Notes taken at the General Meeting for Hackett Residents, on Tuesday 14 February, 2005.

Present: 67 people signed the General & Public Meetings Attendance Book.

Dorothy Mackenzie, the Chair of Hackett Neighbourhood Watch extended a warm welcome to residents and to the speakers, Anni Mather and Catherine Keirnan from ACTPLA, David Dall from NCCC, Jenni Savigny from Dragwayaway, and Len Crossfield of HCA. Also to Vicki and Steve Savoulidis of the new IGA who donated biscuits and chocolates.

NCCC has a meeting on Tuesday 21 February to which all are welcome.
Len Crossfield outlined the agenda. Anni Mather would give a presentation on the Hackett Urban Guidelines and invite comment and questions. At 8.30 Jenni Savigny would bring us up to date on the proposed Dragway and invite questions and comment.

The ACT Planning and Land Authority Hackett Central Area Urban Design Guideline:
Len Crossfield:

- The ACTPLA is doing a series of Neighbourhood plans of the inner north and Hackett is one of them. This is a compromise document but allows scope for the future of our quiet suburb that we all appreciate. We have been promised a Traffic study. HCA was born at a time when the shopping centre was deteriorating and people were most alarmed about the future.
- Central area study gives planning guidelines which define the limits in passive planning. We look for the positives in this draft document which concentrates on the Central shopping centre, and the area around the school, about which it is less able to be definitive.
- People are invited to present their own comments to ACTPLA by 27 February.

Anni Mather gave a power point presentation of the key elements:

- Urban Open Space - Community - Commercial.
- Aim of Guideline – guide the future character for the Hackett local centre, and the former Hackett Primary School.
- The existing courtyard at the shopping precinct to enhance it is a priority.
- A break in the median strip for car access to Hackett Place.
- Pedestrian access across Madigan Street.
- Signature building in the shopping centre
- Streetscapes
- Courtyards in Primary School not to be built upon
- Corridor of trees which are at present in Community Space to be changed to Urban Open Space so that they be protected. Trees to be protected with a 4 metre drip line.
- Retaining all Urban Open Space
- Car parking to be extended in front of school.
- There is a large service area at the rear of the shops.
- Carpark on Hackett Place is large and bare and hot. Could incorporate tree islands.

Key Issues

- Hackett has the highest proportion of people over 65
- Hackett will be the first suburb to gain younger families.
- At the present houses average 2.5 people, which is reducing each year
- The former Primary School rear block. Should anyone develop it would not be allowed to access from Madigan Street because of the line of trees, but would access from Maitland Street.
- The oval is regularly used. It is really important that access is maintained.
- The built form of the shops is not visible from Madigan Street as they turn their backs. They are set well off Madigan Street. A number of vacant shops.
- IGA supermarket turned their doors to Hackett Place, with effect on remaining shops. (Their reasoning was that it was easier to access from car park)
- Pattern of buildings – all north facing. Formal forecourt should be maintained. Which also applies to the Community hall at the Primary School site.
- Public Spaces: Madigan Street – has no street trees, invites speeding.
  Needs improvement with street trees in median strip.
  No break in median strip to allow access to shops.
  Traffic calming and pedestrian access.
  Car parking – huge, hot bitumen and empty and needs work
  Former Primary School needs more car parking.

Questions:

- Aged care – at former Primary School. West oval is Urban Open Space
- Traffic Study. Roads ACT is responsible for this.
- Commercial Centre – There are 2 storey buildings currently. Possibility of going higher would be of benefit, to help stand out for a signature building. Possibility to create a diversity of housing type and more life in the area. A higher density on the site.
- Break in median strip – Roads ACT don't understand why there never was a break in the first place.
- Sports House – currently stays as it is. Retain access to hall.
- Housing for aged. Self care units could fit in area. Quite difficult to do as is quite a small area.
- Hackett shops – haven't been able to survive as custom has dropped off. Part of the responsibility of local residents to support the local shops.
- Deb Foskey (MLA) said that shopping centres saved by identifying a niche to bring people in to the area.
- Planning reform impacts on Territory plan.
- Bring back vibrancy – permitting different building types for living and working with flexible adaptations in the Territory Plan.
- Former Primary School Site – foster the school site as a future school.
- Maureen Hartung spoke about Blue Gum School growing K – 10. Keen to develop the concept of aged care, school K – 10 and community facilities to service community. Mentioned an Intergenerational project. People move in to the area when their children are enrolled at this school. The school uses the shops.
- Row of trees in Urban Open Space. Scout Halls – P & G Works depot.
- Change in IGA shops – Savoulidis offering an improved service.

This part of the meeting concluded at 8.30 and was followed by Jenni Savigny talking about Dragwayaway. Many questions and comments from the floor. Drinks and chocolates, finishing by 9.30 pm.

HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Committee meeting held at 3 Tryon Street, Hackett on Monday 21 February, 2005 at 7.30 pm.

Present: L. Crossfield, W. Pix, M. Simpson, S. Farrell, L. Mason, D. Mackenzie

Apologies: J. Walker, T. Steel, T. de Luca, M. Hartung, L. Turnbull.

Minutes of last meeting of Monday 29 November, 2004. Accepted by S.Farrell/ W. Pix.

Correspondence:

- Email from Graeme Hush, Secretary of ACT Neighbourhood Watch Inc.in response to an email sent by Secretary of HCA and Chair of HNW re the merging of HNW and HCA into a Hackett Community Groups format. It was suggested that I write back to Graeme, thanking him for his positive reply and encouragement to "in some way facilitate and foster the existing community care and concern networks around us"... "Therefore, ACT NHW would be positive about HNW being the umbrella organisation OR one of the groups under a more community mantle".
- Email from Jochen Zeil re his work as Chair, NCCC Airport Noise Working Group and re participation in the newly established Canberra Airport Aircraft Noise Consultative Forum.
- FOMM online.
- NCCC – 8th Annual AGM for North Canberra Community Council on Wed. 23 Feb. 7.30 pm at Northside Community Services, Majura Centre, Rosevear Place, Dickson.
- Invitation to morning tea to the Hackett residents from MP Bob McMullan., Federal Member for fraser. 22 February at Corroborree Park, Ainslie.

Business Arising:

- **Dragway** - Len Crossfield reported on the fact that the ACT Govt is definitely going ahead with a ceiling of $8 million. George Tomplins who runs the taskforce to make sure something happens invited Len to join him at the West Sydney International Dragway last Saturday to check on the noise levels from that facility. Unfortunately the event was rained out at about 4 pm and the opportunity missed. Len suggested that we keep working on this to find out the real noise levels possible and decide if we could live with it. It was suggested that it be subject to curfew. He will be in touch with George. We should meet with the Chief Minister and voice our concerns.
- Len and Dorothy will draft a letter to Mr Stanhope re our concerns.
- **Neighbourhood planning. Nigel Featherstone and Anni Mather** are the people working on the **Master Plan**. A meeting will be arranged for March of some of the stakeholders concerned with the Hackett Shopping Centre to the School site. This will include the shop owners. Len and two others will represent us. We will need to sharpen our ideas about what we want to see at the shops. Perhaps ground floor to be shops with residential upstairs.
- **FOMM – a short report from Waltraud:**

- Monday 28 February Waltraud will speak on the subject "Protection of the natural heritage of Mt Majura" Time 5.30 to 6.30 Place: Dickson Library.
- Majura Festival on Saturday 5 March.
- Early Bird Walk. On Saturday 5 March 8.00 am (meet at Mackenzie/Grayson St park entrance.)
- Mount Majura Haiku Walk – Sunday 6 March 10.00 am – 12.00 noon.

- **Airport**: **NCCC** meeting on Wednesday 23 February. Noise Consultative Forum will discuss future. Jochen will give a presentation and then resign. Len will talk to him about it and attend the NCCC. Jochen has been try to work from inside, he has enjoyed the meetings and met many Federal and ACT Govt people. He has worked hard for three years. All the community groups want to have an overnight curfew imposed, but it is believed that the Airport may become a 24 hr freight operating Airport and also Reliever Airport from Sydney.
- **Clean Up Australia** – March 6. Many Hackett people clean up as they walk each day.
- **16 March – 7.30 pm**– Hackett Neighbourhood Watch meeting for March. Len Crossfield will speak and show photographs about his experiences of walking up Mr Kilimanjaro in Africa in January-February.
- **Next meeting**- April 4 at Len Crossfield's home, 125 Mackenzie Street at 7.30 pm.
- **Meeting closed at about 9.30 pm.**

HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Committee meeting held at 83 Mackenzie Street, Hackett on Monday April 4, 2005 at 7.30 pm.

Present: L. Crossfield, L Turnbull, M. Hartung, T. de Luca, W. Pix, L. Mason, D. Mackenzie.

Apologies: M. Simpson, S. Farrell, J. Zeil, J. Walker.

Minutes of meeting of Monday 21 February, 2005. Accepted by L. Crossfield/ W. Pix.

Correspondence: Outwards – A letter was written by Len and Dorothy proposing a meeting with the Chief Minister to discuss proposed Dragway on March 15, 2005 with no reply as yet.

Business Arising:

- **Neighbourhood Planning** – Two meetings of stakeholders in Hackett central area plan have been held at the ACTPLA offices. These were attended by reps from Sports House, Folk Dancing, Blue Gum School, HCA, one of the owners of Hackett shops, Urban Services and others. At the second meeting a series of principles were developed, with input from all. Len feels that is worth our while to keep in touch with preliminary planning. He had heard that the Land Development Agency were talking to a Church group (City Christian) about possibility of building a church on the site which is zoned Community Facility Land (the oval is Urban Open Space). It was mentioned that the strip of trees on the Community Facility land could be better protected if the area became Urban Open Space.
- **Action re above matter** – Len will approach Land Development Agency to follow up about this matter. Will clarify with Anni Mather and Nigel Featherstone.
- **Ideas for the Master Plan** include upgrading car parks, protecting trees, imperative to have major shops available for people unable to travel to bigger centres, pedestrian thoroughfare linking school area with shops to attract workers to shops, maintaining animal corridor in central open space of Hackett from Mt Majura. Protect the hall at all costs. Concern expressed about viability and security of shops.
- **Action:** Len will get copy of general principles as documented so far. He will also enquire about Church group developments with Land Development Agency.
- **Aged Care:** We remembered that this was a priority. (Goodwin Homes have a Govt grant to develop a Nursing home).

General Business:

- **Traffic Issues.** ACT Roads with Mr John Taylor are going ahead with a traffic survey in 2nd half of the year. Concerns about Street lighting, pavement maintenance, heavy traffic at certain times. People will be invited to send comments to Len so that we can say specifically what the problems are.

- **Hackett Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter.** May and June should have articles and notes about above matters to inform people, leading up to a Community Meeting.
- **Dragway:** A meeting about the Sydney International Dragway results of enquiries to be arranged by George Tomlins. Environment People who analyse sound recordings of noise levels are part of the process.
- **Airport:** This will dwarf the Dragway in noise levels. There is a strong move to have curfew from 11pm to 6 am. The Mayor of Queanbeyan is also concerned.
- **NCCC:** have had an AGM and now has a committee who are putting out a strategic plan. Jochen has material from them but Len will go to meetings to follow Airport developments.
- **T. de Luca** – mentioned plans for 4 storey buildings in Antill St, Nth Watson developments, (Watson Rise), need for Traffic plans for whole area. It was agreed that this could be on the agenda for next meeting.
- **FOMM:** W. Pix reported on matters of concern particularly Mountain bikes and the erosion that is occurring with deterioration of tracks. Parks and Conservation aware and have work plans. One strategy discussed was the need to issue permits for cycle racing (with information on set tracks allowable to be used) and approval being dependant on agreement to common laws being obeyed. Obligations and fees should be imposed.
- **A notice about Traffic Planning progress. Also status of Church proposal on School site.** Len will undertake to keep us informed through email.
- **Meeting closed at 9.35 pm. Next meeting on 9 May at T. de Luca's home at 125 Rivett Street at 7.30 pm.**

HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Meeting: Monday 9 May 2005: Held at 125 Rivett St, Hackett

Amended MINUTES

1. Present: (see attendance book)

2. Apologies: (see attendance book)

3. Minutes of previous meeting accepted. (Moved Terry; seconded Laura)

4. **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN – progress on Hackett input**
Responses from Hackett residents - primarily concerned with the state of footpaths. Survey of traffic patterns not expected to start until second half of next year, because of ACT Roads delay and budget problems.

ACTION:
- Dorothy to put reminder into Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter, inviting residents to input their traffic concerns.

5. **DRAGWAY**
Response received to HCA's letter to Chief Minister Jon Stanhope of 15 March 2005:
- CM is aware that noise is a problem;
- Site must comply with environmental considerations; &
- A Dragway Advisory Group, with community, government and dragway representatives, will be established.

Len spoke with George Tomlins in Chief Minister's Dept. Concern expressed that the current ACT noise legislation is not appropriate for dragways. ~~Noise assessments only take account of noise peaks over the limit that last for more than 6 minutes. Dragway peaks exceed the limit, but don't last for 6 minutes at a time.~~ It uses an inappropriate standard LA-10, which hides the maximum noise levels. In Sydney, maximum levels were assessed, not averages over an extended period. The Sydney Dragway is next to a reservoir, and surrounded by woodland and market gardens.

ACTION:
- Len & Waltraud to meet with ~~Tom Lenz(?)~~ George Tomlins and Robert Neal on Wednesday 11 May at 10am, about the sound recordings of the Sydney Dragway.

6. **GOODWIN HOMES' AINSLIE AGED CARE REDEVELOPMENT**
Len visited Goodwin Homes and reported on their plans to redevelop their Ainslie site for aged care:
- 4-storey building including GH offices, 2 dementia wings sharing an internal courtyard, 3 levels of units for medium-care residents, and ground floor boulevard of shops/services (e.g. hairdresser, coffee shop etc).
- High-quality independent living units also on the site for able-bodied senior adults, where residents can 'buy in' services, as needed. Cost of units comparable to surrounding Ainslie homes, so the funds raised would cross-

- Potential lack of access for low-income earners. GH's submission to ACT Housing to purchase units for targeting low-income residents was rejected.

7. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING/HACKETT CENTRAL AREA STUDY**
Len reported that at the two roundtable meetings, convened by ACTPLA's Anni Mather & Nigel Featherstone with stakeholders, there were various community groups' representatives, but only Vidya Sutton from the shopping precinct.

A top priority is to find ways of keeping the supermarket viable, even if this means redeveloping the Hackett shopping centre to include apartment-style housing, which may necessitate the removal of some established trees. One option is a multi-storey mix of housing, professional suites, and small business (including supermarket, café etc). Ample car-parking around the shops. Important to revamp the whole site as part of a coherent plan, involving current owners, and to ensure that any plan includes appropriate landscaping. Important that any changes to Hackett primary school site support the viability of the shops, as part of sustainable redevelopment.

Another priority is to retain the trees and open space, and the community hall, on the Hackett primary school site. The important wildlife corridor of trees along Madigan Street may be better protected by 'urban open space' zoning, rather than its current zoning as 'community facility' land.

Future priority uses for the Hackett primary school site, identified in Neighbourhood Plan, are aged care and schooling. Len noted that the site is too small for a full-care nursing home, but could accommodate able-bodied older people. The possibility of residents 'buying in' services from, say, Goodwin Homes, as needed, was raised. Maureen noted Blue Gum Community School's interest in being part of developing a village-style community of young people and old people on the site, where each group has their own space, but then come together in communal spaces e.g. market gardens, kitchens & art workshop spaces. These communal spaces would, in turn, be shared with the broader Hackett community. Already, young families are moving to Hackett so that their children can attend Blue Gum as their local school, resulting in flow-on effects that benefit the shops and local community.

On 9 May 2005, Len visited Blue Gum Community School, which is currently on-site, and leasing classrooms and playground space for its growing primary/high school, at the Hackett primary school site.

On 9 May 2005, Len also met with a Senior Minister of City Christian Church International (which has links with the Hillsong Church in Sydney), at their offices at Canberra Technology Park (located at the Watson CIT Campus), to clarify their possible future interest in the Hackett primary school site. The Church currently uses the gymnasium/cafeteria area at the Watson CIT Campus for their Sunday church service, which is attended by about 60 families. The Church wants to build a 500 seat church auditorium (with adjoining offices) and associated car parking areas, on the Hackett primary school site – in the open area behind ACT Sports House, adjoining the oval. The church did not participate in the Neighbourhood Planning process, and did not attend the roundtable meetings because of a communication breakdown. They are awaiting the outcome of a Site Evaluation Report being prepared by ACTPLA.*

HCA Committee members discussed concerns about the limited Sunday usage and the size of the 'footprint' of the proposed church building and carpark, and their potential

to overwhelm and limit future uses of the site. Possible alternative sites for the church were canvassed e.g. the former Daramalan Club and the Watson CIT site.

The Hackett Neighbourhood Plan identified the priorities for the site as aged care, schooling and community facilities. HCA agreed on the need for a further Public Meeting to canvass community response to any proposals for future use of the Hackett primary school site.

Anni is meeting with various government departments on 17 May for their input, then drafting a Report, which will be released for public comment. General agreement by HCA Committee that there needs to be more opportunities for input and comment.

ACTION:

- *Len to contact Nigel to obtain a copy of ACTPLA's Site Evaluation Report for HCA Committee to consider.
- Len to write on behalf of HCA to ACTPLA, restating HCA's support for the Hackett Neighbourhood Plan.
- Len to contact Anni/Nigel seeking a further roundtable meeting of interested stakeholders, after their inter-departmental meeting on 17 May and prior to the public release of their Report for public comment.
- Len to seek a meeting of HCA representatives with ACTPLA's Chief Executive, Neil Savery.
- Individual HCA Committee members to notify local Uniting, Anglican & Catholic churches of the possible proposal to build a new church (City Christian Church) on Hackett primary school site.

Plus from Margaret – Add notes taken from 2003 B'day Party concerns.

8. **FRIENDS OF MT MAJURA REPORT (FOMM)**
Waltraud reported on the activities of FOMM, and noted the proposal for Blue Gum Community School to work with FOMM on future projects.

9. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
Bank balance: $903.54

10. **NEXT MEETING**
Monday 6 June 2005, 7.30pm, at Len's house – 83 Mackenzie St, Hackett.

Ideas

1. Men's Shed for Hackett? (Include in Central Area Study)

NB Round Table to take place — TBA.

Hackett Community Association

2005 (??)

Committee meeting held at the home of Terry de Luca on 24 May 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.

Laura.

HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Committee meeting held at 83 Mackenzie Street, Hackett on Monday 6 June, 2005.

Present: L. Crossfield, L. Turnbull, M. Hartung, T. de Luca, w. Pix, M. Simpson, S. Farrell, J. Zeil, D. Mackenzie.

Apologies: L. Mason

Minutes of meeting of 9 May accepted. (Moved Laura/ Margaret).

Business Arising from Minutes:

- **Neighbourhood Planning**. Margaret Simpson mentioned that she had been over her notes of people's concerns taken at Hackett's birthday in 2003. One was for a request for a **"Men's Shed"** (ref. Retired boat builders who transferred their skills to men to give a focus and a place for somewhere to go. We could think of setting up such a workshop in the Shopping Centre.
- **Len** has contacted Anni Mather and Nigel Featherstone asking about when the scheduled Round Table meeting will take place. Neil Savery the Chief Planner will be at next round table.

HCA Information Night on Tuesday 28 June at St Margaret's Hall. 7.45 for 8.00 pm.
Suggested format:

- **Hackett Central Area Study** – The Document and guidelines will be out for public comment. Our preferences should be expressed out front.
- **2 items to draw people's attention: Traffic survey**
  FOMM Ponds proposal.
- Cup of tea / coffee and a biscuit.
- **Dragway:** 5 or 10 Power point presentation on the Dragway. Followed by general discussion on people's views. Terry to chair the discussion. Len is on the committee to advise the Chief Minister on the Dragway and will sit on the sideline to make contribution as he sees fit.
- **Len will invite Anni or Nigel to be present.**

Other matters about the HCA Information Night.

- **Membership** July 2005 to June 2006. We agreed that fees should be $5 per person and $2 for concession. Moved/ Margaret/ Dorothy.
- **Setting St Margaret's Hall-** screen and chairs, tea etc. Laura and Dorothy.
- **Poster – and banner** will ask Tony Steel.
- **FOMM** – on rehabilitation of the dams on Mt Majura Display
- **Roads and footpaths** – Display indicating spots where people are concerned about including lighting, calming for roads. Eg. Stott St. **Email concerns to Len to include on a big map.**

Hackett Central Area Urban Design Guideline
Len recapitulated the process so far of working with ACT Planning and Land Authority's Round Table consultations.

Public release of draft Hackett Central Area urban design guidelines

This is ACTPLA's official title for the outcome of the study it has made of the central area of Hackett. The draft guidelines are to be released for public comment on 17 June 2005, or soon after.

HCA has been well represented on the round table group which has had input to ACTPLA's work (also included in the group were reps from current users of the school site – sports and cultural groups, Bluegum School -, business etc).

I think that most people will find the guidelines 'interesting and useful' rather than 'controversial or exciting'. The purpose of these guidelines is to provide indicators of the possible direction and limits of future development within the existing Territory Plan and associated regulations. The guidelines aim to be community friendly, reacting to community wishes as expressed in the Neighbourhood Planning process and by the round table representatives.

Comment from the Hackett community could be quite influential in how the guidelines are implemented. You can find out more information and give your own views at the HCA General meeting on 29 June 2005 (see notice about the General meeting in this NW bulletin).

Hackett Traffic Management survey by ACT Roads

A big thank you to all of you NW readers who sent their ideas on how traffic can be better managed in Hackett. It is still not too late to contribute your ideas as to what you would like ACT Roads to spend money on in Hackett – road and road safety improvement, traffic calming measures, road crossings, provision and repair of pavements and street lighting etc. At the HCA General Meeting (29 June) the Hackett community's suggestions to date will be on view on a large scale map. After this the suggestions will be summarised and sent to ACT Roads to provide a starting point for their survey of traffic management needs in Hackett. Please send your ideas to Len Crossfield, 83 Mackenzie St Hackett or email LenCrossfield@aol.com.

- **The dying shopping centre** precipitated that Hackett would be the first suburban centre to be studied. The only representative from the shopping centre who came to the discussions was Vydia Sutton, the new owner of the rectangular block. Reps from Sports House, Folk Dance and Blue Gum and HCA attended.
- We asked Anni Mather and Nigel Featherstone to run Draft report in front of us before it was released for public comment. Anni dropped copies off to people's homes for discussion at this meeting.
- The status of the plan: Not necessarily definitive as to what the Government will do but it can set limits as to what developers can do. Eg. Mix at shops of commercial, residential, office? Up to 3 stories or 2. Car parking – Shops are facing in wrong direction. There will be double the amount of car parking. What about undercover private parking?
- A suggestion of a new amenity of café and chns playground.. Streetscaping on street parking – trees to make the centre clear.
- Buildings privately owned – change land use so there can be a combination of residential/commercial. With the ground floor to be shops , and 1st and 2nd to be residential or office.
- The question that will arise is: How can we be sure that it can't go wholly residential?
- Need to maximise the sun and wind effects and unpleasant wind tunnels.

The Other Area that was part of the study – The Hackett Primary School Site:

- The hall is the only building that appears on the plan. Other community facilities have been deleted.
- Hackett is set for rejuvenation as it has the oldest demographic pattern of nearby suburbs. Will change to younger residents in next few years. Need for school use.
- Closing the school buildings but retaining the Hall keeps people happy.
- Hidden agenda to make the School buildings open to other uses. Eg. The Sports House' tenants could be easily housed in Watson C17 building.
- The priorities of Education and Aged Care are not acknowledged
- The Church group will be making a bid. They are self funding. Govt will consider such a bidder who has a lot of money. Well being and coherence of community to be kept in mind.

Dragway: The first meeting is scheduled for 16 June. Len will use it to present a list of questions.

Next meeting at Len's house to prepare for the HCA Information night, on Monday 27 June at 7.30pm.

Hackett Community Association

Committee meeting held at 83 Mackenzie Street, Hackett on Monday 27 June, 2005.

Present: S. Farrell, Maureen Hartung, Laura Turnbull, Len Crossfield, Waltraud Pix, Lorraine Mason, T de Luca, M. Simpson.

Apologies: J. Zeil.

Minutes: of meeting of 6 June accepted.

Main Business: to discuss the format and progress of General Information Meeting to be held on the following evening 28 June, 2005.

- St Margaret's UC hall, 7.45 pm for an 8.00 pm start.
- Signs and banner and announcement in HNW newsletter for June.
- E-mail to be sent to members as reminder.
- Treasurer to delegate to S. Farrell to have membership and renewal forms available. We agreed on a fee of $5.00 from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006.
- People would be asked to sign the official attendance book.
- **The meeting**: Len to open and outline agenda. The Central Area Study should be released soon. The Traffic survey (not to be held this year due to financial constraints but there may be a way of asking Dickson College if their Maths students could help), FOMM Display on Ponds and Mt Majura. There would be a break for tea/coffee and time to look at display.
- **Main item on agenda**: The **Dragway**. Terry to chair. Len to briefly outline what constitutes a Dragway and its likely impact. It a ¼ mile strip with the greatest noise at the beginning of a race as the cars rev up. The noise will tend to be directional projecting straight towards Hackett. Len will explain his position on Advisory Committee and the two meetings held so far. Other members inc. David Dall of NCCC and a neighbouring resident are asking awkward questions from the Community. Difficulties of measuring noise levels, (LA max in NSW and LA 10 in ACT) Len said that Geoff Devlin, the main proponent is very enthusiastic and has spoken at length. The pre-feasibility study and other serious concerns. We need to ask for clear technical information so that we can make a decision rather than rely on hearsay. Take a "cautionary" approach. The Options Paper that we have access to found that there were no suitable sites for the dragway. The next meeting on Wed. 29th June is to decide a way forward, taking into consideration other matters inc. Aboriginal sacred sites, noise, environment and costs.
- **Waltraud Pix** has prepared a petition sponsored by FOMM for the Chief Minister's consideration which she asked us to support and circulate.
- **Other matters:** Airport curfew, NCCC to hold a meeting re dragway.
- **Questions:** Len will ask questions at the next Dragway Advisory Meeting. He will convey the suspicions of the people of Hackett. But will be open minded and take a central view. We could all write articles to the papers, and letters to the editors.
- **The AGM of HCA** will be held in late August after the release of the Hackett plan. Then there will be report to the people on further developments re dragway.

Next Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 2 August, 2005 at Len's house.

Hackett Community Association

Committee meeting held at 83 Mackenzie Street, Hackett on Tuesday, 2 August, 2005.

Present: T. de Luca, M. Simpson, L. Turnbull, L. Crossfield, M. Hartung, W. Pix.
Apologies: L. Mason, J. Zeil.
Minutes : of meeting of Monday 27 June accepted.
Business Arising: President Len Crossfield thanked the committee for the general meeting of 28 June at St Margaret's Uniting Church large hall. The main items at that meeting were a presentation by Tim Deveson about Project Dragonfly and an explanation and discussion about the dragway and its noise effects on Hackett.
Business Matters:

- **Dragway Advisory Meeting** of June 29 attended by Len. They passed a resolution that the committee needed more information and a proper study on **Noise**, the **resolution of Heritage and Aboriginal issues**, and accurate **costing** of the proposed project. Len pressed discussion on the Environment impact and feels that the petition may bring action. The consensus was that they couldn't go any further until the above issues were addressed.
- **Site Visit:** Len was in the party that investigated the area that would be affected – the shoulder of the hill, tour into Hackett the funnel of the noise, Block 51 (the current lessee, Terry Logan would be relieved to offload the site and would be compensated for losing the lease. Len pointed out that they should be looking for alternative sites at the same time, but Majura Valley is the preference.
- **Noise:** In certain conditions there will be noise. Running big machines is expensive. In one season they could be used at 2 meetings. If the Study reports that there would be "Medium noise" then we will have to see how often they would be in the business plan. Then we will have to listen for medium noise machines.
- **Terry** said that if noise testing is carried out and we're not happy then could use our funds to have an independent testing and the data scrutinised. Once the facility is built it would be constant on most weekends.
- **The season for West Sydney Dragway will start in September.** Is there a possibility of a group taking an excursion to see and hear for ourselves?
- Len sketched a possible scenario – Mr Stanhope may hope that the committee will uncover major difficulties in the discussion stage. Once tabled and formally committed to it will be more difficult to drop it. The petition is useful as it gives an idea of numbers of people affected. (Waltraud said that less than 2% refused to sign the petition)
- **Sub-Committee of HCA** to work on behalf of HCA particularly in assisting Len on the Advisory Committee and plan for appropriate action in future including informing the community. Not a decision making committee. (note: Len was appointed by the Chief Minister to be part of the committee to advise him and not representing the community specifically and should endeavour to remain impartial). **Laura Turnbull volunteered to chair the Dragway Sub-Committee.**
- **Some other facts mentioned:** In the noise issue Hackett will be hardest hit and HCA has a responsibility to look into it. By the time of the AGM

the results of the noise, finance and Aboriginal and Heritage studies should be clear.

- **Hackett Central Area Study developments:** Anni and Neil on leave. The Departments didn't make responses. The minister Simon Corbell has the draft form. Anni will do a presentation to the NCCC and meeting in Hackett in September (11 September at 2 pm in the Hackett Community Hall) jointly convened by NCCC and HCA.
- **AGM of the HCA – was agreed for Tuesday 20 September.**
- **The meeting concluded at 9.30 pm.**

Note to Committee from Dorothy.
We have had to postpone the AGM until October 20 as the NCCC set their important Dragway meeting on Tuesday 20 September. Also we now know that Anni Mather will attend the **October meeting of the NCCC** and give her presentation of the **Hackett Central Area Urban Design Guidelines.- October 18 at Majura Centre, Rosevear Place, Dickson**. So we have booked the St Margaret's Hall for **October 20 at 7.30 pm for HCA AGM.**
I apologise for the late issue of these minutes and hope that you can come to a committee meeting at Len's home tonight at 7.30 pm. If not I will understand and get detailed notes out to you as soon as possible for the Dragway meeting of the NCCC next Tuesday 20 7.30 – 9.00 pm.
The above announcements are in the **September issue of the Hackett Neighbourhood Watch.**

Hackett Community Association

Committee meeting held at 125 Rivett Street, Hackett on Monday 12 September, 2005. (Draft document)

Present: L. Crossfield, T. de Luca, W. Pix, L. Turnbull, M. Simpson, Geoff Willans(by invitation), Dorothy Mackenzie.

Apologies: M. Hartung, S. Farrell, L. Mason, J. Zeil.

Minutes of meeting of Tuesday, 2 August accepted. L. Turnbull/T. de Luca.

Matters Arising :

- Public release of draft Hackett Central Area urban guidelines. Len phoned Anni Mather who said that she hoped they would be released on 19 (or 26) September. She is prepared to speak about them on 18 October at NCCC meeting at Majura Centre, Rosevear Pl. Dickson.
- **AGM** – We decided on Thursday 20 October (even though our constitution states that we would hold it before the end of September) to give us a breathing space to be ready. The U.C. hall is booked for 7.30 pm. We will ask Tony Steel to put up banner at the Hackett shops. Terry will organise posters with Tony. We discussed – refreshments, setting up hall. We will ask Sharon to have membership details ready as participation in election will be by paid up members ($5.00 and $2.00 cons) Agenda to include President's Report, and Minutes of 2004 AGM.
- **Dragway**- Len apologised for not organising a replacement for the Chief Minister's Dragway Advisory Committee held while he was away. Since his return he has been in contact with David Dall, the chairman of the NCCC about the meeting. There is a misunderstanding over a point of contention with a permanent officer on the executive, which is re the status of the reports made by the consultants(on noise, Heritage and cultural, costing) hired by the Chief Minister and whether the committee will be allowed to see them. Does the Government intend to short cut the process and ignore the committee? Or if they say so will they pass the reports on to the committee? Len is working on the assumption that by their intent on setting up an Advisory Committee they will allow the committee to see all the reports and keep them informed fully.
- **Dragway sub-committee**-Laura is keeping copies of all e-mails, letters and reports and suggestions on all matters pertaining to the working of this sub-committee. There is a member prepared to organise a protest vigil outside the Legislative Assembly.
- **NCCC Public Meeting** at Majura Community Centre next Tuesday 20 September at 7.30 pm. Chairman – David Dall and Presentation by Geoff Cannock. We need banners and posters put up. Flyers have been copied at our cost, by Jocken Zeil. Laura will coordinate the placement of them in shops and on noticeboards.
- We need to **prepare for the worst case scenario** that the proposal to establish a Dragway will go ahead. Len believes that Jon Stanhope is uncertain, but he made a commitment and would want to test the waters to see if proposal proves vastly unpopular or not. The NCCC needs to plan for effective action particularly when we see the evidence of the four reports especially the noise studies.
- Dragway proponents had their say in the lead up to the last election and now that we have more idea of what is involved we need to be heard. It needs to be demonstrated that there is a large body of residents of North Canberra

objecting to the Dragway. The main point is that the community wants full information. Mention was made by Waltraud of "Freedom of Information".

- Geoff has been very vocal and has written a number of letters about the noise issue. He asks that others should speak as much as possible about the concerns at the NCCC meeting as he is already well known for his views especially airport noise and now AFP facility on Majura Road explosions late at night.
- Waltraud asked what had happened about the petition that was presented to the Legislative Assembly. Has it been tabled? What next?

Next Meeting will by on Tuesday 11 October at 83 Mackenzie Street, Hackett at 7.30 pm to prepare for the AGM on the 20 October.

Hackett Community Association

Committee meeting held at 83 Mackenzie Street, Hackett on Tuesday 11 October, 2005 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Len Crossfield, Margaret Simpson, Laura Turnbull, Waltraud Pix, Jocken Zeil, Maureen Hartung, Dorothy Mackenzie.

Apologies: Terry de Luca, Lorraine Mason, Sharon Farrell.

Minutes of meeting of Monday 12 September accepted. L.Turnbull/M.Simpson.

Business Arising:

Report of HCA Dragway sub-committee by L. Turnbull

- Referring to the NCCC meeting of 20 September. 200 flyers had been distributed to local shops in Dickson, Ainslie, Downer.
- A lot of emails arising from the meeting have been received as Laura asked for copies of letters that people wrote to Mr Stanhope, Ms Foskey, K. Gallagher.
- It was noted that Canberra Times and Chronicle had not published any letters about the dragway
- The next meeting would be on Saturday 15 at Laura's home.
- The key issue is whether or not the DAC will receive the reports that the Government has commissioned (on noise, Aboriginal and Heritage, Cost) and whether they will be released to the public.
- Len undertook to write to the Chief Minister to explain that the reports must be made public. It was important that they be in the public domain for discussion before the Development Application stage.
- The sub-committee working group will continue to discuss the approach that the DAC should take. The DAC was appointed for one year.
- Questions about the cost of legal representation.

Hackett Central Area Urban Design Guidelines

- These have been delayed once again. Anni Mather has no idea when they will be released or where the hold up is.
- Len will draft a letter to Mr Corbell to seek clarification of the date of release.

The Annual General Meeting of the HCA on Thursday 20 October, 2005.

Agenda:

- **Reports from President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Officer.**
- **Central Area Study**
- **Dragway sub-committee**
- **Airport.**
- **Election of Office Bearers.** People may nominate themselves.

The Public Officer has to give the Registrar General the election results of President, Vice President, Secretary, Public Officer and number of ordinary members on the committee, and must keep a list of paid up members. This to be done by December. Margaret thought that we should encourage new people to join the committee. Everyone should give a short report to give an idea of the amount of time we have given and an outline of duties. Members have had notice of AGM in the September and October editions of the Hackett Neighbourhood Watch newsletters.

- **Other business: This will include an open discussion of any big issues that people may bring up.**
- **Friends of Mt Majura – to be congratulated on their success, particularly of Project Dragonfly.**

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Annual General Meeting of the Hackett Community Association
Wednesday 26 October, 2005 in the annex of Holy Cross Anglican Church.

This meeting was postponed from Thursday October 20 due to lack of a quorum.

Present: J. Chesson, C. Hakaraia, M. Hartung, P. McNamara, L. Turnbull, M. Huntington, M. Smythe, W. Pix, A. Wurm, L. Crossfield, M. Simpson, J. Blaik, D. Mackenzie, T. Steel, A. Asquith, J. Walker, M. Corcoran, L. Mason, J. Zeil, W. Offerwite(?)

Apologies: J. Huntington.

Len Crossfield gave a brief resume of matters before the HCA:

- The Hackett Neighbourhood Plan is in final draft form. (Urban Design Guidelines for Hackett) and is expected to be released in the next month.
- Traffic Plan – Roads ACT undertook to do a Traffic Management study subject to money availability. 20 plus people sent suggestions to Len.

Len Crossfield welcomed everyone present and opened the meeting at 7.50 pm.

Minutes of the AGM of the HCA of 23 September, 2004 were circulated. Accepted by J.Walker/L. Turnbull.

Business Arising: Treasurer's report was to be audited after the 2004 AGM and presented to the next committee meeting on Thursday 28 September 2004.

Reports:

- **President's Annual Report was read by Len Crossfield.** The issues are in the main continuing from 2004 with gradual progress. These are: **The Hackett Central Area Study** soon to be released, the **Dragway Proposal**, the major concern this year, and Len has been involved as a community rep.on the Dragway Advisory Committee. A Dragway working group has been set up and has met a number of times. **Aircraft Noise** continues to be a major threat to our peace and quiet. Jochen Zeil has been NCCC rep on the Airport's consultative group and Geoff Willans has given of his expertise. **Traffic Issues** arose out of the HNP process with a recommendation for a Traffic Management Study for Hackett. Len thanked Hackett residents who contributed to a survey of concerns that will help guide the study when it gets underway. **Mount Majura** – Friends of Mount Majura have done much work in weeding and especially in winning a grant to rehabilitate the two dams on the lower slopes. Len gave special thanks to Tim Deveson and Waltraud Pix. **Contact with members, other community groups and government.** Len acknowledged the support of the Hackett Neighbourhood Watch newsletter in keeping in touch with members and the community. Progress on issues can be slow and attempting to find satisfactory outcomes requires considerable patience. He thanked members of the HCA committee, the secretary and Treasurer, for their work during the past year. Accepted - L. Crossfield/L. Turnbull.

- **Secretary's Report was read by Dorothy Mackenzie.** She outlined the ten committee meetings and the one Information night on Tuesday 28 June. The main thrust of business early in the year was the revision and waiting for the release of the Hackett Central Area Urban Guidelines. Noise issues, mainly the proposal to build a dragway in the Majura Valley took up our time in the second half of the year. She thanked all the members of the committee who gave of their time this year. Accepted - D. Mackenzie/J. Blaik.

- **Treasurer's Report was presented by Margaret Simpson.** She explained the system that she has developed that is simple and easy to maintain. The main use of funds was for hiring the halls for running the organisation. Re Insurance - NCCC is looking into the matter and more investigation is needed into how to get cheap Insurance. Margaret explained that the Treasurer's position is not a big job with the assistance of a person to take the membership moneys presented at the public meetings. Her report was accepted - M. Simpson/J. Walker.
- **Report of the HCA Dragway Working Group was presented by Laura Turnbull.** Four meetings were held since August, undertaking an Information Gathering exercise. Most activity has been in the form of letter and email sending. They have contacted the Chief Minister and Members of the Legislative Assembly, and written to newspapers about our concerns relating to the proposed building of a World Class Dragway on Section 51 in the Majura Valley. The public meeting organised by NCCC presented an opportunity to address concerns to Mr Geoff Cannock, Chairperson, Chief Minister's Dragway Advisory Committee. Her report was accepted - L. Turnbull/L.Crossfield.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2005/2006

Laura Turnbull conducted the election of officers.

- **President: Len Crossfield** continuing in the position.
- **Deputy President: Terry de Luca** continuing in the position.
- **Secretary: Dorothy Mackenzie** continuing in the position.
- **Deputy Secretary: vacant**
- **Treasurer: Margaret Simpson** continuing in the position.
- **Deputy Treasurer: Tony Steel** continuing in the position.
- **Archives: vacant**
- **Public Officer: Jochen Zeil.**
- **General Committee:** Maureen Hartung, Lorraine Mason, Laura Turnbull, Max Huntington, Waltraud Pix.

The President, Len Crossfield thanked everyone who offered themselves for a another year of serving the Hackett community. The electoral meeting concluded at 8.45 pm.

General Information and discussion:

Jochen Zeil a rep. on the **NCCC Airport Aircraft Noise Working Group** gave a repeat of the comprehensive report that he made at the NCCC meeting on 18 October at the time of the presentation of a report by Geoff Cannock who is the chair of the Chief Minister's Dragway Advisory Committee. A summary was published in the November Hackett Neighbourhood Watch newsletter and is attached. The big issues continue to be: No flights over residential areas, and a night curfew to protect our human right to sleep. Canberra Airport's 24 hour dreams are our nightmares.

Friends of Mt Majura

Waltraud Pix acknowledged the Hackett Neighbourhood Watch newsletter and the grant from Environment ACT. She thanked the people who took part in the planting on Mt Majura, and all who helped in any way including Blue Gum School. She mentioned the FoMM website.

Proposed Dragway

A large number of people have written to the Chief Minister asking for the commissioned reports on noise impacts, costing of the project, suitable noise standards to regulate a dragway facility in the Act, and heritage concerns. The four reports will give us hard information upon which to stage further action. The petition probably had a big impact. We need to see the business plan of the proponents.

The meeting closed at approximately 9.30 pm.

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HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2005

Rereading *Terry de Luca's* report for the year 2003-4 I have noticed that issues remain the same and progress gradual rather than revolutionary. **The major issues have been:**

Hackett Central Area Study
The Dragway proposal
Aircraft noise
Traffic issues
Mount Majura
Contact with members and other community groups

Hackett Central Area Study

The previous year saw HCA engaged in the extensive work with ACTPLA on the Hackett Neighbourhood Plan (HNP). From this arose the Hackett Area Study where we were again effective in shaping the study into a result reflecting Hackett resident's preferences expressed in the HNP process and later discussions (e.g. at the information night). The draft Hackett Planning Guidelines were completed in June 2005. ACTPLA has not yet issued these for public comment though we are repeatedly assured this will occur soon.

The Dragway Proposal

The proposed dragway for the Majura Valley has been the major concern for the Hackett community and committee for this yea. The ACT Government has made an $8 million commitment to build the dragway; however, as a preliminary measure the Chief Minister formed a Dragway Advisory Committee to advise him on the suitability of the Majura Valley for its location. As President of HCA I have been involved as one of three community representatives on the DAC. This has given HCA a very valuable position, to be informed and to influence the enquiries. The committee has established a working group and I look forward to their suggestions on how to approach the dragway issue. I would like to thank those who have volunteered for the working group, and in particular members of HCA who have given me their views and written to the Chief Minister with their concerns.

Aircraft Noise

This continues to be a major threat to the values of peace and quiet, which we value. We have been fortunate to have the continued advice and reporting on developments from *Jochen Zeil* (who has been NCCC representative on the Airport's consultative group and *Geoff Willans* for his lending us his expertise. The price of freedom (from noise) is eternal vigilance.

Traffic Issues

Another outcome from the HNP process was a recommendation for a Traffic Management Study for Hackett. This was to take place in mid to late 2005. However ACT Roads has postponed this due to funding constraints. Nonetheless, we have collated the views of Hackett residents (25 emails and letters) into a report which will help guide the study when it finally gets under way. My thanks to all those who contributed to this survey.

Mount Majura

I would like to take this opportunity to mention our 'sibling' group, the Friends of Mount Majura (HCA and FoMM have many members in common). From the HCA committee and members I would like to express our thanks for the work they are doing on what many of us regard as one of Hackett's major assets. Notable at present is the work to transform the two dams on the lower slopes of our mountain into what promises to be a beautiful habitat for water plants and creatures. Our special thanks to *Tim Deveson* and *Waltraud Pix.* .

Contact with members, other community groups and government

Next, to what I think is one of our biggest challenges – keeping in touch with you, our members. In this we have had invaluable support through Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter and special thanks to *Dorothy Mackenzie* for this. We have had several meetings this year when we have been able to discuss issues with members of the HNW and I would like to thank you all for your contributions.

Progress on several issues tends to be slow. This is in part because community associations tend to be reactive rather than controlling their own fate. Consequently, attempting to find satisfactory outcomes for what are often very worrying or threatening issues requires considerable patience. It does, however, give us time to consult and hopefully get our ideas together on issues as they arise.

I would like to thank the members of the HCA committee, especially our secretary, *Dorothy Mackenzie* and treasurer, *Margaret Simpson* for their dedication and hard work during the past year. Several committee members including *Dorothy* and *Margaret* are looking for a change and I would encourage any of you who would like to stand for the committee to do so.

Len Crossfield (President)

REPORT OF HCA DRAGWAY WORKING GROUP TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 20 OCTOBER 2005

This Working group of HCA members was formed by the Hackett Community Association Committee in August 2005 to work on behalf of HCA in assisting Len Crossfield in his role on the Chief Minister's Dragway Advisory Committee and in generally planning for any future action initiated by the Dragway Proposal.

Members of the Working Group undertook an Information Gathering exercise. It was felt that we needed as much information as possible on what was happening, in order to keep our Community well-informed.

There have been four meetings so far and most of the activity has been in the form of letter writing and e-mail sending. We have contacted the Chief Minister: a number of MLA's, and our local newspapers about the concerns of Hackett residents relating to the proposed building of a World Class Dragway on Section 51 in the Majura Valley.

Some of the Working Group are members of "The Friends of Mount Majura" (FOMM). They circulated a petition, collecting 1500 signatures from concerned residents. This was handed in to the Chief Minister's Office

Our attempts to get publicity for these concerns has not met with much success. However, the public meeting organised by the Northside Community Council did present us with opportunity to address directly, some concerns to Mr Geoff Cannock, Chairperson, Chief Minister's Dragway Advisory Committee. . It was reassuring to hear that the CMAC has called for reports on the impact which the Dragway may have on our Northside suburbs.

There is much work to be done, especially following the anticipated release of the CMAC reports, which we hope will take place soon. We will continue to work on behalf of the Hackett Community.

Laura Turnbull (Chair)
October 2005

HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 20.10.2005. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ten committee meetings were held since last year's AGM on 23.09.04. with an average attendance of 7 members. Each was held in the homes of members and each lasted about 2 hours. There was an **Information Night on Tuesday 28 June** held in St Margaret's Hall attended by 30 members and with 6 apologies. The committee meetings were held on:

- **28.10.04**: Review of Neighbourhood Planning so far, Airport Development, Dragway, FoMM Insurance matters.
- **29.11.04**: HCA to pay $25 for FoMM to join Molonglo Catchment Group Insurance cover, community contact and linkages, Neighbourhood Planning, Traffic Study, Dragway, Airport – overnight curfew to be looked at.
- **21.02.05**: Dragway – Len and George Tomlins to check on the noise levels of Sydney International Dragway on Sat.19 Feb. President and Secretary to draft a letter to Chief Minister re our concerns about Dragway, Neighbourhood Planning – first of round table meetings of stakeholders, FoMM – talk at Majura Festival on Mon. 28 Feb. on "Protection of the natural heritage of Mt Majura". Airport – Noise consultative Forum.
- **4.04.05**: Neighbourhood Planning – two round table meetings have been held. Traffic issues – traffic survey in 2nd half of year. More on Dragway, Airport, NCCC meetings on Airport developments, FoMM reported on concerns about mountain bikes and erosion.
- **9.05.05**: Traffic Management Plan, survey of traffic patterns delayed due to ACT Roads budget problems. Neighbourhood Planning well attended but *Vidya Sutton* only rep. from the shopping precinct. President visited Blue Gum Community School, and Senior Minister of City Christian Church International to clarify possible interest in the Hackett Primary school site.
- **6.06.05**: Plan for Information Night on 28 June at St Margaret's UC hall. Hackett Central Area Study, Traffic survey, FoMM Ponds proposal.
- **27.06.05**: Preparation for Public Information Meeting of Tuesday 28 June with dragway as main item. FoMM petition to be presented to the Chief Minister. Dragonfly Project.
- **2.08.05**: Report on first meeting of the Dragway Advisory Meeting. Formation of dragway working group. Hackett Central Area Study complete.
- **12.09.05**: Public release of Hackett Central Area Urban guidelines delayed. NCCC meeting- Tuesday 20 September with presentation by Geoff Cannock.
- **11.10.05**: Report of Dragway working group, Hackett Central Area Urban Design Guidelines delayed again. Preparation for AGM
- **Summary**: The main thrust of business early in the year was on Neighbourhood Planning issues, meetings with ACTPLA, revision and then waiting for the release of the Hackett Central Area Urban Guidelines. The proposed dragway became the main item of business at meetings from late June, with a public information meeting and a working group that could look at detail. Other important matters have been discussed such as FoMM, Aircraft Noise, and Traffic concerns. Members have been kept informed with reports (including the announcement of this meeting) in the body of the monthly Hackett Neighbourhood Watch newsletters. Members are always welcome at these meetings. We have tended to adapt to events as they happened, with holidays and other interruptions making it difficult to commit to a regular evening. Please ring the Secretary or President if you would like details of the next meeting.

I thank all members of the committee who have worked so hard. It has been a privilege to work with such a committed group of people. I have been in the role of the HCA Secretary for three years and have found it a very enjoyable and stimulating position.

Dorothy Mackenzie (Secretary)

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Laura Turnbull (Chair)
October 2005

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Mary Toohey
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AUDIT REPORT

To:
The President and Members
Hackett Community Association Inc
Hackett ACT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the twelve months ending 30 June 2005

I have completed an audit on the accompanying Financial Statements of the Hackett Community Association Incorporated and report as follows:

The Association's policy is to prepare its financial statements on a cash receipts and disbursement basis. On this basis the revenue and related assets are recognised when received rather than when earned and expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred.

Along with all other organizations of this type it is not practicable to maintain control over all items of income until entry in the accounting records. My audit therefore in relation to income was limited to the amounts recorded. Receipts should be issued for all monies received.

Subject to the above comments, in my opinion:

I have obtained all the information and explanations that were to the best of my knowledge and belief necessary for the purpose of the audit.

I believe the accounts, so far as the transactions are recorded in the books of accounts, are properly drawn up so as to present fairly:

(i) the assets and liabilities arising from the transactions of the Association for the twelve month period as at 30 June 2005.

(ii) The revenue collected and expenses paid during the twelve months up to the 30 June 2005.

The accounts are properly drawn up in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards so far as they can apply to the Association's activities.

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Mary Toohey
Auditor
18 October 2005

Hackett Community Association
Committee meeting held at 83 Mackenzie Street, Hackett on Monday 21 November, 2005 at 7.30 pm

Present: Len Crossfield, Laura Turnbull, Waltraud Pix, Maureen Hartung, Lorraine Mason. D mackenzie.

Apologies: Jochen Zeil, Sharon Farrell, Terry de Luca, Max Huntington, Margaret Simpson.

Minutes of Committee meeting of Tuesday 11 October accepted L. Turnbull/W.Pix

Business Arising:

- **Hackett Central Area Urban Design Guidelines;** Len reported that he had spoken to Minister for Planning, Simon Corbell at the Chief Minister's Cabinet in Community about the release of the Guidelines. This was followed by a number of phone calls to Anni Mather, her Section Head and Neil Savery. The Guidelines are now expected to be released in the next couple of weeks and we will ask that the period of comment should be extended due to the Christmas and holiday period. Maureen pointed out that the timing of the release impacts on when NCCC meeting could be held. We are expecting that it will be presented and discussed at a combined NCCC and HCA meeting held in Hackett. If we receive information that the Draft Guidelines are available by December 7 it will be advertised in the December Hackett N.W. So if possible we will organise a Public Meeting about 20 February. (The Dragway will be another possible item on the agenda).
- **Dragway developments;**
- Len spoke about the **Dragwayaway initiative** as an excellent development. He mentioned that as President of HCA and on Chief Minister's DAC it was difficult for him to be partisan and lead an anti Dragway view. He prefers to work inside the DAC. Now a pressure group across the suburbs has arisen, we can embrace a two pronged approach: a formal position on the DAC where Len and David and others including the owner of Lease on Block 51 would find themselves writing a minority report as opinion on the committee will be split. The Dragwayaway presents an opportunity to do things informally and demonstrate that a lot of people are concerned. We hope for a good turnout on **30 November at ACT Legislative Assembly.**
- Waltraud reported that she'd seen a flier advertising that the Dragwayaway meeting on the 30th as a meeting for supporters of a Dragway to find out more.
- Len's letter to Chief Minister on 16 September asking that the four reports that the Chief Minister commissioned should be made public, has had no reply or follow up.
- Phillip Mitchell expects that the reports will be made public but the decision will be the Chief Minister's decision.
- Len believes that two reports are completed and two nearly ready. They are now with the Chief Minister's office. Phillip Mitchell is waiting to hear from the Chief Minister as to when the next meeting of the Chief Minister's DAC will be held.
- **The two meetings of 30 Nov. at Legislative Assembly and 10 Dec. on Block 51 will be very useful to gauge the extent of resident's and others' concerns.**

Priorities for 2006;

- **Friends of Mt Majura funding for the considerable administrative costs incurred in running a Park Care Group.** Dorothy introduced the concern about the ongoing costs incurred by Waltraud, including setting up a Bank account (they won a small equipment grant that had to be paid into an account), phone calls including to mobiles, printing, and computer costs. Members of FoMM attend training(eg. The Weed Officer's on chemicals etc) in the Tuggeranong Valley and should be reimbursed for petrol costs. Other groups have Federal Grants, or print a booklet ("Our Patch") and don't have such a wide range of activities. Waltraud mentioned producing a calendar, or advertising for contributions in Chronicle. **Ideas for raising funds to be placed on the agenda for next meeting.**
- **Traffic Reports;** pavements, road repairs (including bad spot on Mackenzie and Russell Streets) **We are still waiting for the Traffic Survey.**
- **Park Lighting;** Keep up with stream of letters to **ACT Roads.**
- **Parks and Children's Places;** equipment is minimal in many parks in Hackett. Lorraine has undertaken to look into the concerns.
- **School Area.**
- **Future of the Shopping Area;** A major concern. We need to see the new Guidelines. We notice that IGA often has unstocked shelves but does well in some areas especially wines.
- Could we all ask people what are the broad based issues bothering them so that we can write something for the December HNW?
- We will see members at the **Dragwayaway meeting on 30 November** at the ACT Legislative Assembly, and again at the **Open Day Picnic on Block 51 on Sunday 11 December- 11 am to 1.00 pm.**
- **Our next meeting will be a combined dinner with Hackett Neighbourhood Watch at 7 pm on Wednesday 14 December.**
- **The first meeting for 2006 will be Monday 6 February unless an early release of the Guidelines.**

The meeting closed after tea and tim tams at 9.30 pm.

NOTES ON HCA MEETING HELD AT LEN'S PLACE
ON MONDAY11th DECEMBER 2005

Present : Laura Turnbull, Len Crossfield, Terry de Luca, Nicki Mazur
Waltraud Pix; Jochi & Max Huntington.
Apologies: Dorothy Mackenzie, Lorraine Mason.

Max:- Do we have any facts and figures re NOISE levels?
Len:- Much of Hackett is protected by the mountain – flights paths may be a greater problem if there is a growth in flight traffic. Noise modelling, from other places- Nois are "top level fuel users" Noise contours have been taken but each site is noise specific. 2001 Reportson Block 52 was only calculated for specific cases. Local Govt. wants more information- in the end they did their own study – was not intensely scrutinised really – but under a "cloud inversion" it would have been high in Hackett. i.e. 94.This would have been different for both Block 51 and Block 52. Len will study these figures.
Jochin:- said he and Waltraud are preparing a paper on the interpretation of noise levels. He will circulate it.
Len;-Is hoping to have quite a large number of meetings .
Waltraud;- asked if Len had seen the Business Plan and he said "Not yet".
Len;_ Told the meeting that in the 2004/5 Budget -@ $8million (Ted Quinlan) was allotted for the proposed Dragway. Option papers had been prepared by Public servants, showing that it was not feasible. Politicians did not receive the reports. New Report – costings are in the same dimension (cost-wise). There are various gradations in between also provided. This passed from Quinlan to Stanhope's "Priorities Projects" in the Chief Minister's Dept. he set up the CMAC to check things out for him. Following the receipt of this Committee's advice, he will go to the Cabinet. The CMAC called for four reports – asked to have these publicly distributed Len has agreed to CONFIDENTIALITY.
CMAC has Geoff Cannock as chair , 3 Dragway proponents Public servants and Community Reps
Jochin;_ Are the proponents equally bound by confidentiality ?
Len;- Reports to Stanhope will probably not be unanimous. Members each come from a different paradigm. The results will be out on January 10th and will go straight to Cabinet. Stanhope is probably committed to a Dragway. He is trying to find our if there is any reason he should not go ahead. **It goes to Cabinet on 14th February**
Jochin;_ Can the Govt, propose a Development Plan straight away?
Waltraud;- Asked about the cost. What if it will cost $15 million? Would this be a significant thing?Will the Community have to pay?
Len;- The significance of the cost will have to decide on the impact of the cost increase. Stanhope has said "Only $8 million" The level of activity could be small at the Dragway.
Max;-The "hoons" will not want to be involved. It will be too structured for them. Too restictive. Where is the evidence that they WILL go to the Dragway?
Nikki Mazur;- Why are the Community reps on the CMAC? She questionned the Secrecy.She would not be willing to be on the Committee if she could not talk about it. Waltraud agreed with this. Dragway Proponents have the information on their website. Preliminary Design + info.is in their leaflet. They are leaking information and using it themselves. They are openly discussing what information they have. Please ask Cannock and Stanhope why they allowing this to happen. Is their information accurate? NCCC were used by the Dragway people.

Max;- Does this leaflet have reasonably accurate facts?
Terry; - Asked about the next step. Will this be Contract Letting?
Len;- It will difficult for the Public Servants involved. NOISE, COST, &HERITAGE VALUE.
Terry;- Wondered if the Building Contract would allow Govt. to exlore the issues a little bit further. There could be Industrial Archeologists involved and the Traditional Land-owners too.
Nikki;_ Community consultation is often inadequate even when Building Approval is given. She has never heard of there being a "backing off' on any big projects after the Building Plan is accepted.
Jochin;- Is there a Time Line on this?
Len;- Has been told that there will be further studies if needed.
Terry;- The Govt often "moderates" a decision without further consultation.
Jochin;-n Can we keep the Govt on a 14th February decision process? What is the feasibility of them moving towards a Building Process WITHOUT asking the Community again? Can they roll the "pre" information into another format without consultation?
Len;- The Cabinet Decision of 6th February is important here.. In the end both political parties will support the proposal in the Legislative Assembly.
Max;- The cost if this will be peanuts. What kind of NOISE is involved?
(Nikki left the Meeting here) From the Govt side this is a bad process ----it irks people.
Jochin;- The Community needs to confront the Govt NOW.
Terry; - What do you think is going to happen?
Len;- When will the public have access to the information/ There had been a verbal undertaking.
Walraud;- Should we be applying for information under a FOI?
Len ; - said that he was not listed as "from" the community", NOT "Of" the Community.
Max;-How can you represent the Community if you cannot release the information?
Jochin;- Exoerts in the CMAC cannot absorb the information in three weeks.
Len;- Some of the reports are too difficult for ordinary citizens to interpret.
Waltraud;- Said that she had a clear impression that the rural people are against the proposal. Last year some had signed a 20 yr lease. We will be trying to find ways to support them. The lease-holders will be putting up a fight.
Len;- Rural people say there will be ' inescapably bad noise " for them. It would be a good alliance to join with our "country cousins" to protect their environment.
Waltraud;-Is someone trying to split the community?
Len;- Do we know who will profit from this?
Terry;- What do you think will happen now?
Len;- CMAC will report- mostly favourably- a minority report will say that the info. is not conclusive—need more time to consult with the public.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30p.m.