for Hackett's birthday the main subject for discussion.

Present: Laura, James, Tony, Terry, Dorothy.

Apologies: Len, Lynne, Margaret.

Minutes of the two previous meetings of 20 March and 7 April: These were read through and discussed.

Business Arising:

- Letter to John Stead. Laura to coordinate with the Rector of Holy Cross who will organise a Thanksgiving Service, coordinating with other ministers.
- Islamic Centre – mentioned as we have Muslim families living in Hackett.
- Grant of money for incorporation. Who do we contact? PALM?
- We should ask NCCC for a seeding grant. (Note: The secretary sent an e-mail to this organisation about the incorporation fee being covered by them.)
- Money – Terry said "no problems – as we can rely on donations and sausage sizzle.
- Publicity ?

Incorporation $120 paid by Laura. She reported that we need to be familiar with the book that is issued. The Public Officer must submit the minutes of the AGM and financial statement which should be audited.

Business Arising from the meeting of April 7.
There is still much to do.

- Clean up – govt.
- St V. de Paul organisation who occupy the house in Hackett Place. Laura will talk to the manager and ask if they would like to help in some way.
- Follow up letters to go to people who have indicated that they would like to be involved and suggested times on the day. Laura and James.
- Terry's friend who will play the guitar as a fill in.
- At the next meeting on the 28th April. (aerial photos of suburb – James. Letters to lady who will cut the cake, and to Leanne Scott who will open the celebration and make a short speech.)

The meeting closed at 10 pm. Next meeting on the 28 April.

Meeting of the HCA committee to discuss the Hackett Celebration of 17 May, held on 28 April, at 3 Tryon Street, Hackett.

Present: Terry, James, Dorothy, Margaret, Lynne.

Apologies: Laura, Jocken

Reports and update:

- **Trachs** – table – static display.
- **Trophies** - James said that we need someone to pick them up.
- **Letters to politicians** – written but not published or sent yet.
- **Letter to an original resident to cut the cake** –Laura. She will also write to Leanne Scott and to Tony's daughter who will help cut the cake.
- **Action Bus** is a 1949 AEC Regal. We don't know if it will go for a tour.
- **Pre-schools** – We haven't yet heard from them. Lynne will chase up Hackett and Montessorie. Also the Play Group at the Pre-school on Mon. & Tues.
- **Chess pieces** – Tony will chase them up. Park Rangers.
- **Egyptian Dancers** – Tony will check with them.
- **Posters drawn by Tony's children** – will be laminated then placed at entrances to Hackett.
- **Receipt book –Margaret to acquire.**
- **Majura Primary School** –bands. Margaret to check.
- **P.A. system** –Dorothy will check with Northside Community Service
- **Photocopier – to copy photos.** James has albums from Hackett School. There is a possibility some may be able to be enlarged.
- **Vacant shop to be display area** –Dorothy to ring Mr Visavitus for key and also to ask about power.
- **Power**-long extension cord – Terry. Tony will provide power board. We would like to test the power so need key to Visavitus' shop early.
- **Star Hairdresser** –may be power back up. Terry to approach them.
- **Old cars** – Terry to ask his friends to bring their old Humbers and 1956 Bentley.
- **CALM** – Canberra Active Learning Model exercise class run by YWCA Dorothy.
- **Publicity –Dorothy** to write the front page of NW newsletter, also a flyer with the program for the day to go with the NW newsletter but will be printed separately. She would also like to make a small poster for the shops and other suburbs. She will approach Jeff Thompson at the NCS.
- **Chronicle** –there was a photo shoot on ANZAC day at the shops organised by Andrew Kazar. There were residents with a banner made by Chris de Luca
- **Cake –Terry** has this under control with Early Bird. It will be the size of a tray.
- **IGA** – donation of sausages and bread. They need to be approached so that we know just how much is being donated. Need to confirm by e-mail. (I did send an e-mail thanking them) Len agreed to be the officer for bangers. 35 kilos was the amount mentioned.
- **Tables and chairs** – fold up chairs. A tarp if it rains. Bill Book has a mega tarp if it rains for the chess area.

- **Tea and coffee** Urn. We will need two urns. Ask St Margaret's Dorothy. We agreed that cardboard cups, and garbage bins would be bought. **Cordial –Tony** mentioned 25 litre bottles and cups.
- **Garbage Bins** –Terry has enormous garbage bins.
- **Lynne** would provide napkins, stirrers, milk and sugar. She will ask friends to help.
- **Membership Drive** membership by donation. Receipts will be given. Need some signs, a table and lots of forms. Copies of Constitution available? This would occur in the display area in the shop.

Some other planning matters:

- **Make a map of the complex to allocate space.**
- **Terry to be MC as he is President.**
- **Cash boxes?**
- **Our main performance measure will be how many people turn up to have a good time as we will all be there as part of the community.**
- **"If you'd like your business listed in our display area" mentioned in publicity so that local businesses can advertise their presence with flyers, brochures, business cards. There could be a separate display board for this.**

Next Meeting on 10 May at 1 pm at Cafetopia. Let Julie know to expect us.

- **Will need key to shop so that we can inspect and prepare**
- **Know where the display boards are coming from. Blue tack and white board markers.**
- **Len will look after the room on the day. We all will share the jobs.**
- **House plans can be on display. Maps etc.**
- **Need name tags – sticky labels.**

Meeting closed at 10.10 pm.

Hackett Community Association
Meeting Monday 30th June, 2003 held at the home of Lynne Hall, 87 Maitland Street, Hackett

Present: Laura, Waltroud. Jochen, Lynne, Terry, Dorothy, Len, James, Margaret.

Minutes of previous meetings: The Secretary had prepared a report of the 40th Anniversary Celebrations of 17 May. This was not available at the meeting.

Correspondence:
Outwards:

- 31 letters have been sent to people who participated in the event.
- Laura wrote to a friend in WA about the suggested memorial to Sir John Hackett.

Inwards

- A letter from John Hood, Mt Majura Scouts.
- A letter from Ainslie NW about CLASP losing funding.
- A letter from Ann Gibson re Mt Majura Reserve trees.

Financial Report:
There is $456.75 in the account, plus $120 reimbursement for incorporation fees from NCCC.

PALM matters.

- DV200 – includes the fact that within 200 metres from shops there can be multi storey development.
- Community Planning Forums will take the place of LAPACS
- Simon Corbell has promised that nothing will happen without community consultation.
- Scenario of our suburb 10 to 20 years time. Promise of a written memo by S. Corbell.
- Developers moving in piecemeal – duel occupancy 5%
- Concern about where Neighbourhood Planning is going.
- Members of HCA attended meetings at Exhibition Park and 2 day one at Convention Centre. Reps need to be confident of what group is thinking. What are the issues? Need to be briefed.

Mt Majura Issues – Jochen and Waltroud.

- Petition to ACT Govt – asking for signage at major entrances, maps, information panels.
- Pressure on Mt Majura increasing. High time for better management. Now a continuous reserve from Mt Ainslie to Mulligans Flat. A valuable asset.
- Steve Taylor Ranger supports the formation of a Park-Care group for Mt Majura.
- Len spoke about working with ACT Parks and Stuart Jeffery, responsible for community involvement.

- Jochen given the authority to write to John Stanhope, the Minister for Environment.
- A meeting to be organised – adv. In NW newsletter.

A.G.M will be set for Thursday 28 August. 7.30 pm

- Len has read the Constitution for corrections of content and consistency. Some matters - fees, record of membership. Office bearers have to be financial members. James Walker undertook to read carefully and prepare a good draft.

Sir John Hackett Memorial- agreement to keep exploring. Public Relations and the Hackett foundation of UWA. Thank you James and Laura.

Shop Matters

- Terry will approach Jolanta about any developments.
- Lighting in the Hackett Place is dull.– a Neighbourhood Watch matter of security and safety. Someone should approach the government. "Illuminating Solutions" was mentioned.

Next Meeting. 28 July at 25 Mackenzie Street, at 8 pm.

Meeting closed at 9.19 pm.

Hackett Community Association
Meeting Monday 28 July, 2003 held at the home of Margaret Simpson, 25 Mackenzie Street, Hackett. The meeting began at 8.15 pm.

Present: Les, Terry, Jochen, James, Laura, Dorothy, Margaret.

Minutes of meeting of 30 June, 2003. Accepted.

Correspondence:
Inwards:

- Paul Kelly has prepared a submission to Canberra Urban Parks & Places, requesting an upgrade on the play ground at Harris & Gilbert Streets, written on behalf of himself and others in the area. He asked us to endorse his submission.
- Letter from Ann Gibson re significance of the Mt Majura Reserve.
- James Walker – letter about Sir John Hackett.
- Friends of Mt Majura meeting

Outwards:

- Laura sent an e-mail to Paul Kelly endorsing his letter and thanking him. Laura will write another letter to cover other playgrounds. We may wish to apply for CAP funding next year for funds to improve Hackett shops.

Financial Report:

- Margaret reported that there was about $500 in the account. There was a deposit of $149 on 1 July.
- She has asked a friend, Mary Toohey who is not a member to look through the books, which will close at end of June. **Laura/James moved that Mary Toohey be approved as auditor.**

A.G.M. for 4 September, 7.30 at St Margaret's.

- Publicity – posters, letter box drop.
- Membership – prefer applications in a fortnight before.
- **Agenda and discussion points**

1. -Authority to set the Association up
2. –To sow the seeds for future involvement, and heighten awareness of issues.
3. –To represent Hackett at the Planning Forums.
4. –Improving shops
5. –Friends of Mt Majura
6. –Presidents report
7. –History and records
8. –Hackett's 40th birthday party
9. –Issues that need attention
10. –Future directions.
11. –Jochen will make an electronic list of members.
12. –Membership form – one member one vote, so family membership=1 vote

13. **–Motion – Membership will be by individuals 16 and upwards to avoid confusion. James/Margaret.**

14. Terry spoke about Development on which we need to get vocal. Eg. Units in Antill St. PALM now ACTPA. Dual Occupancies in Hackett. (123 up for sale. We need to have a map so that we know what we're talking about.

15. Friends of Mt Majura – 16 turned up at the meeting on ..... Very enthusiastic. People will need to sign up to be part of Catchment Group. There is to be a meeting on 10 Aug. at 11 am. Fire History Walk with a Ranger on 3rd Sunday.....A large number of issues (Mt Majura to Mt Ainslie Reserve. Nature Appreciation and Education. Park Care Appreciation. Park Care Weeding and Erosion repair. Regular info in N.W. newsletter

16. Shops. Pham at Early Bird, says his trade down. Bread cheaper in supermarket. Door has caused an impact. Julie and Roe finding it difficult. It was agreed that we write a letter to Vizavitus and Lionis expressing concern about the door, and importance of passing trade. Government shouldn't allow landlords to run down the infrastructure. We should write to Mr Corbell. Also mention that Hackett shops the only shops that have not been done up

17. James presented papers on Archives and records. We agreed to keep them in that way.

18. Jochen will write a letter to Brendan Smyth and ask him for the Environment Impact Statement on the Dragway proposal.

19. Meeting prior to AGM to be on Monday 18 August, 7.30 at 3 Tryon Street.

20. Len mentioned that the only winery in ACT is Mt Majura Wines over the other side of the mountain on a small outcrop of limestone. There's to be a tasting on 3 August. Len will report.

Hackett Community Association

Committee meeting held at 3 Tryon Street, Hackett on 18 August, 2003.

Present: James Walker, Jochen Zeil, Tony Steel, Terry de Luca, Laura Turnbull, Margaret Simpson, Dorothy Mackenzie.
Apologies: Lyn Hall

Minutes of Meeting of 28 July, held at 25 Mackenzie Street were distributed.

Business Arising:

- A.G.M. for Thursday 4 September, 7.30 pm. Room at St Margaret's has been booked by Laura. Tony will prepare posters, which Terry will laminate. Tony will put posters up around Hackett. Tony will make large banner for Church grounds.
- Information to members will be through announcement in Neighbourhood Watch newsletter.
- Agenda will be organised a few days before the 4 September AGM. It will include – Welcome – Report from President on years events –Adoption of Constitution with appendices. (Copies will be placed at Early Bird, Roe Redmond, Ritva, King Ruby) Minutes from inaugural meeting of 20 June, 2002, and other Reports. Election of new committee.
- Laura will get a Common Seal to be kept by Secretary.
- Terry to organise nomination forms, membership forms to be available.
- We wish for people to feel free to nominate as new members will be most welcome.
- Discussion of positions. – Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Public Officer, Archives & History Officer.

Jochen explained the submission he prepared in response to the Watson Development and the response by the Govt. In summary the Town Planner and Developer David Harper upset by Jochen's submission which asked for reassurances from the Govt about the effect on traffic and flow through into the suburbs around, and also the effect on Mt Majura which needs better organisation, signage and protection. The deadline for the Developer to address these concerns is the following Friday.
Len and Jochen agreed to follow through.

Letter from Simon Corbell about Community Planning Forums. Terry and Yolanta attended a meeting about the "Charette" - a follow up to Community Planning Meetings with stakeholders (Traffic, Town Planners, Landscape Architects) It was agreed that Terry would write a letter on behalf of the HCA registering our concern about the process so far.

Jochen wrote a letter to John Stanhope on signage and usage of Mt Majura. Jochen tabled Jon Stanhope's reply.

James Walker explained a system of keeping records in folders for printed material, newspaper clippings, letters, index to minutes, and electronically on disk.

Len Crossfield reported on visit to a local winery Mt Majura Wines on 3 August. It was very pleasant. A local asset.

Next meeting will be at 6.30 pm at St Margaret's prior to AGM on 4 September 2003.

Annual General Meeting of the Hackett Community Association Thursday 4 September, 2003 at St Margaret's Uniting Church hall.

Terry de Luca welcomed everyone present and opened the meeting at 7.40 pm

- **Minutes of Inaugural meeting of 20 June, 2002 which had been circulated, were read by the secretary. Accepted by D.Mackenzie/J.Walker.**
- **President's report was read by Terry de Luca. Accepted by L.Crossfield/J.Walker**
- **Treasurer Margaret Simpson spoke about how we became a legal entity before we could open a bank account and we functioned as incorporated from the time of the birthday party. To function as a Community group and have a voice we have to be incorporated. There is a balance of $456.75 in the bank.**
- **Auditor Mary Toohey was nominated by Margaret Simpson/ Margaret Erikson.**
- **Constitution – James Walker introduced the document and explained that it is available at the shops. Financial members received an e-mail version. There will be a Committee of up to 12 members, inc. 8 office bearers. Constitution adopted J.Walker/L.Crossfield. After discussion it was accepted by the majority with a show of hands.**
- **Election of Office bearers: President – Terry de Luca, Deputy – Len Crossfield, Secretary – Dorothy Mackenzie, Deputy Secretary – Lynne Hall, Treasurer – Margaret Simpson, Deputy Treasurer – Tony Steel, Archives and History Officer – James Walker, Public Officer – Laura Turnbull. Other Committee Members – Jochen Zeil, Lorraine Mason, Sharon Farrell.**
- **The Electoral Meeting was closed.**

General Discussion:

- **Friends of Mt Majura Park Care Group. Waltraud Pix spoke about the program of this group. Every 3rd Sunday there would be an activity or a meeting. Weeding on 21 September. A series of walks are planned, guided by specialists and will be advertised in the Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter, also at Cafetopia in "Friends' Corner". She mentioned the pressure on the amenity since Mt Stromlo burnt, with bike riders not keeping to trails, and erosion. Casurina trail being repaired. Replanting and weeding. A concern by some that having the activities always on a Sunday morning excludes some Church people.**
- **Airport Noise. Jochen mentioned the worry about Canberra airport wanting to be Sydney's second airport and to attract Sydney traffic. There are now proper guidelines for the**

consultation process dealing with aircraft noise over the region. The Canberra Airport Aircraft Noise Consultative Committee has community, local government, Federal Government, and the Aircraft industry representatives and will meet regularly.

- **Neighbourhood Planning. Terry summarised the process so far. A design Charette can be viewed in coming weeks. He mentioned the exercise in which people were asked to decide where 220 new dwellings might go in Hackett. The Kellaway and Phillip Ave site is a concern as it is part of the foothills and not for residential use. Monash Drive also should be off the map. Canberra will grow and how are we to cope with this demographic growth? Need for places for the ageing population. Sydney's parkland has been whittled away and we don't agree with knocking down trees. What about a light rail link to Civic? Viability of Hackett shops with redevelopment into a functional area with residential on top storey. We would like to take a constructive position on how best to cater for extra houses and retain the quality of life.**
- **Archives and History Officer – asked for a working group to assist with records system and management so that we create a body of information needed when negotiating and making comparisons with past.(newspaper clippings and other papers need to be classified and indexed.)**
- **James spoke about a competition for a memorial to Sir John Hackett – design – money raising to increase pride in the suburb. Competitions for children to write on the person their street is named after.**
- **As the main finances were from the sausage sizzle of the 40th anniversary could we have another on the opening of the memorial?**

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm. We acknowledged the generosity of St Margaret's in allowing the HCA to use the hall.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2003.

The Hackett Community Association was formed as the result of two driving forces concerning the residents of Hackett in the early part of 2002. The first being the future of the Hackett shops and the second being the introduction of Neighborhood Planning.

At the inaugural meeting of residents in April 2002 focus groups emerged to deal with the ongoing needs of the community. Concerns such as Mt. Majura, aircraft noise, traffic issues, historical and archival needs and neighborhood planning were being met by small group responses.

The future of the Hackett shops has occupied considerable time for the HCA and a clearer direction for the shops is now emerging. Special mention is made of the excellent work done by Jolanta Gallagher in this area who has worked closely with members of the HCA.

The 40th Birthday Party of our suburb was also a large venture of the Association. (See attached sheet). This took months of planning and execution but the end result was worth the effort. It was a celebration of who we are and the pride people have in their suburb.

Neighborhood Planning has been the emerging 'great' issue of the HCA. The association has been represented at all meetings implemented by PALM now ACTPLA. Issues of concern have been raised and the needs of the Hackett community have been kept in the forefront of ACTPLA meetings.

Each member of the association brings with them unique gifts and talents. As a group they have commitment, wisdom and vitality. As a group the committee has been involved in the following issues:

- Aircraft noise and the impact of Canberra Airport.
- Impact of development on Mt. Majura Nature Reserve.
- Maintenance and protection of Mt. Majura Reserve.
- Survival and development of Hackett Shops.
- Impact of traffic on local community.
- Neighbourhood Planning and future developments in Hackett.
- Developments in Watson and impact on Hackett and local area.
- Fundraising, membership drives and registration of HCA.
- Hackett's 40th Birthday celebrations.
- Archival material and historical aspects.
- Financial management.
- Artistic displays and advertising.

- Representation on Majura LAPAC.
- Impact of DV 200 and dual occupancies.
- Beautification and ongoing maintenance of Hackett shops and streets.
- Liaison with Neighbourhood Watch.
- Liaison with Local community groups such as Northside Community Services, NCCC, Watson and Downer Community Associations.
- Secretarial requirements including minutes and correspondence.
- Incorporation of HCA.
- Media liaisons.

I would like to thank the committee for its commitment and effort in making the HCA a vital, effective and unique organization within the Canberra community.

Yours sincerely. Terry de Luca. 4th September 2003.

T. de Luca

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY REPORT 2003

Progress has been made but slowly. Illness and time spent on the **anniversary party** restricted the amount of effort which could be devoted to research and to the collection of material. The Association is, as yet, still too young for much in the way of its own archival material to have accumulated. Never the less, some progress has been made.

Collection of materials has been concentrated on-

(a) copying extracts from annual reports, published histories of Canberra/ACT the ACTEW history, etc.

(b) collecting appropriate statistics.

(c) copying articles from The *Canberra Times*, etc., and

(d) researching material on Sir John Hackett, and on some distinguished residents.

With regard to (c), the main effort has been so far aimed at the suburb's foundation year, 1963, and this has now been approximately three quarters done. The collection also has clippings and copies of clippings from other years that have been provided by residents. These, while naturally unsystematic, are mainly devoted to the more dramatic happenings (eg. the closure of Hackett Primary School) in the suburb.

We are also appealing for copies of the records of groups which have operated in Hackett, particularly of those no longer functioning.

Oral history has struck some problems. Only two interviews have actually been completed, but a large amount of time has been wasted contacting people who have been suggested, without their knowledge, by friends/neighbours, and who are unwilling to participate (in two cases most emphatically!!! so).

To save time and embarrassment, we will, in future, only approach those who have been sounded out by their sponsors. It would be appreciated if any one wishing to nominate a possible interviewee would provide, **in writing**, the nominee's name and contact details together with an assurance that the nominee has agreed to the approach.

A number of people have agreed to be interviewed but, as yet, have not nominated a place or time. They have been listed and will be interviewed as soon as they do so.

All this material will need to be indexed, and, indeed, cross-indexed, if it is to be readily available for use by the Association. To assist with this task, among others, I have proposed to the committee the creation of a Records and Archive Working Group, and, in the event of their agreeing, we will be looking for volunteers to assist with this important activity.

The reasons for all this activity are to:
(1) acquire the data needed when negotiating (and/or disputing) with government organisations, commercial organisations, developers, etc., and in our own planning, and to arrange it for easy access.

(2) promote community spirit, togetherness, pride in our suburb, etc., and, apparently,

(3) provide material for school projects and assignments (three requests so far).

A valuable exercise was, at the anniversary party, the provision of an historical display in one of the empty shops. Approximately eight hundred people visited the display and viewed the overhead photos, Hackett Primary School photos and trophies, 1963 photos of the suburb, memory joggers of 1963 and other material. Much conversation ensued.

The display included two photos of Sir John Hackett with an account of his career. After the party these were left up on the shop window and continued to attract considerable attention but have now, alas, been removed.

My thanks to those who have been interviewed, volunteered to be interviewed, or provided material for the archives.

J.D.WALKER
Interim Archives and History Officer.
19 August 2003

Hackett's 40th Birthday Anniversary.

What a get together! It was a fantastic day and the weather was very kind. (about 19c) A mild cloudy cool morning, with a suggestion of rain, but the sun came out for awhile, and not too much.

Preparations began on the Thursday evening in the freshly cleaned shop space, donated by Mr Vizavitis when members of the committee put up the display on the display boards that Tony had collected from the Northside Community Service that day. There were photos from the Hackett Primary School archives that Laura had had printed, enlarged and mounted on coloured backing plus trophies and framed memorabilia that we set out on tables. Laura placed the magazine run by students at the time of Hackett's closure on the windows. This was set up as a tribute to that important part of Hackett's heritage. James had worked hard at his project on oral history, and had spent a lot of time downloading material from The Canberra Times, including maps of Hackett. Margaret and Dorothy raided their personal collections of family photos of the 60s in The Way We Were. Later Jochen and Waltroud mounted the aerial photograph of the Mount Majura with its walking trails and advertised a walk on the Sunday following. They also had a petition asking for more attention to the Nature Reserve, signs etc. We also mounted newspaper articles and photographs of earlier forays into the public eye, Hackett's Clean Up Dan and the formation of the HCA Public Meeting of June 2002. Also a Chronicle article about the Birthday.

On Friday evening Tony and Terry collected about 15 tables and 50 chairs from MacKillop Catholic College at Isabella Plains.

Starting at about 8 am, Tony Steel was there moving the banner and putting new bunting up to advertise the venue. He had the **N.W. barbecue** installed on a table and the gazebo erected. The sausages generously donated by **Hackett IGA** were in an esky, and the onions were being sliced. The bread generously donated **by Early Bird** was on a large tray, plus sauce and serviettes. A small team of people helped (Len, Jochen, and Lyn's husband, also Dominic de Luca and Ara Steel were there, preparing sausages for about 500 people. Tony was in a golden curly wig and tutu and all with gloves and aprons. They worked very hard and so did the tea, coffee and cordial team led by Lyn Hall and friends and Margaret Simpson. Margaret and Dorothy Mackenzie were the official photographers.

Len Crossfield and Margaret manned the **HCA table** inviting people to join the Association with membership by donation and asking them for their concerns. Justin de Luca became recruited later. About 20 people became members.

The **Pre-school's** art work will be appreciated for weeks to come as they now adorn the windows of the shop space. The children and their parents were a great asset, with their colourful painting activity and especially in their rendition of Happy Birthday at midday.

People started to gather before 10 am and many had come out for the **Ecumenical Service**, preceded by a **Majura Mountain Scouts'** flag raising of the 60's flag on the pole especially erected for the day. John Hood gave a brief history mentioning the

60's tent and modern one alongside with a photograph display. The Ecumenical service was led by Rev Lyn Thow, Rev John Stead, Rev John Wakefield and Rev Alex Vickers (not able to be present). Rev Don Erickson was introduced as the first minister of St Margaret's Uniting Church, now living in Hackett. The theme of the service was that we are all part of the rhythm of life – are born, live, search for meaning, make choices, churches, homes. There was a reflection on places of significance – the shops, parks, schools, sporting fields.

CALM – Canberra Active Learning Model run by YWCA which is a pilot program for people in 60 –70 age group started the day. Louise Goodwin demonstrated a few of the exercises, but I don't think many people saw what was happening as so many people suddenly arrived with the **Canberra City Band** led professionally by Keith Helgeson who played from 11 until 12. They accompanied the Pre-school children singing Happy Birthday at midday after the cutting of the cake. The Band had great drawing power and families streets away decided to hurry along and then they stayed on.

Mrs Eileen Pateman (95) and **Ara Steel** (10) cut a huge cake decorated with cream, fruit, iced flowers and a message to the community, and donated by Early Bird Bakery. **Leanne Scott** addressed the gathering and formally opened the Anniversary celebration. She told us about her childhood and education at Hackett School. She married a Hackett boy and is always back as her Mum lives here. The cake was cut into over 100 slices.

Dance Australia took us on a brief tour of World Dances, introduced by **Christine Batisson**. All were circle dances, some partnered and audience participation was invited.

The **North Ainslie Primary School Wind Band** under the baton of **Cathy Bingham** played some well written pieces which gave each section interesting and challenging turns on the melody line. Children of Years 5 and 6 were proudly supported by their Principal and parents.

The **Egyptian Belly Dance troup** invited by Tony Steel then danced for us for about 30 minutes.

Jake Roff, singer and guitarist was the final performer.

Finally the **chess pieces** from Civic were retrieved from their lookout on the shop roof and children moved them around.

Chris de Luca and Margaret Erickson displayed and sold attractive craft items. **Lyall Benjamin** had an excellent range of 2nd hand books. Thanks to Jan Focken, Jolanta and Paul Gallagher for overseeing this stall and keeping records for Lyall. He donated 10% of his takings to the HCA and we thank him for his generosity.

The businesses and organisations who set up displays: Northside Community Service manned by **Kylie** who also brought her camera, gave us much assistance, including the supply of display materials, the loan of the PA system and paying the clown who entertained from 11.30 to 12.30, plus Public Liability Cover. **CALM**

with photographs and brochures, **TRAHS** with a display of materials about Health Services. Neighbourhood Planning materials were made available. **Edwina Richardson** displayed her Landscape Design business.

We were pleased to welcome a number of **VIPs** including Steve Blume for Bob McMullan who sent his apologies, Kerrie Tucker (ACT Greens – MLA Molonglo), Senator Gary Humphries, MLA Greg Cornwall and his wife Margaret. Others sent apologies including Kate Lundy who sent a lovely letter and cheque for $50.

In conclusion, the **IGA wine tasting** was popular. **Cafetopia** and **Early Bird** seemed to have a busy day and people consistently sat at their outdoor tables. **Cafetopia** and **Clinic of Preventative Medicine** both held raffles on the day. The latter sent $150 to RSPCA for bushfire relief. Cafetopia donated the proceeds of the hamper of food to the HCA. The committee was present at the drawing of the Cafetopia raffle and saw the winner collect the prize.

Many people expressed thanks for the opportunity of getting together to share memories and make new friends. We estimate a number of between 800 or 900 and upwards attended during the day. We heard that the shops did well with customers.

Dorothy Mackenzie.

18 August 2003

Report of the
Friends of Mt. Majura Park Care Group
for Hackett Community Association Annual General Meeting 2003

from Waltraud Pix
Coordinator

During a meeting of interested people at Julie's Cafetopia on 20. July 2003, we have formally established the **Friends of Mt. Majura Park Care Group**.

The purpose of the group is to serve as a point of contact for the relevant government agencies, who are responsible for managing the Mt. Majura Nature Reserve and for residents of Hackett and other suburbs, who are interested in taking care of and learning more about our Nature Park.

We resolved issues of insurance by joining Sullivans Creek Catchment Group and have started to plan activities ranging from weed inspection, weeding, nature information walks, design for gardens bordering the reserve, improving signage and working with government agencies towards a Management Plan for the Mt. Majura Nature Reserve.

Together with Hackett Community Association, we have already written to Jon Stanhope, ACT Minister for the Environment to ask for help with improving signage for the sustainable use of the Mt. Majura Nature Reserve.

- For communication with interested residents, we have established the **Friends of Mt. Majura Corner in Julie's Cafetopia,** which contains membership forms and information leaflets.

- You can also join our email list to keep informed about future activities (jzeil@bigpond.net.au).

- In consultation with ACT Parks and Conservation, we have decided to make the 3rd **Sunday each month** our regular meeting time. We will either meet at the Mackenzie Street entrance to the park for activities or at Cafetopia for meetings and discussions.

- For information on the exact time, place and activities,

  i. watch **The Hackett Shopping Centre Community Board,**
  ii. visit the **Friends of Mt. Majura Corner in Cafetopia,**
  iii. read the **Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter,**
  iv. join the **Friends of Mt. Majura Email List.**

For further information,

contact Waltraud Pix, phone/fax: 6247 7515; email: jzeil@bigpond.net.au.

18 August 2003

Report on Anti Aircraft Noise Activities
for Hackett Community Association Annual General Meeting 2003

from Jochen Zeil
Chair, NCCC Airport Noise Working Group

Community Group Representatives have been fighting for over three years to have clear Terms of Reference for the consultation process dealing with aircraft noise over Canberra and the region.

As of its meeting on 18 February 2003, the Canberra Airport Aircraft Noise Consultative Committee (CAANCC), in which community representatives and representatives of local governments, of the federal government, of the Aircraft industry and of Canberra "International" Airport, meet to discuss the impact of aircraft noise over the region has finally managed to agree on the Terms of Reference which will govern the workings of this committee.

One of the relevant outcomes of this agreement is that from now on, a summary of noise complaints will have to be tabled and discussed at the quarterly meetings of CAANCC. Finally, citizens which are concerned about aircraft noise can now rely on their complaints to be registered by a relevant forum.

The next meeting of CAANCC, at which your concerns will be tabled, is on 6 November 2003.

Issues we are currently pursuing are (1) a strict curfew of night aircraft movements over suburbs, (2) prohibiting turbo-prop aircraft from turning west over Hackett, (3) preventing general aviation from conducting their training flights directly over Hackett and North Canberra.

If you are concerned about aircraft noise, the Terms of References for CAANCC mean that, for the first time, complaints will not disappear in a black hole. It makes good sense now – and it will help community representatives to push for improvements – if concerned citizens lodge their complaints.

You can do so by phone, fax or email at:

Phone:	National Noise Enquiry Line:	Phone: 1300 302 240
Email:	Noel McCann, Operations Manager, Canberra International Airport:	n.mccann@capitalairportgrp.com.au
	Or Airservices Australia:	Graeme.rogers@airservicesaustralia.com
Fax:	Airservices Australia Melbourne:	Fax: 03 9235 7350

We are also pushing for a web-based system of registering noise complaints. But in the meantime, if you want to make absolutely sure that your complaint is being noticed and that it will be acted upon, forward your message to jzeil@bigpond.net.au

Hackett Community Association

Committee Meeting held at 83 Mackenzie Street, Hackett on 15 September, 2003. Meeting opened at 7.55 pm.

Present: T. deLuca, L. Crossfield, T. Steel, J. Walker, S. Farrell, L. Mason, L. Turnbull, M. Simpson, D. Mackenzie.

Minutes of meeting 18th August read and accepted.

- James Walker – records of classification system. Approved and accepted with thanks. James/Terry.
- Common Seal – Thank you to Laura for all the work and arrangements made

General Business:

- **Charette:** On the first day there was input from Community groups (Terry, Jolanta) Then the team brought together by ACTPLA inc. architect, engineer, landscape architect, went around the Inner North on 4th day and came up with their proposals.
- **Tonight** we are filling out feedback sheet. With a few days extension it will be due on 16 September.
- **Summary of opportunity sites** – is extensive of what sort of development will be allowed in Hackett. Essentially a box around shops. Inner core and outer core. Canberra is going to grow and this is a way there'll be some order.

The feedback Sheet- Comments and suggestions made:

- 2 storey development – garages underneath and attics allowed.
- To promote a community where people can stay lifelong.
- Promote dual occupancy – granny flats. Family friendly.
- Remove the word "prohibit" as applied to single storey flats (I think)
- Prohibit block amalgamation.
- Need to consider case by case within a framework before Community Planning. Gives community some input as to what happens in their suburb.
- Groups like HCA should be consulted so that developers could consult and know what the general principles are. Hackett Community Values document.
- Overcome the inclination to negative reactions.
- Business will keep the shops alive. More people will be the optimal tradeoff.
- Application forms from Community Planning Forums.
- **Kellaway and Phillip Ave block – There should be no change but it should be looked after, maybe landscaped.**
- **School Site – revitalise and redevelop.**
- **Shops – develop.**

In conclusion;

- **Establish general principles of development in consultation with community.**
- **Major developments on a case by case bases. Eg. Shopping Centre.**
- **In 2 to 3 weeks will be given our draft plan. DV200 now set in place.**
- **Next meeting on Monday 20 October. 7.30 at 25 Mackenzie Street.**

Hackett Community Association

Committee meeting held at 25 Mackenzie Street, Hackett on 20 October, 2003.

Present: T. deLuca, L. Crossfield, M. Simpson, L. Mason, T. Steel, Z. Zeil

Apologies: J. Walker, L. Turnbull, S. Farrell.

- The meeting began informally with general discussion about the Nature Reserve, fire breaks, need for clearing behind the houses in Mackenzie and Rivett Streets.
- Reference to the next meeting of ACTPLA – Resident's Reference Group to meet next Tuesday 28 October. Presentation by L. Crossfield about what Hackett people want.
- Discussion about the process of Design Team Ideas Plan (not a legal document). The stakeholders are the Residents, Academics, Business, Developers, Real Estate.
- Our main emphasis not Multi-Unit Development. Urban infill has to be done well with planning of traffic use and open spaces. DV200 – blocks near shops can be amalgamated, and dual occupancy permitted outside DV 200.
- Len said that people will seek their own opportunities (builders, residents) but rules need to be specified. Jocken agreed with going along with Corbell – specify our needs, what we value and want to preserve. (Ageing accommodation, mix of living arrangements)
- There'll be pressure from Dickson, Braddon, Turner for urban infill.
- A major issue is the School building as our best asset. Take a close interest in the Blue Gum School at the time unhappy about too short lease and not enough space.
- "Vision for Suburb" - People are not interested in large scale development and increased density. There is no agreed vision, except perhaps to be left alone. There could be redevelopment of the Units on cnr. Tryon and Rivett St.
- **Terry needs to feel we are speaking for community in agreeing that the old school site is a community asset. And Aged care and modest development near shops. People want their shopping centre. People want development and change at a moderate level. There is a high value of Nature on the edges of suburbs. Extra density along small reserves. Dual occupancy and single storey development such as Granny flats. A mix of development.**

Next HCA meeting on 19 November at Holy Cross annex combined with the November meeting of the Neighbourhood Watch. Terry, Jochen, Len to give reports. Geoffrey Willans to report on Aircraft Noise issue.