HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Meeting in the Friends of Blue Gum Lounge at Hackett shops: Tuesday, 13 February, 2007.

Present: 15 people were present with 4 apologies. (see attendance book)

Welcome by President, Len Crossfield extended a welcome in a new venue, a new year and a new approach. He congratulated Corrie Hokaraia from Blue Gum for their initiative in setting up the lounge which will have a variety of school and community uses.

Achievements of 2006 include fighting off threats of a Dragway, avoiding closure of Dickson College and Hackett Pre- school and continuing work by FoMM on Mt Majura. Len congratulated everyone involved in the good outcomes.

Plans for 2007. We had a general discussion of local issues that may become a focus for activity this year. These included:

- **Sustainable Hackett** – Jochen Zeil is organising a meeting on 28 February.
- **Healthy Hackett**- Helen Palethorpe of YMCA is very interested in working with HCA on the possibility of a 'peer support' exercise program.
- **Pedestrian Friendly Hackett**- Discussion of need for new footpaths where there are none (not all agreed on the need), the poor condition of some, problems of liability by ACT Roads if maintenance not done and injuries occur. People are walking more so safety of paths, lighting important.
- **45th Birthday Party in May 2008** was suggested 5 years ago at the 40th celebration and arrangements should be started early this year.
- **Shopping Centre:** Commercial development is happening. What about a public toilet on the site? (Deakin has a new one)
- **Gardens:** - wooden window boxes have not worked. Problems with drainage and vandalism. Garden in front of IGA may be redeveloped as other changes occur.
- **Street furniture:** - signs, lights. Government department relies on reports by residents when there are problems.
- **Plague of rabbits** on the mountain. Also hares, foxes.
- **Parking areas** at entry points to Nature Park inc. bet. 85 - 87 Mackenzie St.

Priorities- and Working Groups

- **Sustainable Hackett**- Jochen Zeil is facilitating a meeting to provide an opportunity for smarter use of energy, water, garden designs and advice on house renovation. May become a regular series of talks.
- **Healthy Hackett**- Demographers indicate a large number of older people living in this suburb. Assets include mountain paths, cycle paths, YMCA programs. Proposing the possibility of a program through the suburb on an informal basis depending on community response. This could become an activity of a working group who could talk about the possibilities and explore the issues. Len C. and George Duckworth.
- **Pedestrians and footpaths** and safe Hackett – James W. and Bruce S.
- **Party – next year is also Blue Gum's 10 years.** Tony S. Dorothy M.
- **Better care of shopping area** – and overall planning of area from school site to Hackett Place. Len C.

Other Matters-

- **ACTPLA – Undeveloped Sites.** Max H. explained that the sign on Block 14 Section 12 next door to the Parks and Gardens depot indicated **Future Development.** An area of less than two suburban blocks. It appears that there is no intention to develop the site in the near future. Will be explained in next issue of Hackett Neighbourhood Watch newsletter.
- **Hackett Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter.** Jochen Z. has undertaken to lighten the duties of editorship from Dorothy M. and continue to produce monthly issues to keep the community informed.
- **NCCC –(Nth Canberra Community Council)** There is concern that this powerful engine for public presence and community involvement for North Canberra has stopped operating. The President David Dahl will step down with no arrangement for succession. There are public activities between the Airport and the Tralee Developers. There is open talk about the airport being the next freight hub with 24 hour operation. NCCC is our official voice to liaise with the Government.
- **Friends of Blue Gum lounge and** office space is available for meetings and workshops for parents of Blue Gum and for the local community. They are open to suggestions for workshops. The rent is $20 hour or could be less if the organisation has its own insurance liability. Ring Corri Hokaraia
- **Next Meeting of HCA committee (and all members of HCA are welcome) will be on Monday, 12 March 2007 at 7.30 pm.**

HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Meeting in the Friends of Blue Gum Lounge at Hackett shops: Monday, 12 March, 2007.

Present: 7 people were present. Committee members: D.Mackenzie, J.Zeil, L. Crossfield, B. Smith, T. de Luca. Ordinary members: L. Turnbull, J. Walker, C. Hakaraia.

Apologies: M. Simpson, F. Turnbull.

Minutes of last meeting of 13 February were accepted J.Zeil, B.Smith.

Matters arising from Minutes:

- **Hackett NHW newsletter**: Ready for distribution later than anticipated. Suggested deadline is end of first week of month, when crime statistics have usually been distributed.
- **NCCC (North Canberra Community Association)** is active again under a new chairman – Jim Derek. Committee meeting on Wed. 14 March. Len and Jochen both plan to attend. NCCC receives $5,000 Govt funding to be shared among community groups. Len is NCCC rep on Canberra Airport Noise Reference Group. Our chief concerns are associated with plan to become a 24 hr operating airport with night hub. We recall that the ACT Govt voted against a night curfew.
- **"Sustainable Hackett"**. A very enjoyable meeting was held on 28 Feb in Blue Gum Lounge. Tony Steel opened his garden for inspection of his grey water system on Sunday 11 March. (15 to 20 people attended). **Wednesday 28 March an Energy Audit** will be demonstrated.
- **Footpaths and Pedestrian Crossings.** James Walker and Bruce Smith. We need to use a carefully researched and coordinated approach before we ask ACT Roads to provide better pedestrian facilities. Eg. Access to shops. This may include approaching the Principals of the 3 Primary Schools as to where would be the best place for crossings and asking how many chn would prefer to walk if it were safe. Also the need for a new look at footpath and walkway situation and do our own count of through traffic especially at peak hours with photographs. Suggested HCA meeting on Traffic with a speaker from ACT Roads. (keep aware of the status of Monash Drive not yet off the National Plan. –email someone in ACT Traffic and ask the official position on Monash Drive) Roads ACT are keeping records on traffic management in the suburb.
- **"Healthy Hackett"** – Len, Corri and Dorothy are working with Helen Palethorpe who is making an application for an ACT Health Promotion Grant 2007/08 to fund a partnership Project between the HCA and YMCA of Canberra for one year or two years. Applications close on March 26. Notices will be placed in HNW newsletter so that people will become aware that it is on the agenda.
- **Shopping Centre: Much interest and activity occurring. The issue of a public toilet has been raised.**
- **Dragway:** Terry has thanked Andrew Barr on behalf of HCA for his work on the Dragway proposal. We would like to have feedback on the process eg. What was it that tipped the scale against its acceptance?

Date for next meeting: April 16, 2007 at 7.30 pm. Make a poster for window.

Hackett Community Association
Meeting in the Friends of Blue Gum Lounge at Hackett shops:
Monday 16 April, 2007.

Present: L.Crossfield, L.Mason, W. Pix, D.Mackenzie, J.Walker(welcomed by Len on to the committee)
Apologies: J.Zeil, B.Smith, M.Huntington.
Minutes of last meeting of 12 March, accepted J.Walker/L.Crossfield
General Business:
The committee expressed condolences to Lynn Binns on death of her husband and asked the secretary to send a card.
Max Huntington has been unwell. A get well card will be sent.
Rent for meetings in Friends of Blue Gum Lounge hasn't been paid so far this year. Sustainable Hackett has approached NCCC to consider funding them for administration costs. NCCC's guidelines may include funding community groups. Jochen needs reimbursement of $90 for three meetings held so far. FoMM will need support for administration costs and membership of Molonglo Catchment Group. It was agreed that the President and Vice President negotiate with NCCC for funding for administration including rent, minor expenditures for these community activities.
Sustainable Hackett: The next speaker will be Edwina Richardson on **Retrofitting Gardens for Climate Change on Wednesday 26 April.** Matt Ruffin gave a talk on Energy Audit for the home on Wednesday, March 28. It was attended by 20 to 25 people.
Peds and Paths Working Group: Bruce Smith will focus on ways to make Hackett more pedestrian friendly, including pedestrian crossings. James Walker has done a map with paths, bus stops, post boxes, public telephone. He is downloading the law about pedestrian traffic and looking at ACT Assembly site on this subject. (**Standards Australia** provides guidance for footpath lighting, signage etc). He says that Madigan Street is regarded as a through road. We need more background information and inventories on what already exists. Bruce Smith is contacting ACT Roads about the current status of Monash Drive. Accident statistics are not kept by Roads and AFP suburb by suburb. We could suggest to the NCCC that the head of Roads and Planning in ACTPLA be invited to a meeting to explain the effect of increased Gungahlin population on main arterial roads such as Majura Road and the roads through our suburb.
Healthy Hackett: Helen Palethorpe of YMCA with Len Crossfield and Corrie Hakaraia of Blue Gum School have now submitted an application for an ACT Health Promotion Grant 2007/08 to fund a partnership Project between the HCA and YMCA of Canberra for one or two years. $30,000 is being asked to employ a part time facilitator and to run the project centred at the Blue Gum Lounge. ($90,000 includes cost of voluntary labour) Focus will be on Playschool parents and children, and people living in the suburb who would benefit from a fitness walking program in small groups. Training in ways to minimise risks, nutrition and lifestyle will take place for Mentors. Promotion of program in the HNW newsletter in May and June, to build awareness and interest for mentors to come forward. Need to recognise a person who would take on the part time position of coordinator.
Neighbourhood Watch newsletter: It was suggested that phone numbers as well as email addresses be included if people consented. AFP crime statistics could run a month later (eg. May newsletter will publish March stats) to enable the newsletter to be ready in first week of each Month instead of the second week as previously.
Date for next meeting: Monday 14 May, 2007 at Blue Gum Lounge.

Hackett Community Association
Meeting in the Friends of Blue Gum Lounge at Hackett shops:
Monday 14 May 2007.

Present: L.Crossfield, M.Huntington, W.Pix, J.Walker, L,Mason, B.Smith
Apologies: J.Zeil, D.Mackenzie, T. de Luca
Minutes of last meeting of 16 April, accepted J.Walker/W.Pix
General Business:

- The committee congratulated Max Huntington on his recovery.
- **Rent for meetings in Friends of Blue Gum Lounge** - Len and Jochen raised the issue of rent payment at the NCCC. The guidelines specify that each claimant is limited to $400. It is not clear, however, whether this is a total limit for the HCA or whether it is $400 per stream of activity. We need reimbursement for two meetings per month – the HCA meetings and the Sustainable Hackett meetings. There is a strong case for the NCCC meeting that expenditure given that the priority should be genuinely local activities and funding is necessary to run those activities.
- It was agreed that Terry, Len and Jochen would develop a draft budget for the rest of the year to manage cost flows (now that there is definite expenditure) and that a case would be made to the NCCC.
- **Friends of Mount Majura** - Waltraud raised the issue of the annual fees for FoMM's membership of Molonglo Catchment Group (MCG). The Committee agreed that the HCA would pay $25 annual fee for FoMM membership of the MCG (moved Waltraud, seconded James)
- **Sustainable Hackett:** Edwina Richardson's talk on "Retrofitting Gardens for Climate Change" on 26 April was a success. Fifty people attended and there was positive feedback. There was also a Sustainable Garden Tour on 14 April which was linked to ABC Radio. The next meeting on 23 May will feature a talk on Biodiversity. There will also be a powerpoint presentation on Mt Majura.
- **Peds and Paths Working Group:** Bruce spoke to a paper he and James had developed on "Pedestrian and Bike-Safe Hackett" which set out a rationale for work in that area, impediments to safety, objectives and initial activities for the Working Group. Discussion included options on the traffic snarls on the intersection of Majura Ave and Phillip Ave, including the possibility of a round-about. There was also discussion about the need for the ACT Government to not only consult about what it does, but also about how it does it (eg. Constructing carparks near the Majura reserve)
- It was agreed that members would provide comments on the paper to James and Bruce, and that J&B would write a short piece for the Newsletter to publicise the work on the HCA on this issue.
- **Healthy Hackett:** There was a response to the Neighbourhood Watch item – keen to ensure that the YMCA is involved (which it is).
- The aim is to stimulate interest before July and then move on issues then. Three ways to generate interest are:
    - Participants undertaking walking and exercise
    - People who are interested in mentoring
    - Someone who would be interested in working 2 days a week in a paid position.
- Len will aim to get a bigger piece in the next Neighbourhood Watch to see if there is more interest
- **NCCC Report Back**: Len reported on the main themes of the meeting, which involved the Government representative calling for feedback about Territory planning. Len reported that the main direction of planning seemed to involve setting out clear conditions for change to prevent hold-ups - ie. if conditions

are met, you can do it. This would eliminate a significant number of occurrences where there are no real grounds for objection. Len will look at the papers again – we may need to draft a submission.

- **Other Business**
  - **World Environment Day** on 3 June – all invited to a Walk/talk and tea on Mt Majura
  - **Hackett Birthday Party** – agreed to be an item for next meeting. We need to set a date soon to ensure enough planning lead time including time to book attractions.

Date for next meeting: Monday 11 June, 2007 at Blue Gum Lounge

Hackett Community Association
Meeting in the Friends of Blue Gum Lounge at Hackett shops:
Tuesday 12 June 2007.

Present: L.Crossfield, M.Huntington, W.Pix, J.Walker, L,Mason, T. de Luca, J.Zeil , Margie, B.Smith

Apologies:, D.Mackenzie,

Minutes of last meeting of 14 May, held over to next meeting

General Business:

- The committee congratulated those involved in the ABC programme *Statewide* which covered the Sustainable Hackett initiative.
- There was good attendance at the World Environment Day
- **AGM:** It was agreed to hold the AGM on Thursday 20 September. A guest speaker could be invited to discuss an issue of interest to people in Hackett (eg. Traffic levels; ACTEW). Alternatively the speaker could be a local politician. It might also be possible to show the relevant item on *Statewide*. It was agreed that Laura would make a tentative booking at St Margaret's for the AGM.

45th Birthday:

- James circulated a preliminary paper setting out ideas for the next celebration. Len thanked James for the paper
- Terry reported on the 2003 Birthday celebrations
- Timing was discussed – the first weekend of May 2008 (3 May) was canvassed
- It was agreed that a committee would be formed to organise the event (this could be decided at the July meeting)
- It was agreed that substantive discussion of the item would be postponed until the 14 August meeting of the HCA.
- It was also agreed that James would write a small piece on the party for the HNW

Sustainable Hackett

- Jochen summarised the events which had taken place so far, including presentations on an energy audit, gray water systems, Edwina Richardson on gardens, a presentation by Beth Mitchell from ANU and a field trip.
- He noted that he will be away during July/August and will need someone to convene the group during that period. Noted that while the group was going well, it was dependent on the efforts of a small number of people. He said he would send an email to seek a volunteer during that period.
- He noted that while there was a groundswell of interest, it needed to become more political, and that politicians needed to be better informed.
- Waltraud talked about solar power, and about how informing people needed to be approached at three levels: technology (ANU), finances (Government) and systems (architects)

Pedestrian/Bike Safe Hackett

- James reported on work that he and Bruce had undertaken on the main footpath routes in Hackett. They had noted where paths did not link to each other, where they were seriously deteriorating and where lips onto roads were dangerous.
- It was agreed that they would draft a letter to ACT Roads to ask them to look at the state of the footpaths.
- It was also agreed that they would look at the number of benchs and seats on the possible walking routes, to see if they were adequate.

Healthy Hackett

- Len reported that he was still waiting on the outcome of an application for funding for a co-ordinator – he wanted to wait until this was decided before launching the initiative.
- It would be jointly sponsored by the HCA, YMCA and Bluegum, would use the Friends Lounge as a tearoom.
- Waltraud noted that the Chronicle had an item stating that there was additional funding for upgrades to the Hackett Community Centre – Len said he would follow up

Date for next meeting: Tuesday 3 July 2007 at Blue Gum Lounge

Hackett Community Association
Meeting in the Friends of Blue Gum Lounge at Hackett shops:
Tuesday 3 July, 2007.

Present: L.Crossfield, J. Zeil, J Walker, D.Mackenzie.
Apologies: W.Pix, B.Smith.
Minutes of last meeting of 12 June. Because a quorum wasn't present an informal discussion was held to bring us all up to date.
General Business:
The Secretary will send a Sympathy card to Lorraine Mason on her mother's death.
HCA 45th Birthday 2008 –

- This was briefly touched upon due to limited attendance. We will postpone main discussion until next meeting on **14 August.**
- There will be the need to set up a working party to begin liaising with schools (note Lyneham High School Band), churches and community groups.

Sustainable Hackett –

- Next meeting in August 29 at Blue Gum Lounge will be on Solar Energy for homes led by Matt Ruffin, an ANU Honours student.
- There will be no July meeting.

Pedestrian Friendly Hackett –

- Executive summary paper will be presented at the August meeting. (mention of little availability of seating for pedestrians)

Healthy Hackett.

- We have heard officially that the application for a Government grant was not successful.
- We will go back to the drawing board and decide if and how we would be able to fund the project ourselves.
- This will depend on recruiting volunteers.
- Len and Dorothy will meet Helen and Corrie and report back to the August meeting.
- Without a coordinator for the project we would need a group of dedicated people to start locating a group of people who would like gentle exercise and walking together. Maybe on a Saturday and also mid week for young mums and older people.

AGM – Thursday 20 September.

- We need to decide on a speaker and a topic that will involve people and allow them to express themselves in a constructive discussion. Ideas about sustainability, water, energy. We could replay a recording of the ABC Stateline which covered the Sustainable Hackett initiative. Are we making a difference?
- (Suggest ions about threats to our peace and quiet such as Monash Drive or the Airport are not immediately threatening so would not be suitable topics at this point in time.)
- This will be discussed at the next meeting of the committee on Tuesday 14 August.
- **AGM** – Reports will need to be prepared by President and officers responsible for Footpaths, Archives, Healthy Hackett, Sustainable Hackett, Friends of Mt Majura.
- It is preferable for nominations for positions to be prepared early. Nominations from the floor will be most acceptable.

Next meeting -Tuesday 14 August, 2007 at Blue Gum Lounge.

Hackett Community Association
Meeting in the Friends of Blue Gum Lounge at Hackett shops: Tuesday 14 August, 2007.

Present: L.Crossfield, T. de Luca, M. Huntington, M. Howe, D.Mackenzie.
Apologies: T. Steel, M. Simpson, W.Pix, J.Zeil, B.Smith.
Minutes of last meeting of 3 July, were accepted – L.Crossfield, D.Mackenzie..
General Business:

- **Annual General Meeting on Thursday 20 September**. Will we invite a suitable visiting speaker who will motivate people to come out to a meeting? It was suggested that a **speaker on Airport development** including frequency of flights, and associated noise could be asked. A discussion ensued on previous routes planes could take including over Hackett, noise abatement areas, "noise sharing", lack of curfew, late flights, and freight flights all contributing to increase noise for residents of North Canberra. Len agreed to draft a letter to the Airport owner, Terry Snow on behalf of HCA objecting to an advertisement about "noise sharing" with regard to new residential area. The letter will serve to inform Hackett residents of possibility of increased Airport noise.
- **We decided to promote the work that has been done on behalf of Hackett residents at an interesting and fun meeting.** We will have food and wine tasting (inviting the proprietors of IGA to provide it and to speak to us about their plans). We will show the "Stateline" cover of Sustainable Hackett, put up posters, maps, materials about Sustainable homes, invite people to renew subscriptions ($5.00) to earn their voting rights. An election of a new committee will be held. There will be reports from the President and working groups. The message will be "This is your community. Come along, join up, be a part of the future of Hackett. We need people to come and share the load".
- **Publicity- posters and signs will be placed on notice boards to advertise this important meeting.**
- Hackett's 45th Birthday party- A working group will be set up to plan for this. We hope to discuss it at the next meeting.

Sustainable Hackett –

- Next meeting in August 29 at Blue Gum Lounge will be on **Solar Energy for homes led by Matt Ruffin**, an ANU Honours student.

Healthy Hackett.

- We have heard officially that the application for a Government grant was not successful and will think again about how we can start a small project on fitness for older people who are at risk, perhaps isolated. A gentle walk around the suburb and a cuppa at Blue Gum Lounge. There will be a need for a group of motivators or fitter people who will walk and talk. If we could find 10 or 12 people who would join such an informal group it could be a success.
- Len and Dorothy will meet Helen and Corrie and report back to the August meeting.
- The YMCA Gym was mentioned. A new advertisement about its program should be included in September Neighbourhood Watch newsletter.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.
Next meeting -11 September, to plan for the AGM on 20 September, 2007.

Hackett Community Association
Meeting in the Friends of Blue Gum Lounge at Hackett shops:
Tuesday 11 September, 2007.

Present: L.Crossfield, T. de Luca, D. Mackenzie, B. Smith, W. Pix, J.Zeil.
Apologies: M. Huntington, M. Simpson, T. Steel.
Minutes of last meeting of 14 August, 2007 accepted – T.deLuca, D.Mackenzie
General Business:
Community Medals Awards: To Friends of Mt Majura:
ACT Sustainable Cities Award – Urban Habitat Award for Project Dragonfly and Rehabilitation of Majura Dams area.
2007/08 ACT Landcare Awards Winner
Congratulations to Waltraud for her work with FoMM who accepted the awards on their behalf.
Len and Jochen will draft the letter to the Airport owner, Terry Snow on behalf of HCA re an advertisement on "noise sharing" with regard to a new residential area of Tralee. They will point out that a resumption of flights over Hackett is misleading.
Len and Jochen will also draft letters to ACT politicians on need for night curfew at Canberra Airport to protect residents from noise and on facts that we don't need a 24 hr freight terminal.
Healthy Hackett: Len will meet with Dorothy and Corrie about the plan for a program of gentle walking around Hackett for older citizens and Mums with chn in prams. This has been advertised for Tuesday 18 September (misprint in HNW newsletter is 11 September)
AGM of HCA to be held on Thursday 20 September.
Booking of Blue Gum Lounge – Len to contact.
Advertisement and posters – Tony S. and D. Mackenzie and T. de Luca.
Email to members on 3 mailing lists (Sustainable Hackett, FoMM, HCA) outlining the meeting and informing that we already have nominations for positions. Dorothy and Len are standing down. People will be invited to be on committee.
Reports will be prepared by President and Treasurer.
Len will run the election.
People will be invited to renew their subscriptions - $5.00
Discussion will be led by Jochen on Airport, Sustainable Hackett, Dragway, Healthy Hackett, Pedestrian and Traffic issues.
Birthday Party – 45th next May. A working group will be set up. People will be invited to look for photographs for a display.
The meeting will be followed by supper – wine and cheese.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Annual General Meeting of the Hackett Community Association Thursday 20 September, 2007, 7.30 pm in Blue Gum Lounge, Hackett Shops.

Present: 25 members signed the General and Public Meetings Attendance Book with 4 apologies.
Len Crossfield in the chair welcomed everyone.
Minutes of AGM of the HCA 9 November, 2006 as circulated were read by the members. Accepted L.Turnbull/J.Walker.
President's Report: Len Crossfield spoke to his circulated report. The nicest thing that had happened in 2007 was that the contentious issues that occupied residents and the HCA in 2006 had been fairly well resolved by the end of the year. The proposed Dragway in the Majura Valley, and the Government's proposal to close Dickson College and Hackett Pre School had been dropped before Christmas 2006. We started on a high point and the only direction that we could go was up!

- HCA had been very effective in expressing our views as did other players, influencing the Government's decision to not proceed with the **Dragway in the Majura Valley**. We believe that Minister Andrew Barr played a leadership role when he convinced the Cabinet that the excessive noise would impact unfairly on the people in the Majura Valley.
- **Sustainable Hackett**, an initiative of Jochen Zeil. A large number turned up to the meetings on Grey Water, Retrofitting Gardens and reducing our ecological footprint. "Statewide" made a program interviewing Edwina Richardson, Tony Steel, Jenni Savigny and Jochen Zeil as they demonstrated the improvements that they had made to their gardens and homes. Len thanked Jochen for his leadership in this.
- **Pedestrian and Bike friendly Working groups** are looking for hazard free routes for seniors.
- **Healthy Hackett:** with the YMCA we put the cart before the horse requesting a grant from ACT Health Dept. and were refused. So we are going back to square one and organising gentle social walks around the suburb for seniors and young parents with small children. Days and times on Tuesdays, starting and finishing at Blue Gum Lounge from 10 – 11 am.
- **Friends of Mt Majura under the leadership of Waltraud Pix**– semi autonomous organisation continues to flourish.
- **Thank you to Secretary and Treasurer, to NCCC for financial support and for HNW for the monthly newsletter.**
- Letter from the partners Steve and Arthur of **IGA** informing us of the purchase of the rest of the shops by their associates in IGA and hopes for refurbishing.
- **Friends of Blue Gum School** and their work in creating this facility, a most useful community asset. Thank you to Connie and Maureen.
- Thanked the workers who do a lot of work, particularly the committee and the members for coming out to meetings.
- Len believes that his term of office should be no more than 3 years. Tony Steel thanked Len for doing a terrific job as he is stepping down having completed 3 years in the position of President.

Treasurer's Report presented by Terry de Luca:

- Thanked Len for constant attention to detail.
- Our goal to increase membership. Hope lies in 45th Birthday next year to bring people out to celebrate.

- Balance $988.43
- Checked by a colleague, teacher of Economics.

Elections: conducted by Len Crossfield who stepped down as President.

- **President:** Jochen Zeil. Nom. T.Steel/L.Turnbull
- **Vice President:** Len Crossfield Nom. W.Pix/J.Blaik
- **Secretary:** Bruce Smith.
- **Assistant Secretary:** Dorothy Mackenzie Nom. J.Walker/B.Smith
- **Archives:** James Walker
- **Public Officer:** Tony Steel. Nom. T.de Luca/L.Turnbull
- **General Committee:** Maureen Howe (T. de Luca/W.Pix), Lorraine Mason (T.de Luca/B.Smith), Jenny Blaik (W.Pix/F.Turnbull), Waltraud Pix (T.Steel/T. de Luca).

AGM closed at 8.20

Jochen Zeil took the chair and conducted a short information meeting:

- Thanked Len for his 3 years of representing the community.
- Things ahead will be in continuation of events so far particularly **Sustainable Hackett** conceived in response to Climate Change. Our opportunity to become clever with air, water, plants, homes. The next program will by from ACTEW with an emphasis of what we need from them.
- There are lots of ways for people to be involved – eg phone calls. Email lists, with the committee keeping people informed.
- Birthday party on May 3, 2008 will require a lot of contributions- entertainment, food, displays – 10 sub groups will need to be formed. Please contact us if you would like to be involved.
- **Waltraud Pix** spoke on FoMM, 3 ½ yrs from modest beginnings to running walks for 60 people. She received congratulations from the meeting for the two awards recently presented - **1. Sustainable Cities Award 2007** for Project Dragonfly – rehabilitation of urban habitat for Majura Dams.
  2. **Landcare Award – for 2007/8** Alcoa/Landcare Community Award. She foreshadowed Woody Weed working bee on 21 Oct, wildflower Walk 28 Oct.
- Need to monitor and watch: Possibility of Monash Drive and other traffic issues, Aircraft Noise and other Airport issues.
- Friends of BlueGum Lounge will be talking to IGA the new owners, about the future of the 5 yr lease negotiated with previous owner. The space for community to meet is a great positive for Hackett.
- Hackett's 45th birthday party arrangements made so far were described by James Walker. Need about 10 or 12 people to do liaison work with schools, ACTION buses, Vintage Fire Engines, Car clubs, Canberra City Band, Pipe Bands, Churches, Folk Dance groups. We will need chairs, microphones, food, tea and coffee. IGA have stated a hope that they could combine the celebrations with a relaunch of the shopping centre.

Meeting concluded at 9 pm and celebrations with wine (with compliments from IGA) and cheese, cake and biscuits.

HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2006-07

The year began on a high note: concerns which had dominated the previous year were resolved in ways which were in line with the Hackett Community's preferences as expressed to the Association's committee members. The ACT Government dropped several proposals, namely the siting of a dragway in the Majura Valley, and the closures of Dickson College and of the Hackett Pre School. As an association and through individual members, we were very active in providing community opinion to the Government and we can be very satisfied with the outcomes.

From this promising start we could only go upwards and HCA has pursued an impressive variety of activities in 2006-07:

Sustainable Hackett has held a number of monthly meetings; on grey water, solar energy, retro-fitting gardens among several others. Later we will rerun the ABC Statewide program on sustainability initiatives in Hackett. Thanks to Jochen Zeil for his leadership on for the many others who were involved.

Pedestrian and bike friendly Hackett working group has been busy investigating the needs and challenges in this area, especially for safe walking routes for senior residents. The progress so far is summarised in the report attached to this note.

Healthy Hackett which aims to encourage residents to exercise for health and enjoyment has as yet not made the great progress. In retrospect our mistake was to put cart before horse in looking for financial assistance before we had got the activity going. We are now back to basics and having our first walk on October 2nd. Don't only watch this space – dust off your walking shoes and join us.

The Friends of Mount Majura continue to flourish and Waltraud Pix is going to show us the recognition which these activities have attracted. Congratulations to Waltraud and her group.

I would like to thank the Hackett Neighbourhood Watch for their assistance in providing through the Newsletter the invaluable means of communicating with members of the Hackett community. Thanks in particular to Dorothy Mackenzie.

I would like also to thank the North Canberra Community Council (NCCC) for its financial support to HCA – notably for its contribution to the rent for the use of the Lounge.

Finally there are two organisations which contribute significantly to the quality of life in Hackett.

Firstly, to Steve, Arthur and their associates and helpers at IGA Hackett. On behalf of Hackett residents I would like to congratulate you on the way in which you have improved the service which we enjoy at the supermarket. We are also aware that you have plans for the development of the whole shopping complex and we are looking forward with interest to see what these bring.

This brings me to the Friends of Bluegum School. I think the Friends have done a marvellous job in creating this most useful community asset. On behalf of HCA and Hackett generally – congratulations and thank you to Corri Hackaraia and her friends and to Bluegum School.

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

Archives

This function has continued although filing is usually some days behind collecting. We are not, however, covering all sources. We do need more assistance. We will soon need a suitable filing cabinet – at present using boxes.

It is important that HCA keeps proper archives, including:

1. HCA's own records – minutes, attendance records, correspondence, etc
2. Clippings
3. Working Group records
4. Where possible, records of correspondence etc by individuals and non-HCA groups pertaining to subjects of interest to HCA and to subjects generally - so please copy us in.

Many subjects and problems re-occur and HCA will operate more effectively if it is aware of previous happenings. Copies can be handed/forwarded to the Archives and History Officer, the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary or the Working Group Convenor. If in doubt, check with the A&HO.

This also applied to anyone wishing to assist.

History

Owing to lack of resources, little or no historical work has been done in 2006-07.

James Walker
Archives and History Officer

Bruce Smith
Working Group convenor

PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE-SAFE WORKING GROUP

The Working Group was set up at the Committee meeting on 13 February.

Aims

To promote the safety of pedestrians and bike riders in Hackett and to encourage residents to take up walking and bike-riding as viable alternatives to both travelling in cars and to immobility within the home.

Specific objectives include:

1. The provision of three comprehensive footpaths loops within the suburb that are well maintained, well lit and properly connected to the shopping centre and to key pedestrian and bike entry-exit points out of the suburb.
2. The provision and/or upgrading of pedestrian crossings:
3. Reducing the speed and possibly volume of traffic using Hackett as a short-cut.

Progress

We have:

- Prepared a map of existing footpaths and crossings
- Inspected footpaths and taken photographs of existing problems
- Written to the ACT Government to express concern about traffic flows in Hackett, and obtained the Government benchmarks for excessive traffic throughput
- Taken initial steps to obtain traffic accident statistics for Hackett
- Commenced surveying traffic in Hackett.

Next steps/issues

- Write up report on footpaths and crossings and convey to ACT Government for response
- Obtain accident statistics (Deb Foskey is pressing this matter for us)
- Undertake a survey of traffic flow in Hackett (need volunteers to assist)

Bruce Smith James Walker

Hackett Community Association
Meeting in the Friends of Blue Gum Lounge at Hackett shops:
Tuesday 23 October, 2007.

Present: J.Zeil, L.Crossfield, T.Steel, L.Mason, J.Walker, M.Howe, J.Lee, M.Hartung, D.Mackenzie.

Apologies: T.de Luca, W. Pix, B.Smith, L.Turnbull

Jochen opened the meeting at 7.45 pm with a list of agenda items on the whiteboard:

- Need to cut down on paper work in members' homes so will continue practice of keeping **electronic minutes** of meetings. Secretary to have 2 hard copies for minute book and archives collection.
- A **website** should be developed to display minutes, documentations, submissions, a repository for activities as a community on line facility. We were directed to the website of FoMM www.majura.org as an example. We need someone to develop and maintain such a facility. On the matter of contentious issues conventions would be decided upon (such as formation of a Working Group) until becoming public is appropriate.
- **Archiving** would be shared between the website and paper files as at present.
- **NCCC – The North Canberra Community Council** is the umbrella organisation that coordinates activities and acts as a point of liaison with Government for any community concerns. It receives $10,000 from Government. They have agreed to fund the rental of Blue Gum Lounge costs for us. Maureen, Len and Jochen are members. There will be an AGM early 2008 and elections for President and committee. We might consider becoming involved in this important group.
- **Len is the NCCC rep on the Noise Consultative committee on the Airport.**
- **Watson Community Association** has contacted Jochen re plans to develop the Heritage site (Canberry Fair) in Nth Watson for housing with a possibility of 300 homes but no traffic plan. WCA have until 22 Nov. to write a submission and have asked us for support. Jochen has sent a submission he wrote in 2003 on Nth Watson Development particularly on Traffic issues that impinge on Hackett and on the use of the nearby Mt Majura Nature Reserve. It is wise to voice our concerns as early as possible. We are invited to contact R. Larson on 62413024 if available to attend a meeting.
- **Christmas dinner** for HCA. Tony Steel has volunteered to host a barbecue in his back yard. Details will be worked out for publication in November NHW newsletter. – King Ruby.... 13th 7pm+
- **IGA** and **King Ruby** are eligible for membership of HCA. It was suggested that we invite the managers or their partners to a meeting to talk about their plans for the shopping precinct perhaps in February the first meeting for 2008.
- **Healthy Hackett** - Walks around Hackett have now taken place on three Tuesdays, from 10 to 11 am. Numbers were 5, 3, 3. We will continue, hoping to join with a Blue Gum play group and maybe with more people from nearby houses. We need a colourful poster for Blue Gum Lounge window.
- **Hackett's 45th Birthday preparations. Motion – That we establish a working group to plan the party and nominate members from the committee to take carriage of various sub groups.** L.Crossfield/J.Walker.
- **Working Group for Birthday** formed from the committee present: J.Walker, M.Hartung, T.Steel, L.Mason, J.Lee. They will formalise a check list of sub groups to be formed and publish it in the November HNW newsletter. (eg. Schools, Churches, Cars, Local performers, arts and crafts display and stalls)
- **Publicity for Birthday:** Chronicle, Radio, Community News. "Back to Hackett Movement" Stateline.
- **Sustainable Hackett:** Next meeting on 31 October **" Sustainable Water Use in the ACT"** to be attended by ACTEWs Chris Hare and ACT Govt representative.

- **Wild Flower Walk** – Sunday 28 October from 2 – 4 pm
- **How Native Plants Respond to Fire** – Examples from the Canberra Region. Wed. 14 November. This meeting will be sponsored by Hackett Neighbourhood Watch.
- **Traffic Working Group** James outlined the direction the group will take. A contact in Roads ACT will be asked about plans for traffic management in Hackett as it continues to increase in traffic. eg. Crossings, more surface footpaths on school routes.
- **Crime wave in Hackett** –Our stats are amongst the highest for August. There have been car burn outs through suburb. Our attention was drawn to the **District Neighbourhood Watch** meeting at Ainslie Football Club on Monday 29 October at 7.30 pm with reps of the Suburban Policing Strategy Team and Crime Prevention Unit. We will post some posters around shops.
- **Next Meeting ;** Tuesday 20 November (3rd Tuesday of each month).
- **Meeting closed at 9 pm.**

Hackett Community Association
Meeting in the Friends of Blue Gum Lounge at Hackett shops:
Tuesday 20 November 2007.

Present: Len Crossfield, Max Huntington, Waltraud Pix, James Walker, Terry de Luca, Alison Inglis, Dorothy Mackenzie, Chris Watson, Maureen Hartung, Bruce Smith
Apologies: Jochen Zeil, Tony Steel
Minutes of last meeting of 23 October, accepted J.Walker/D.Mackenzie
Matters arising:

- Bruce will look at how to develop a HCA website
- Len reported on the North Canberra Community Council (NCCC) discussion of airport issues. While this appeared on the NCCC agenda, nothing controversial was raised at the meeting.
- Agreed that the HCA Christmas dinner would be at King Ruby at 7.00pm, 13 December
- It was agreed that Jochen would extend an invitation to representatives from the Hackett IGA and the King Ruby restaurant to attend and perhaps address a meeting of the HCA in 2008.

General Business:
ACT Planning Issues

- Maureen raised a number of issues which she had flagged in an email sent to members (attached)
- **ACT Plan**: ACT Govt said that new plan was policy neutral, but it appears that this is not the case. Discussion focussed on the status of the Neighbourhood Plans – while they can be considered as part of development decisions and policy development, it is not clear at whose initiative this happens. There appears to be some ambiguity about the status of the Neighbourhood Plans, and it was agreed that it would be desirable to raise this issue as part of the public consultation. This would need to be done quickly, however, because the consultation period ends on 7 December
- **Community Needs Assessments (CNAs)**: ACTPLA has reversed the onus on CNAs – they used to be necessary, but now all that is necessary is a statement that the Authority has not identified the site as being required for community use. How can this be stated in the absence of a CNA?
- **Priority use of community buildings**: Guidelines have been issued which give ACT Govt Depts ahead of community groups in having priority access to community buildings. The Community Assessor has agreed that this should be reviewed. It was agreed to support this review.
- **Traffic implication for Hackett of new Gungahlin suburbs**: It appears that the Gungahlin Community Council has accepted that one major route for traffic from the new suburbs will be Antill Street. This could have major implications for traffic congestion in Hackett (particularly in combination with new development in North Watson)
- Action: It was agreed that there would need to be a small working group to develop a comment from the HCA in the consultation period – possibly involving Len, Terry, Jochen and Bruce.

Sustainability Space in Hackett

- Chris described a proposal for a multi-purpose sustainability space in the revamped Hackett shops.

- Given that elements of this proposal are Commercial in Confidence, it was agreed that Chris would separately circulate to the Committee a written proposal to be discussed at the first meeting in 2008.
- Action: Written proposal to be circulated by Secretary prior to next meeting, and members to consider questions/issues to be raised at that meeting.

Hackett Birthday Celebration

- James provided an update on progress. We are getting feedback from outside the suburb that people are hearing about it. ACTION are worried about committing a historic bus too early.
- Action: James will draft a letter, for Jochen's signature, to appropriate politicians inviting them to the celebration. James will also draft a notice for Neighbourhood Watch asking people to invite people they know who have left Hackett to come back for the party.

Reports from Working Groups

- Pedestrian and bike friendly Hackett – will follow up Gungahlin traffic issue, and will also develop detailed maps and forms for traffic survey for consideration at next meeting
- Healthy Hackett – reviewing strategy in light of limited interest in walks – could consider rescheduling walks in summer to avoid heat
- Sustainable Hackett – in recess. Need to consider the workload of the convenors for next year – significant risk of over-commitment.

Date for next meetings:

- Christmas Dinner – 7.00pm Thursday 13 December King Ruby Restaurant
- Tuesday 12th February (1st meeting of the new year)