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Hackett Community Association

Committee meeting held at 125 Rivett Street, Hackett on 9 February 2004

Present: S. Farrell, M. Huntington, J. Huntington W. Pix, T. deLuca, T. Steel, M. Simpson, L. Mason, L. Crossfield, J. Walker, L. Hall, F. Prideaux

Apologies: D. Mackenzie, L. Turnbull, J. Zeil

- The meeting commenced with a discussion regarding concerns by residents in the Bragg and Brennan Street area about the latest Neighbourhood Planning Proposal. Max and Jill Huntington and Felicity Prideaux were guests at our meeting representing the residents of these streets. After attending the Visions Workshop they are anxious about the proposed infill of these streets, particularly the Mews style developments being proposed along the walkways. Despite being reassured that these workshops were operating on "hypothetical scenarios" the general feel is that the process of the draft is quite advanced and that something needs to be done as a matter of urgency voicing the residents opposition to the proposal. Max, Jill and Felicity have asked for the Community Associations support of their rejection, however have undertaken to continue the fight regardless.

- The Committee discussed the points raised by these residents. As the Committee have not had the opportunity to view the plan they were referring to, it was difficult to speak in specifics. Len agreed to approach Nigel Featherstone to clarify the position of ACTPLA regarding this latest draft to enable us to respond to the Bragg/Brennan Street residents. The Residents Reference Group should be meeting within the next 2 weeks at which time we will be able to view the plan to see what ACTPLA are currently proposing. We will then organize a Community Meeting to enable all Hackett residents to have their say.

- It was bought to our attention that we may need to review the way in which we are advertising the Community Meetings as it appears the Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter may not always be 100% effective, with newsletters not being delivered, in some cases, to every mail box. It was agreed to display posters in public places, i.e. Hackett shops.

Friends of Mount Majura

- Waltraud spoke on behalf of the Friends of Mount Majura regarding the use of the reserve by mountain bike enthusiasts. It appears that the amount of mountain bikers using the reserve has increased considerably since the Stromlo fire. The cyclists are using walking tracks to access the pine plantation and this seems to be having adverse effects on the environment of the reserve. In particular there appears to be a massive erosion problem, for which there seems to be little solution, along with the destruction of native vegetation. There have also been instances of conflict with other park users, i.e. walkers, with the concern that the elderly residents in particular may have

needs to be found in order for the reserve to work for both cyclists and walkers and Waltraud suggests working together with Mountain Bike Organizations to find a mutually agreeable solution. It was suggested that promoting other access areas, rather than the Mackenzie Street access, and perhaps a purpose built track be established involving the help of Mountain bike groups to ensure some sort of ownership. Waltraud proposed a workshop facilitated by a group such as Molonglo Catchment Group, or Parks and Conservation rather than HCA, be run to address the management of the reserve, access, and the responsibilities and needs of all reserve users. The members of the committee agreed to support the Friends of Mount Majura.

General Business

- James suggested it was time to consider creating a working group to monitor the traffic, both pedestrian and vehicular, to address the concern by many residents regarding "out-of-suburb" cars using Maitland/Madigan Street during peak hour in order to avoid the build-up along Phillip Avenue. It was also pointed out that, while potential redevelopment of the suburb was at the forefront of many resident's minds, it is important not to loose focus on other issues causing concern. Laura has approached Dickson College to seek their support in helping with the counting. It was agreed to continue this discussion at the next Committee Meeting.

- Margaret drew our attention to the Public Liability insurance issue, which we currently do not have. There seemed to be some confusion as to whether it was necessary. Tony agreed to approach the Watson and Downer Community Associations to see what they have in place.

Next HCA meeting to be held on Monday 8th March at Lorraine Mason's – 30 Bragg Street, Hackett at 8pm.

Meeting closed at 10.45pm

Hackett Community Association

Committee meeting held at 30 Bragg Street, Hackett on 8 March, 2004, at 8 pm.

Present: T. de Luca, T. Steel, M. Simpson, L. Mason, L. Crossfield, J. Walker, L. Turnbull, D. Mackenzie. J. Zeil.

Apologies: S. Farrell

Minutes of Committee meeting of 9 February, 2004. The statement in General Business "Laura has approached Dickson College to seek their support" should read the "We are considering approaching ...etc". Minutes as amended were accepted by the meeting. J. Walker/ T. de Luca.

General Business:

- **Concern of residents from Bragg and Brennan Streets.** Len has spoken to Nigel Featherston of ACTPLA and it now appears that the Preliminary draft of the Neighbourhood Planning process has superseded what their concerns are. The earlier plans of development in some areas around parks, and leading to the Nature Reserve are ambiguous, but development close to shops will be encouraged and the rest of the suburb called suburban area will have little change. i.e. Amalgamation of blocks won't be allowed unless for aged care, no unit title, limit of two storeys or 8.5 metres high. Possibility of some redevelopment of houses with broader frontages into duplexes which may or may not be opposite parklands. So unit style that is happening in Ainslie won't be allowed.
- **Friends of Mount Majura (FOMM)** Len reported on talks, he and Waltroud had with Paul Higinbotham in ACT Environment and Parks. Paul agreed with the aim of resolving conflicts of different users of the Nature Reserve and would speak to Cycling groups, Forests and others and be thoroughly prepared in the event of a meeting being called. Waltroud and Len have observed that mountain bike riders use the pine plantation. They park on Majura Lane, Mackenzie or Kellaway Streets and ride up the formed tracks. But some use the narrow tracks to whiz down on for their final buzz of the day and that is where most damage is occurring. Track widening around obstacles such as tree stumps and gullies, is causing erosion, especially near the ponds. Waltroud and Len have documented their findings with photographs and are due to meet Paul Higinbotham on Friday 12 March. Will report to next meeting.
    - **FOMM** will meet on Sunday 21 March (3rd Sunday) at Cafetopia. The group will formulate a letter to ACT Govt, outlining the problem and suggesting strategies.
    - **Action:** HCA will send a letter to Minister for the Environment, John Stanhope, to put across the feelings of the community. The situation is dangerous, residents feel that they can no longer use the walking tracks, all cyclists must respect the rules and stick to the set access. It is time to intervene. Also children need to have access to places to use their bikes. A lot depends on the ACT budget, as the erosion problem is going to be costly.
- **Aircraft Noise.** Jocken as a member of the NCCC Airport Noise Reference Group outlined many problems about a complicated and confusing situation including: runway lengthening, talk about a third runway, suggested swap of land for jail, possibility of a General Aviation Airport at Williamsdale, role of Commonwealth Govt v. the ACT Govt, business development at the Airport, no night curfew, as they

want to be reliever airport for Sydney. Noise Consultative Committee meeting next week.

- **Neighbourhood Planning**
  - The Residents' Reference Group has responded to this latest preliminary draft which was due in today 8 March.
  - In early April a glossy plan of final draft of the Neighbourhood plan for our three suburbs will be letter boxed by ACTPLA and then there will be 6 weeks to comment. There will be an exhibition in ACTPLA building (Dame Pattie Menzies) at the same time.
  - **A meeting for the residents and members of HCA** will be organised at that time – late April or early May (after schools are back after Easter holidays)
- **What's in it for revitalising the shops?** It is expected that this will be a vibrant thriving community but in all cases we are dependent on market forces. Traffic situation won't benefit the shops as in the evening run home motorists take another route and bypass them Hackett is a minor shopping centre, which may revitalise with DV200. Could we make a recommendation as to how to revitalise the shops with boutique style businesses catering to a niche market, with one really good restaurant connecting to IGA bottle shop?
- **NCCC** – North Canberra Consultative Committee in transition. Mack Dickens is the Chairman. Watson, Downer and Hackett Community Associations could be linked effectively to be a single voice for the northern suburbs. Suggested annual meeting of 3 groups. NCCC has funds to support surrounding suburbs.
- **Mark Paterson** – condolence motion on his death on 5 March. Margaret will send a card from the committee.
- **Communication with members of the HCA** - Send the minutes to everyone, write summaries and pin them up at Cafetopia, and other shops. Write reports in the Neighbourhood Watch newsletter. Ask Chronicle if they would write about issues affecting the northern suburbs.
- **Drug Deals in Hackett** – There is concern about injections in the bushes outside the shops. People sleep there on occasion. One immediate measure to reduce the occurrences of the above could be to prune the bushes for more visibility.
- **James spoke about the Traffic and footpath working group** - and needs a formal agreement to get the ball rolling to count the cars using the roads around Hackett morning and evening such as Phillip/Maitland/Madigan Streets. Would approach Dickson College for interest from Accredited Maths, needs a large number of volunteers, residents for card tables and offers of help, shops owners, Neighbourhood Watch. Is interested in everything that goes past – pedestrians, trucks, cars, in each direction. The committee gave James the go ahead to get started.
- **Terry invited us to his birthday party on Saturday May 22.**
- **Treasurer** – Margaret was going to speak on membership and need to renew each year. Insurance – Volunteers Centre advice on volunteers.
- **Next meeting** – after the letterbox drop. To be advised.

Hackett Community Association

Committee meeting held at the home of Terry de Luca on 24 May 2004 at 7.30 pm

Present: T. de Luca, T. Steel, M. Simpson, L. Mason, L. Crossfield, D. Mackenzie, J. Zeil, W. Pix.

Apologies: S. Farrell, L. Turnbull

General Business : Public Meeting to consider draft Neighbourhood Plans

- The discussion centred on the upcoming Public Meeting that had been foreshadowed to respond to the Neighbourhood Planning process. 17 June was suggested and therefore a planning committee meeting would be needed on 10 June.
- N. Featherstone had suggested that the draft Hackett Neighbourhood Plans would be available on 29 May. There will be a 6 week period after that for responses to be made with deadline for comments on 19 July
- Len Crossfield offered his home for the committee to meet on Thursday 10 June.
- Public Meeting on 17 June at St Margaret's Hall at 7.30 pm. Lorraine offered to book the hall.
- The Public Meeting would be advertised with a banner at the shops, laminated posters and an insert into the June NW newsletter. Tony Steel undertook to make and hang the banner.
- We will be encouraging people to make their own responses.
- July 2 is the date for concluding our comments. (due to school holiday break coming after that).
- Len Crossfield offered to coordinate a summary of responses.

General Business: Dragway mentioned in the ACT budget a figure of $8 million.

- Block 52 Majura Valley over the saddle and north of the airport.
- Need for an environment study of the fumes that would be generated.
- Two years ago previous Govt funded a preliminary assessment of a Dragway.
- Options paper – pros and cons of building in Majura Valley, partly owned by Federal Govt. The other option to build outside territory has disadvantages.
- Need to make clear that it is not to be in Majura Valley, but somewhere a long way from residential areas.
- Ted Quinlan has information re decibels to be expected.
- Green Party should be interested in the issue. Concern for impact on environment.
- H.M events a year will be expected? Noise impact study?
- Request FOI to see Environment Impact Statement documents as without this information we can only fear the worst.
- Register our worries and set things in motion as we're concerned and want to be fully involved and informed.
- A political issue in forthcoming elections.
- Write a letter to Stanhope and Quinlan. Jochen and Waltraud will oversee.

Jochen reported to the meeting briefly on the following matters:

- **Neighbourhood Improvement** – Traffic studies and improvement of shopping centres.
- **Traffic Situation in Hackett** will worsen in the future under pressure of out of area traffic. A solution to block off Madigan Street. GDE impasse. Monash Dr. will be back on the map! New suburbs being built at rapid rate. It's a planning issue.
- **NCCC is in a sorry state.** Community Associations may be called to meet together to take over some functions.
- **Airport Noise.** A 56 page submission has been written and is with the minister.
- **HNW newsletter.** Offers of help to the Editor.

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD 14 June 2004
PRIOR TO THE JUNE PUBLIC MEETING OF HCA on 17 June 2004

1. Refreshments for those attending. Laura offered to buy tea/coffee/milk. and Dorothy will provide biscuits and orange juice.
2. Lorraine has booked the Large Hall at St Margaret's Church for two hours.
3. As Margaret our Treasurer will not be present, Sharon offered to deal with any membership applications.
4. Len to invite Nigel from ACTPLA to attend and address the meeting.
5. After a discussion it was decided that the following items will be covered.

- Planning Issues – a) Traffic Plan
  b) Local meeting place for HCA
  c)Night curfew on the Canberra Airport.
- Other topics may include
  a) Aircraft noise
  b) Friends of Mt. Majura
  c) Drag-way finance

6. Structure for the Evening

- Terry will provide an overall outline of what HCA have achieved so far and what we hope to achieve together.
- Nigel will be invited address the meeting on a)Central Business Area
  b)Suburban Area
  c)A 10 Area.
- Concerns re Area 200 now incorporated in the Territory Plan.
- Shopping Area concerns.

7. Timetable to prepare our submission to Government before 19 July 2004.
   We will meet on Monday 21 June at Len's home
   Second meeting will be held 29 June at Dorothy's home

Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 21 June, 2004 at Len Crossfield's home.

Present: Terry, Sharon, Len, Dorothy, Laura, Margaret, Tony.
Apologies: James, Lorraine

Main Business: To frame a response to the Neighbourhood Plans for Hackett, as enunciated by the Public Meeting of 17 June, 2004. Len is now in the final stages of writing the submission.

Recapulation of Public Meeting.

- **Terry took us through a historical overview of Neighbourhood Planning**
- **Len facilitated discussion of issues that came up from the meeting and Terry wrote on sheets on board. Len provided an overview of the present plans as they apply to Hackett. Showed the preferred models of dual occupancy provided by ACTPLA. Key issues brought up were A10 or V.200, traffic, shopping centre.**
- **Residents' Reference Group if a strong enough argument is formulated about A10.**
- **People agree that we need quality development. (Kerrie Tucker speaks of sustainable development for Uriarra, Mt Stromlo. Why can't we have the same?)**
- **17 new members entered in membership book and added on to group e-mail by Sharon. Total now 80 or 81. $107 received on the night.**
- **80 people attended the meeting.**
- **Len, Terry and Dorothy met on Sunday 20 June to share conceptions of the meeting and begin to put together our response.**
- **Hackett Primary School site. Kangaroo thoroughfare to oval is a distinctive local concern and should be mentioned especially if School site is to be redeveloped in the future.**
- **Maureen Hartung spoke passionately for the preservation of the school site. Gumnut School has a 5 yr lease.**
- **School site will stay as it is unless a developer appears. Site may be too small for a retirement village.**
- **Len will check with Nigel Featherstone on which of preferred models apply to V200 area. Percentage of block area covered in redevelopment in core area or residential. 35% for rear granny flat, or 50% if redevelopment is duplex type? Supportive housing on amalgamated blocks. Could buy 2 blocks and amalgamate. Unit title may be approved.**
- **Feeling from meeting is not to trust "them" so we must have a clear indication of exactly what is allowed. Phil O'Brian said that if a developer wanted to do continual development (like Braddon) nothing would stop them. ACTPLA must demonstrate to us that this kind of development would be impossible.**
- **Is landscaping to be included in plans?**
- **Apartments allowable? 3 storeys inc basement and attic?**
- **Other areas - B.11 Urban housing – 80% total area – 3 storeys**
  - **- B.12 Inc. density development such as Antill Street, near Dickson. This can be continuous and can cover 65% of Block and be 2 storey. Blocks may be amalgamated.**

- **At the meeting there were people from both sections (Core or A.10 and Residential). Equity argument of who is inside area, or in street next to core area and what people are allowed to do with their properties.**
- **Options advanced at the Public meeting include:**
    1. **Abolish A.10 for Hackett**
    2. **" A.10 except for shopping area and those who're already in duplex type homes. Minimise the orange coloured area of the plan.**
    3. **Develop shops and have apartments above shops. This may reduce graffiti, and ensure viability for shops. Fits with Ainslie.**
    4. **Get strong reassurance that Braddon type development is impossible.**
    5. **If they insist on the Core area as it is in new plan they must give guarantees that people will be happy with.**
    6. **We know that the concept of A.10 is integral to Territory Plan.**
    7. **No block amalgamation except in A.10.**
    8. **We need clarification about what ACTPLA sees as acceptable development for the suburb.**

Recapitulation:

- **Start with positives – Monash Drive, their consultation process (keep on listening to us)**
- **Residential – People happy about redevelopment for aged care.**
- **School Site to be preserved, kangaroo corridor, Aged care plus school, pine trees heritage listed. Sports House hived off to Watson and site redeveloped. Public community use of hall.**
- **Ask Nigel if Hackett will ever need a public primary school.**
- **Advantage for Hackett having Bluegum School on the site.**
- **Traffic. Support money for traffic study. We want to be involved. Practicalities – Increased intensity of traffic from outside suburb. Noise concerns – Need calming measures. Will be need for off street parking, more pedestrian crossings, overpasses on Phillip Ave and Antill Street, traffic lights and not a round about at T-intersection of Majura and Phillip Ave. Extra roads will alleviate traffic problems.**
- **Mistrust of Government.**
- **People unclear of rights of Appeal. Would like this to be clarified.**
- **How do they propose high quality development? What are the standards they have to abide by?**
- **Tony S. – Assess the suburb on sustainable green ideas for 21st century – eg. Grey water, water catchment off rooves, solar passive Green Glow.**
- **Commercial area – our commitment to it, viability, support idea of commercial core area a mix of commercial and residential, possible apartments above the shops, support the study.**
- **Open Space – Approve and support Neighbourhood Plans on Open Spaces.**
- **Playgrounds – reassessment and upgrading.**
- **Community Notice Boards mentioned.**

Next meeting on Tuesday 29 June. Dorothy Mackenzie's home – 3 Tryon Street, at 7.30 pm.

MINUTES OF HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – 9 AUGUST 2004

1PRESENT : Terry Anthony, Laura, Margaret. Len, & Geoff by invitation of President.

2APOLOGIES: Dorothy, James, Jochin, Lynn

3Minutes taken by Laura

4Minutes of previous meeting were passed as accurate.

5 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING UP-DATE - Len, Terry & Margaret

Not a great deal of change but Len has noted that:

(i) Garden City Promises (get a copy from the internet) he thought that the facts published were as a result of our input re A10.

(ii) Note had been taken of the Survey Input Current plan is an improvement in respect to preservation of the present neighbourhood character. However, it is felt that in the future ACTPLA will NOT use a community consultation method. It is too involved and time consuming a method.. They are more likely to seek comment form the Councils.

(iii) A10 looks likely to go ahead.

(iv) Traffic Survey in Hackett to go ahead. Plans for the improvement of our Shopping Centre have not really progressed. We will have to follow this one.

6.A 10 Issues

(i) Terry has organised a meeting with/for Karen & Brendon. Neil Sabary had told the meeting ACTPLA had several new design types for houses in these areas.

(ii) Terry felt that in the future we should only use politicians/media to bring up issues.

(iii) V 200 seems to have been introduced up "by Stealth".

7.AIRCRAFT NOISE Geoff

Geoff had been working on this for ten years now. (Along with Jochin)
He foresaw a large increase in Air Traffic coming soon. Urgent that we consider this as a matter of urgency. He provided figures on likely increases. (Len would like to see theses statistics in printed form).
There had been a recent meeting, attended by Jochin & Geogg, of the Aircraft Noise Committee. They have targeted the need for a curfew for the ACT. The Airport Authority is a private entity now. Federal & Local Govts. are now showing an interest. Geoff suggested that we target Stanhope.

In Support of Airport Development

(i) It could create jobs, especially for Gungahlin residents

(ii) Big Business seems to agree with it.

(iii) Airlines will benefit.

(iv) Business –wise it could be a great idea.

Suggestions were called for.

(i) Target Stanhope and Anderson

(ii) Send a petition form Community Groups **Any action should be a concerted one**

(iii) Compile a Class Action.

(iv) Make a proposal to all concerned Community Groups. Geoff/ Terry to work on this.

(v) Contact Mayor of Queanbeyan Pangello, who already has a motion relation to this on the books.

(vi) Contact Stanhope on Radio live. Would need careful preparation first. We need a strong Media Campaign with carefully researched material.

(vii) We should be designing our Preferred Option NOW. Move before election starts

(viii) A Press Release to be prepared A.S.A.P. This was a **UNANIMOUS MOVE.**

(ix) 19th August deadline for action. (Date of Govt response to Airport Proposal)
(x) Publicity in neighbourhood Watch Newsletter/Chronocle

8.Speedway Up-date -Terry
ACTPLA involved. Land allocated is beyond the Majura Road.. Should not be a major noise problem for Hackett

9 Annual General Meeting was planned for Thursday 23 September 2004 at 7.30p.m. Hall to be booked

Meeting closed @ 9 p.m.

HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting of the Hackett Community Association, Thursday 23 September, 2004 at St Margaret's Uniting Church hall.

Present: T. de Luca, D. Mackenzie, L. Mason, P.L. Henskens, L.E. Turnbull, F.W. Turnbull, J. Zeil, C. McNamara, L. Crossfield, M. Huntington, J. Huntington, W. Pix, T. Steel, D. Erickson, M. Simpson, C. Pahlman, T. Seddon, M. Hartung.
Apologies: S. Farrell, J. Focken, L. Hall, M. Erikson, T. Horwitz, Lyn Binns.

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

Minutes of the AGM of the HCA of 4 September, 2003 were circulated to the Members. Accepted by D. Mackenzie/L. Turnbull.

Business Arising: A comment was made about Monash Drive now off the map, but not off the National Plan. Houses have been built on some of the exit ramps of Monash Drive.

Reports:

- **President's Annual Report was read by Terry de Luca**. He commented on the following issues: Neighbourhood Planning, Aircraft Noise, proposed Dragway site, Friends of Mt Majura, Traffic, Liaison with community groups such as NCCC, Neighbourhood Watch, Holy Cross and St Margaret's. Terry thanked all members of the executive for the work that they did during the year.
- **Secretary's Report was read by Dorothy Mackenzie**. She outlined the 10 committee meetings and 2 public meetings that were held from September ,2003 to September 2004. The main thrust of business was on Neighbourhood Planning issues. We don't have Public Liability Insurance. We regret that we have not kept members as informed as well as might have been possible.
- **Treasurer's Report was presented by Margaret Simpson.** Income consisted of member's subscriptions and NCCC assistance with incorporation fees of $114.00. Expenditure – hall hire, photocopying and postage. Bank balance was $769.00 with an unpresented cheque. Margaret commented on the cost of Public Liability Insurance which would absorb all the moneys we have. Margaret suggested splitting the role of Treasurer and Membership Secretary as it was quite an onerous job doing both. Her report was accepted with thanks. M.Simpson/D.Mackenzie.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2004/2005

Terry de Luca conducted the Election.

- **President: Nominee. Len Crossfield.** Proposed by T. de Luca/ D. Mackenzie

- **Deputy President: Nominee. Terry de Luca.** Proposed by L. Crossfield / L. Mason.
- **Secretary: Nominee. Dorothy Mackenzie.** Proposed by L. Turnbull/T. Steel.
- **Membership Secretary: (Assistant Secretary) Maureen Hartung.** Proposed by T. de Luca/ T. Steel.
- **Treasurer: Margaret Simpson**. Proposed by L. Crossfield/ D. Mackenzie.
- **Deputy Treasurer: Tony Steel.** Proposed by L. Turnbull/ W. Pix.
- **Public Officer: Laura Turnbull.** Proposed by D. Mackenzie/ L. Crossfield.
- **General Committee Members: Lorraine Mason** (L. Crossfield/ F. Turnbull), **S. Farrell** (D. Mackenzie/ T. de Luca), **J. Zeil** (T. de Luca/ L. Crossfield) **W. Pix** (D. Mackenzie/ T. de Luca).

It was suggested that we map out a timetable for the whole year with regular meetings which could be advertised well in advance. The new office bearers were thanked by L. Crossfield for accepting the responsibility of continuing the work of the HCA. As incoming President, Len Crossfield expressed his appreciation and that of the other members of the committee to Terry de Luca for his leadership and hard work as founder President of the HCA. We look forward to benefiting from his advice and experience in the coming years.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- **Tony Seddon** (taking the place of Geoff Devlin) who spoke as one of the main proponents of the **Proposed Dragway** presented the likely impacts of noise emissions from his perspective as they would affect Hackett and nearby suburbs. His presentation included some technical details in support of the dragway suggesting that there should be relatively low levels of disturbance. . He described the location of Blocks 51 and 52 near the airport and under the flight path. He also described the position of the Sydney Dragway stating that it doesn't affect the amenity of nearby suburbs. It was our suggestion that we be informed on the next event in Sydney so that we could be present and be able to make up our own minds about the level of noise as if may affect residents.
  Some people questioned his figures and interpretation of the reports and there was discussion on studies of measuring noise levels and the need for proper information and discussion by acoustic engineers and explanations of modelled data. Also dangers to the environment and threatened species. An International Dragway needs to meet standards of safety and noise mitigation, which comes at a cost if it is to be a viable institution. Hackett would be hardest hit with noise impacts and "peace and quiet" was a quality appreciated above all others in this suburb. Terry said that a quality archeological survey needs to be undertaken before a sod is turned. Charlie Pahlman says that there is no support for a Dragway from the Greens Party.
  Len made concluding remarks about the fact that it is a contentious issue and we will keep an open mind in future discussions.

- **Aircraft Noise.** Mr Jochen Zeil briefly reviewed the airport noise issue, the plans for development and the various positions adopted by various political

spokespersons. Every 5 years the Airport renews its master plan. We must insist on a 24 hour curfew on flights from Sydney. This matter was considered very briefly due to constraints of time.

- **Neighbourhood Planning Process.** As mentioned by the President and Secretary in their reports this was by far the most time consuming of the activities of the Association during the year. It involved the attendance of many meetings and the writing of at least three submissions to ACTPLA. Len Crossfield was thanked by the President for his time and energy in drafting the submission. We achieved the limiting of the impact of development (proposed through the design charette) on open spaces within Hackett. Development 200 known as V200 (and A10 Core Development proposal) is still a contentious issue and will continue to involve HCA. Even though the association opposed this ACTPLA were determined to proceed despite residents' overwhelming opposition to it.
- **How to keep in touch with ordinary members more efficiently.** We hope to insert a page about HCA concerns in the Neighbourhood Watch newsletter at least four times a year. We will need the views of Hackett people on Aircraft Noise and the Dragway as we go forward.

- **Meet the Molonglo Candidates - Havelock House on 29 September, 2004.**
- **Hackett Neighbourhood Watch - The guest speaker for the next meeting on 20 October, 2004 will be Dean Rousse. He will speak on the Orchids of Mt Majura.**
- **FOMM – A guided walk on Mt Majura will be led by two specialists on the orchids which have a large population on Mt Majura. Sunday 10 October, 2004 at 10 o'clock.**
- **The first committee meeting will be held on Thursday 28 October, at 7.30 pm at Len's home.**
- **The meeting closed at 9.30 pm with tea and biscuits.**

HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Committee meeting held at the home of Len Crossfield on Thursday, 28 October, 2004 at 7.30 pm.

Present: L. Crossfield, W. Pix, T. Steel, M. Simpson, L. Turnbull, D. Mackenzie

Apologies: T. de Luca, J. Zeil.

Business Arising from the last meeting which was the AGM held on Thursday 23 September:

- In regard to the Financial Statements of the organisation, the Treasurer asked that a note could be attached to the Minutes of the AGM stating that "the audited accounts were submitted to the incoming committee". The Auditer, Mary Toohey audited the Financial Statement on a date after the AGM, due to pressures of time. Accepted by L. Turnbull/ M. Simpson.
- The Public Officer, L. Turnbull will now take the necessary documents to the Registrar-General. These include a form "A.R" plus a Change of Committee form "A.9" which should be signed by the President. The set fee is $25 for each form.

Review of Current State of Play:

- **Neighbourhood Planning.** We consider the major part of the work done, and a resolution reached although some people are unhappy. We should continue to act as a pressure group on matters including the "dead" shopping centre and traffic problems. Len will undertake to speak to Terry about these matters and the intention of ACTPLA. If there are strong feelings from people in V200 then we may need to further act on their behalf.
- **The Parks which are in a fairly sad state** (re mowing of grass, equipment for young and teenage children.) We could start to put pressure on Urban Parks. Congratulate them on a facility that the community enjoys and suggest ways for improvement.
- **Airport Development.** W. Pix reported that if the new runway goes ahead, very big aircraft will start to come in. Our new Federal Govt is very supportive of T. Snow the developer who is a mate of J. Anderson. Stanhope bitterly complained about the airport favoured by the Federal Govt and not needing the approval of the local Govt. Both major parties support the Airport as a major asset. Jocken Zeil is to be asked to give an overview of developments. An overnight curfew may undermine investment. Difficult to get any action from the people until they are inconvenienced. The people of Queanbeyan and Jerrabombera are really annoyed as they are under the flightpath. The Commissioner of Environment wrote about the Airport that "There is a worry in terms of noise levels".

- **Dragway.** W. Pix led discussion on this subject. The question is to find out how committed the Govt is to build it. The Proponent doesn't want to go out of the ACT and has opted for a model to allow the Govt to own it and then they would manage it. As a spectator sport it draws on a small population (500 at most). $8 million is not a large amount and there will need to be compromises on safety and noise abatement. Onus is on proponent to raise balance of money if they wish to build an International Standards facility. We need someone in ACT Govt meetings to find out where support is coming from. Lobby Mr Quinlan who's dept will have information on noise impact on the community. Noise fact are misleading. Block 51 is nearer to Hackett than Block 52. Campbell and Hackett are most affected. The loudest noise that will be made will be like standing at the end of the runway in Sydney.
- **Friends of Mount Majura. W. Pix** reported on matters about Insurance. At the moment FOMM are covered for Personality Liability by an agreement with Sullivans Creek Catchment Group. To join the Molonglo Catchment Group it cost $25 for a group per year. ParkCare Groups don't have the money. If they are not covered they are not allowed to operate, for instance,the chain saw. They could fund raise or ask for sponsors Members are doing a community service. We need to know over what period the $25 cover is for and if it is adequate. Mention of Damian Wall and free web page.
- **Laura Turnbull** reported that she had organised an evening at the Uniting Church hall on November 4 on Empowering our children to grow up safely. It is entitled **Stop It Now** – an awareness raising exercise about child molestation. wwwbreakthroughoptions. Com is the Web page.
- **Dinner at King Ruby on 15 ~~November~~ Dec with Hackett Neighbourhood Watch.**
- **Next meeting on Monday, 29 November.**

HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Committee meeting held at the home of Len Crossfield on Monday 29 November at 7.30 pm, 2004.

Present: L. Crossfield, W. Pix, T. Steel, M. Simpson, L. Turnbull, T. de Luca, S. Farrell, M. Hartung, D. Mackenzie.

Apologies: J. Walker, L. Mason.

Minutes of last meeting of Thursday 28 October. These were circulated earlier by email, then read aloud by Secretary at the meeting.

Business Arising from the last meeting of Thursday 28 October, 2004.

- The Public Officer, Laura Turnbull needs the financial statements (audited) with signature of a committee member (Chairman) in order to comply with Incorporation rules.
- **FOMM** - re item on page 2 of last minutes (29 Nov) about Insurance. To join the Molonglo Catchment Group it cost $25 for a group per year. This matter was reconsidered. HCA agrees to pay $25 so that FOMM are covered for Personal Liability for a year. Moved L. Turnbull/ M. Simpson.

Update and General Business:

- **Community contact and linkages – effective reporting and consultation.** Preferred way of communicating with members. To be through the NW newsletter, email, letter box drop.
- **Publicity** – Public Relations with the Community are of crucial importance. In an insert in the NW newsletter, we will publish the Annual report, the new committee, a tear off slip for Membership renewal (that will include the Post Box address of HCA) and reports and discussions about issues and concerns. People can renew membership in the above way or we can ask them when we have a public meeting. Membership involves paying a donation to the Association. A note will be made in the Register when people have paid and renewed their subscriptions.
- **Neighbourhood Planning** – ACTPLA is now implementing the plans and Nigel Featherstone will consult with us about the Central Area Master Plan with Hackett the first centre to be considered. Things are moving. Anni Mather is responsible for deciding key issues and actions and will contact community groups in February. She is doing a mapping of what is there in the Shopping Centre through to the school area. There is interest in the area around the Hackett shops and Vidya is cautious and proactive with her block (this is the block with King Ruby, Ritva and empty shops). We will approach her and work with her. John Taylor, of ACT Roads is responsible for managing a traffic study.
- **Dragway** – No new developments at the moment. The ACT Govt has commissioned a study for Block 51 that is totally owned by them. Mr Quinlan's message is – Yes we're still looking at it as a good idea, but we may look at the previous site in Pialligo. The $8 million.set aside for the Dragway

appears to be a deliberate limitator of the Government's commitment as it isn't sufficient for an international facility for which $15m.is needed. The Commonwealth Gov't owns Pialligo site. Len will contact Sydney Dragway and ask for Sound levels etc to be sent to us and he will contact Environmental Planning of Sydney Noise Standards. The proponents of the Dragway wish to apply a measuring standard to the noise levels that we think is inappropriate, and deliberately misleading. They want their facility to be within ½ hour of nearest adherents. They have commissioned an engineering study for Block 51.W. Pix explained the usual noise standards that are in force and stated that there are sudden blasts of enormous noise from Dragways (cp to Jumbo Jet taking off). She recommends that the HCA be proactive, get Campbell involved, send out a wake up call to residents, and ask Mr Quinlan for answers. We should study the science and technology of noise. The Dragway is an important issue. Look at the Website.

- **Airport.** A lot of planes are coming in and traffic is increasing. At the next meeting we will consider the matter of overnight curfew for the Airport.
- **Laura as Public Officer** – will write up a list of Executive members.
- **Next Meeting** – To consider Airport Curfew. Monday 21 February at 7.30 pm at 3 Tryon Street, Hackett. Dorothy Mackenzie (ph. 6248 9281)