Hackett Community Association
Meeting in the Friends of Blue Gum Lounge at Hackett shops: Tuesday 12 February 2008.

Present: Jochen Zeil, Waltraud Pix, James Walker, Terry de Luca, Dorothy Mackenzie, Tony Steel, Bruce Smith, Maureen Howe
Apologies: Chris Watson
Minutes of last meeting of 20 November, accepted J.Walker/D.Mackenzie

Presidents Report
Jochen's report covered the following matters:
He joined HCA into the Curfew for Canberra campaign (the meeting supported this)
He has requested and received agreement to a meeting with Jon Stanhope, Chief Minister of ACT, on Tuesday 15 April at 2.30pm. Three issues will be covered at the meeting: Airport development, traffic in Hackett, and the Nature Reserve. Jochen, Waltraud and Bruce will attend

He would like to move HCA meetings to the 3rd or 4th weeks of the month. This will mean that there will be an opportunity to publicise the meetings in the HNW earlier in the month.

Curfew for Canberra
Terry and Maureen reported on the meeting at the Legislative Assembly on the campaign for an Airport curfew:
Issue of how the airport will relate to carbon trading
Airport had manipulated figures to support its case
Documents put forward by Airport were not detailed enough
Submissions due 27 February

Pedestrian Safe Hackett
Bruce reported on plans for traffic survey:
Key pressure points for rat run discussed
People volunteered to count traffic in survey
Agreed to undertake survey on 25 February

Hackett Birthday Party
James reported on progress (and lack of it)
ACTION will not be able to provide bus
Limited response to HNW notice
Letter of invitation to politicians needs to be done
Will be occasion for reunion of Hackett teachers
Agreed that working group would need to meet to progress work – Tuesday 26 February (Bruce to book room or organise another venue)

Community Cabinet for North Canberra
Waltraud said that it would be good to have a Community Cabinet for North Canberra (on the same basis as for other parts of Canberra).
This should be held after the Birthday. Could be done in conjunction with Watson Community Association. Bruce will draft letter (Waltraud will see if she can find address – otherwise we will simply write to Chief Minister)

Date for next meeting:

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MINUTES OF HCA WORKING GROUP HELD 27 MARCH 2008

1. Present Terry de Luca., Laura Turnbull, James Walker, Bruce Smith
Waltraud Pix
Apology Dorothy Mackernzie

2.Chair Terry de Luca **Convenor** James Walker

3. Reports **ACTION**

JAMES

(1) Daramalan College requested an interview about the Event. Laura/James
(2) Guides – James to contact again re suitable involvement for young girls. James
(3) No further replies from the schools yet..

(4) Port o Loos – James had investigated this and their were three possible firms we could use (i) Coates
(ii) ACTQ Cost @ $360.00 for two
(iii) Canberra Hire Mitchell @ $240.00 for two.
It was decided to think about this for a while. Deadline = 2weeks before.

(5) John Lee has been contacted re publicity He is being most helpful
(6) Closing the Northside Parking Area could prove difficult. Many rules consider.and application must be in writing @ two weeks beforehand. Bruce
(7) James has already placed an ad. in "Canberra Times" Cost $72,22.
(8) IGA – no further news . Will approach Arthut re the use of hessian.

BRUCE

(1) He has spoken to Community Groups re INSURANCE. No luck so far.
They only consider insurance for event which THEY organize.
Dorothy is still checking with Neighbourhood Watch. Dorothy
Len is also looking into this issue.
James offered to check what Campbell did about insurance. James

4. PLANNING

A tentative PROGRAMME for our event must be prepared soon.. Everybody

10.00am Welcome by our Aboriginal friends.
Church Service organised by Rev. Harvey Smith.
MC will be Terry.
10.30am Flag Raising - Scouts & Guides

!1.30am Warrani Choir

12noon Cake –cutting and the Official Ceremony
Pre-school singing " Happy Birthday"

12.15pm Canberra City Band

12.45pm Canberra Folk Dancing & Egyptian Dancing STALLS
Marie Jenkins EXHIBITION

5 The **Warini Choir** has accepted our invitation to sing

6. Blue Gum School & Pre-School want to run Children's Activities and a Café.

7 **A SITE PLAN** needs to be developed
We will also need Site Marshalls. They will need to be easily indentified.

8. We will also have to consider who /where our Hackett Community Display will be held and who will man this.

9. Chairs & Tables will be needed. We could approach the local churches. Laura

Meeting closed @ 9pm.

Next Meeting will be on Thursday 10th April at Bruce's Home

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MINUTES OF HCA WORKING GROUP HELD 10 April 2008

1. Present : Laura Turnbull, Bruce Smith, James Walker. & Waltraud Pix
Apology : Dorothy Mackenzie

2. Chair: Bruce **Convenor:** James Walker

ACTION

3 Reports

James :- (i) has been in contact with **Daramalan College**. They definitely want to be involved. Will let us know in what way.

(ii) **Campbell High School** would like to send a School Band. They are willing to play @11 o'clock.

(iii) All our local M.P.'s will attend.(Sen.Lundy will confirm this A.S.A.P.) Some "potential" Assembly politicians are also interested.

(iv) Guides are still unsure what their contribution will be. They will advise us A.S.A.P.

Waltraud:- (i) The Blue Gum School will be running some activities

(ii) Dance Groups will be coming & they may also be able to get us some more chairs if we need more.

(iii) Alan Green from Sports House has agreed to help us with chairs We will formally ask him for co-operation. **BRUCE.**

(iv)Friends of Mt. Majura have offered to run a raffle The prize might be a Wollemi Pine.

(v) All the big satellite maps of Hackett will be available for display.

Bruce :- (i) Parking Area getting permission to close this off will not be a possibility

(ii)Insurance is proving to be complicated and must be clarified. Northside Community Service had initially refused to cover our event This may change. North Canberra Community Council may be able to step in with some help, but this would mean them becoming Co-Sponsors. If they did this it may work Bruce read out to us the Terms & Conditions for cover from AON. Many questions will have to be answered in relation to each of the participants. Some of them may already have Insurance cover themselves. Everyone agreed that our Event will be Alcohol-Free. If we go ahead with Insurance plans we would need to estimate how many people we expect to participate. It was decided that we thought @1000 people and 4 Stalls will be involved. **BRUCE**

Laura :- Chairs & Tables will be mage available through Holy Cross/St Margaret's Churches. These will have to be collected and returned on the Saturday.

TERRY & BRUCE

4. Publicity

(i) James thinks that we now have enough information about our Birthday Party to begin our Publicity now. He will contact John Lee **JAMES.**

(ii) Tony has already hung a large banner at the Hackett Shops this week.

(iii) We can now contact the "Canberra Times" & "The Chronicle" to get as much coverage as we can. James to suggest running a story on 23rd/24th April.

(iv) A Letter-Box Drop must be arranged very soon.
(v) Posters need to be prepared. Could we distribute them through IGA ?
Also use the Display Boards at the shops? **JAMES**

5. Traffic Survey Results could be displayed at the Birthday Party. Waltraud had also taken some interesting photographs which could be included.

6. Further planning
(i) Will HCA pay for the renting of Porta-Loos and/or balloons for the occasion? We will ask at the coming HCA Meeting on 22nd April.

Meeting closed at 9,00 p.m

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 24TH APRIL 2008 AT 7.30P.M.

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Tuesday 22 April 2008.

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Guests: Mike Hettinger, Sarah Parkes
Apologies: Len Crossfield
Minutes of last meeting of 18 March, accepted with amendments D.Mackenzie/L.Turnball

General Business:
Meeting with Chief Minister

- Jochen, Waltraud and Bruce, on behalf of HCA, met with Jon Stanhope, ACT Chief Minister on Tuesday 14 April from 2.30pm to 3.15pm. The Chief Minister listened to the concerns of the Association and committed to follow up some key issues. Main issues discussed were:

- Traffic: Used traffic survey data to illustrate extent of the problem. Requested consideration of:
  1. short term fix for traffic through Hackett;
     - CM said that he would ask Tony Gill to brief him on immediate traffic issue
  2. longer-term strategy to deal with traffic from east Gungahlin;
     - CM made no commitment beyond duplication of GDE. Noted that there is no Commonwealth Government funding for public transport
  3. de-gazettal of Monash Drive (for environmental and amenity reasons).
     - CM indicated that he did not think Monash Drive was on agenda, but did not commit to de-gazettal.

- Mt Majura:
  1. Degradation being caused by rabbits and kangaroos reducing biodiversity and causing erosion
     - CM was not aware that rabbits have become a severe problem, and was not aware of the wider problems on Mt Majura - said he would follow up
  2. Lack of maintenance of walking tracks - becoming safety hazard
     - CM not aware - he asked about the severity of the problem said he would follow up
  3. Weeds out of control - beyond capacity of volunteers to deal with it - should be responsibility of government and not volunteers
     - CM said he would seek advice on cut-backs and disruption to government services in this area
  4. Monash Drive - consider the major threat to endangered grassy woodland community
     - CM response - see above

- Airport expansion: This would seriously degrade Canberra's assets, jeopardize attempts to cope with climate change, and the case put forward by the Airport Corporation is distorted and not independently verified
  - CM noted that Airport out of his jurisdiction, though he had raised this in Commonwealth-State Ministers meetings

- Jochen noted that NCCC/HCA should put in submissions to the Commonwealth Government White Paper on this issue, and that submissions are due by the end of June. Curfew for Canberra will be putting in a submission.

Hackett Birthday Party

- James gave a report on progress in planning the birthday party, and Bruce gave a report on progress on obtaining public liability insurance
    - It was agreed that HCA would, if necessary, pay the full cost of insurance in order to ensure that the party proceeded
    - It was agreed not to proceed with the application to close Hackett Place (north) for the party
    - It was agreed that the final order of events etc would be settled by the Birthday party sub-group.

Membership fees

- It was agreed that the subscription of membership fees collected from 22 April would cover the rest of the 07-08 financial year and also the 08-09 financial year (proposed by James, seconded by Terry)

Notices

- Notice was given about the next presentation being organised by FoMM (on Indian Myna bird - 15 May)

Next meeting

- 7.30pm, 27 May at Friends Lounge. Jochen will request Tony Gill, Director, ACT Roads, to attend.

MINUTES OF HCA WORKING GROUP HELD 24 APRIL 2008

1 PRESENT ; James Walker, Laura Turnbull. Dorothy Mackenzie,
Bruce Smith .Waltraud Pix & Terry de Luca.

2 REPORTS **ACTION**

James :- distributed posters advertising the Party prepared by John Lee

a) **INSURANCE**

Bruce: Reported on the situation re- Insurance. He had faced difficulty
In contacting AON. He hopes to be successful by Wednesday- 30th

Dorothy will ask" Neighbourhood Watch" if they can help us. DOROTHY

Bruce will also ask NCCC if funds are available to help us BRUCE

b) **SIGNAGE**
Somebody had destroyed our large sign erected at the Hackett Shops.
Tony Steele will be asked to replace it for us.
Terry will also place a sign at the corner of Madigan/ Maitland Street TERRY

c) **FURNITURE**
(i) Chairs & Tables will so collected from the Church Hall on Friday night
and placed in one of the Hackett Shops. The owner of the shop will
be contacted for permission first. WALTRAUD
(ii) Terry will ask Tony Steele for help TERRY
(iii) Church hall will opened on Friday night LAURA

d) **MEAL TOGETHER** afterwards at King Ruby ? YES **EVERYONE**

e) **ABORIGINAL CEREMONY**
Matlida House has agreed to open the Party with a **WELCOME**
Reminder to be given to her. DOROTHY

f) **ORDER OF EVENTS FOR THE**

Welcome Ceremony

Interfaith Service.

Scouts display when they are ready - early on.

Campbell School Band has requested to go on early too..

Wirani Choir will follow them.

Cake Cutting Ceremony at 12 noon

Canberra City Band will play until @ 12.30pm

Daramalan Band will play @ 1.30pm – 2pm

Folk Dancing 2.pm- 2.30pm

g) OTHER ARRANGEMENTS

i) Microphones & Amplifier to be set up with the help of IGA LAURA

ii) " Chroncle" to be informed of who is cutting the cake.
Terry as MC needs to be briefed re names. LAURA

iii) Pre-school needs to be contacted re singing "Happy Birthday" LAURA
doing some activities for us.

iv) Some other School Bands need to be contacted re times of performance.
Ainslie North
Majura Primary
Dickson College
Our Programme has one morning & two afternoon slots available. LAURA

v) Order of Events sheets will place strategically around the site JAMES

h) SITE LAYOUT

This needs to carefully planned BRUCE

Dorothy was concerned abut the untidyness of the site. She will look into this.

Laura & Freddie Turnbull were asked to organise balloons for the occasion.
They will arrange for the purchase of 100 balloons and gas to fill them. LAURA

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

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Present: Jochen Zeil, James Walker, Laura Turnbull, Len Crossfield., Christine Watson, Cordelia Dalton, Kate Haughey, Maureen Howe, Dorothy Mackenzie, Lorraine Schuller, Lynn Binns, John Briggs, Miles Boack (Downer Community Association)

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

Minutes of last meeting of 22 April, accepted J.Walker/L.Turnbull.

General Business:

Reports and Dates:

1. **Good news**: Government has made two grants for Nth Canberra. $100,000 for rabbit control for all Nth Canberra, and $100,000 to rehabilitate walking tracks on Mt Majura.
2. Jochen reminded C.M he had promised more feedback on other issues (see Minutes of last meeting) and has been notified that C.M. will respond soon.
3. **Monday 23 June 3.30 – 4.30 pm Cabinet Meets the Community at Northside Community Service.** Should be advertised in Chronicle and Canberra Times. This is an outcome of the meeting of HCA with C.M. A really important occasion to be there with the full Cabinet with full administrative support. **Be prepared to speak with any member of Cabinet on following matters**: Thank you for grant money, Traffic issues, Nature Reserve, Airport that aims to expand dramatically and establish a 24 hr freight hub with unacceptable noise and costs to roads etc. Visit Curfew4Canberra website for further information. They will say that Airports are subject to Federal jurisdiction. We should say Yes but we want our Govt to stand up for the community, make a submission to Federal Minister and protect our environment and amenity. Take a notebook and ask them to get back to you on your issue or proposal – give them your address.
4. **Light Rail Project:** Gungahlin Community Council is pushing this option to be finished by centenary. It needs Federal support and it seems clear that K.Rudd is considering this.
5. 27 June is deadline for submission to Federal Govt discussion paper about policies guiding a Green Paper re the Airport plan.
6. **2 July** – ACT Govt has asked all Community Councils to consider the issue of community spaces for groups to meet and the payment thereof.
7. **NCCC** – Jochen has attended Watson and Downer Community Associations to bring them together as part of NCCC. As there are funds of $10,000 year to be accessed for community activities. 1/3 goes to Insurance.
8. **Watson CC** made a huge submission in response to the rezoning of land in Nth Watson for residential development. The final paper brushes away all community submissions so NCCC has a role to help. Matters of Nature Reserve, Traffic flow.

9. **We should plan to have a meeting with candidates for election to Local Legislative Assembly in September.**
10. **Hackett's Birthday Party debrief.** This was hugely successful with an estimate of 3,000 to 3,500 people attending throughout the day. It was insured by NCCC (Thank you to Bruce Smith for his work in finalising this) Quite a few students and teachers of Hackett School came back. Guides and other stalls were very happy as they raised the money they hoped for. Next party will by Hackett's 50th on Canberra's Centenary. Thank you letters to performers are in hand. Thank you to Laura for the photographs, some will be kept in archives. Congratulations to James Walker for leading the working group.
11. **Traffic Working Group- a NCCC initiative:** This began as Footpaths and Crossings but now we need to take the opportunity to incorporate Watson and Downer into the discussion. On 27 May, Director of ACT Roads, Tony Gill acknowledged that there is a problem with Gungahlin traffic coming through the nthn suburbs at peak times and said he would be prepared to work out concrete solutions of short , medium and long term with a working group. We need to prepare a map of main roads, and discuss suggested solutions before meetings with Mr Gill. T. Gill is preparing a disc on problems caused by Gungahlin traffic flowing through nthn suburbs. The suggestion of fixing Majura Road quickly, think about public transport, delay the three new suburbs (10,000 new homes) until roads fixed. A stop gap measure to encourage car pooling could cut traffic by 50% (use of email to car pools in your area going to your place of work) and is instantly easy costing nothing. Contact schools (NAPS and Majura) A committee member of NCCC needs to be chair of a group of interested people who would work together
12. **NCCC Thursday 19.06.08 Traffic Group will meet. Miles, Richard, James and Bruce.**
13. **See-Change Group (Social, economic, environment, change)** In April Sustainable Hackett invited people interested in bulk buying solar hot water to form a See-Change Group with support NCCC. Jamison has led the way with this successful venture of involving people to set targets of reduction of 30% emissions in 3 years. Issues including traffic, electricity, lights, insulation, solar hot water, food, recycling. A sub committee of 5 people who want to be part of an exciting event and will work towards involving the whole community will be set up. Jamison did a letter box drop to all homes. Sustainable Schools become involved. Cordelia Dalton, Kate Haughey (interim chair), Maureen Howe, Christine Watson volunteered to initially steer a group for Nth Canberra. There are Social Work students who need projects. Need to locate handimen and women who can make pelmets for windows and doors, door seals, double glazing processes.
14. **HCA needs to set a date for AGM 2008.**
15. **Next meeting will be on 22 July, 2008.**

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Guests: Ken Allen, Betty Allen, Barbara McCarthy, Shane Rattenbury, Mike Hettinger
Apologies: Maureen Hartung

Presidents Report
In his report Jochen noted:

- We have received a response from Jon Stanhope, Chief Minister, to the issues we raised at our meeting of 15 April:
  - We have received funding in the Budget for Landcare on Mt Majura
  - He has written to Canberra Airport seeking clarification of key issues we raised
  - Set out various traffic measures for Gungahlin, and did not agree to de-gazette Monash Drive
- Met with ACTPLA
  - Raised the issue of community organization insurance - response appeared to be sympathetic
  - Govt has committed to better inform community - will inform about plans which may affect the community
- Community Cabinet went well
- Meet the Candidates in Sept - NCCC will be organising
- Traffic committee will be meeting soon
- See Change will take over from Sustainable Hackett
- Airport - lot of activity - community consultation meeting held last week. Misleading letter was sent stating that there was no problem with curfew - this has been contested in very strong terms

Minutes of last meeting of 17 June, accepted

See Change -
Have had one meeting and agreed to consider merging with the existing See Change group in North Canberra - seems to make more sense than Hackett going it alone. Will send an ad to Hackett Neighbourhood Watch to tell people about the next meeting.

Heritage Village
Ken, Betty and Barbara (and Waltraud) set out the background and issues associated with the Heritage Village development:

- Very poor planning process:
  - Ignoring submissions;
  - Not transparent - arbitrary information changes
  - not part of earlier planning processes;
  - weak rationales (around affordable housing)
  - argument that current facility not viable appears flawed
- Loss of a major recreation facility for area (including new suburbs)
- Environmental damage to Mt Majura
- Additional traffic congestion stress for North Canberra

- Could be the beginning of major development right through the Antill St corridor to (and including) Ted Noffs building.

It was agreed that:
- HCA endorsed opposition to development in current form
    - Important to provide buffer between North Canberra and new suburbs
- HCA would approach NCCC to raise the media profile of the issue (particularly with the *Canberra Times*);
- Article would be provided to the Hackett Neighbourhood Watch (Barbara to provide text to Waltraud)

Noted that more basic information would be circulated in Watson - eg. letter boxing

Traffic update
Bruce reported that meeting of NCCC traffic committee and Tony Gill would be organised soon
- Main focus would be immediate improvements
- Strong interest generated by Neighbourhood Watch piece - number of suggestions made (eg. extension of bike path)

Monash Drive issue would need to be raised at Meet the Candidates
Brief discussion about merits of Monash Drive.

NCCC Report
Bruce gave quick report on plan to hold a Meet the Candidates session in mid-Sept. Each person would be given a brief opportunity to outline their key views, and to response to a set of issues identified by the NCCC as important to the community.

AGM
Agreed to hold AGM on Tuesday 16 September at St Margaret's Church.
Maureen agreed to ask Bob Douglas of See Change to speak.

Treasurer's report
Terry reported that expenses for the Birthday party balanced income generated by the event, and that overall we are $100 in front of where we began the year (current balance $1,055).

It was agreed to support a request from Friends of Mount Majura to pay $25 for their membership of the Molongo Catchment Group.

Notices
- Waltraud gave notice about National Tree Day planting on Mt Majura on 27 July

Next meeting
- 7.30pm, 19 August at Friends Lounge.

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Present: Max Huntington, Laura Turnbull, Waltraud Pix, Lorraine Mason, Bruce Smith, Dorothy Mackenzie; James Walker, Peter Kelly, John Lee, Richard Mulcahy, Mike Hettinger

Apologies: Jenny Blaik

Minutes of last meeting of 22 July, accepted Dorothy and Max

General Business:

"Meet the Candidates": Bruce outlined arrangements for the NCCC "Meet the Candidates" at Dickson College at 7.30 on 17 September. Key issues will be: Airport, traffic management, Monash Drive, Heritage Village, care of Mt Majura, Dragway, Summernats. Discussion focussed on:

- ways to ensure that the forum stays on Nth Canberra issues and doesn't become an opportunity for parties to put forward their general platforms (key questions organised in advance);
- ways to publicise the forum (insert in Neighbourhood Watch, ads in Canberra Times)

HCA AGM: Meeting will be held Tuesday 16 September. Discussion focussed on:

- Need to get confirmation about speaker from See Change;
- Jochen and Terry will be standing down from their positions;
- See if we can organise renewal of memberships before the meeting begins;
- Will need to publicise in Neighbourhood Watch.

Traffic update: Peter outlined issues which will be addressed in the meeting with Tony Gill on Wednesday 20 August:

- main focus will be on Majura/Philip Ave intersection
- also on exits from Watson, pedestrian crossings out of Hackett and bike paths.

Peter talked about the difficulty of getting Deanes Buses to discuss the traffic problems

Heritage Village: Government Planning Committee had recommended to proceed with housing development on Heritage Village site. Issues discussed included the effect this would have on traffic and on further development of Majura foothills. There was also discussion about the effect of longer term development of new suburbs such as Kenny. Richard described how the planning processes normally operate and how they can work to exclude communities if not handled properly.

Notices

- Waltraud reported that the event held by Friends of Mt Majura for National Tree Day - was great success - 380 trees planted
- James reported that the Territory Archives are now available to the public, and how we could reinstitute the Hackett Oral History project
- The decision by Blue Gum to close the Friends of Blue Gum Lounge at the end of the year (due to exorbitant rents) was noted. This will need to be discussed at future meetings.

Date for next meeting: AGM to be held on 16 September 2008 at Blue Gum Lounge

Hackett Community Association
Annual General Meeting
8.00pm, Tuesday 16 September 2008
Friends of Blue Gum Lounge at Hackett shops

Present: Jochen Zeil, Max Huntington, Jill Huntington, Brett Davis, Tony Steel, Jennifer Blaik, Laura Turnbull, Waltraud Pix, Lorraine Mason, Patrick McNamara, Kate Haughey, Harriet Spring, Matt Ruffin, Margaret Cameron, Paul McMahon, Margaret Corcoran, Terry de Luca, Helen Carse, Len Crossfield, John Feehan, Ian Cade, Bruce Smith, Dorothy Mackenzie; James Walker, Mike Hettinger

Apologies: Waltraud Pix; Jean Chesson

Jochen Zeil opened the meeting and welcomed everyone

Minutes of AGM of 20 September, accepted by James Walker and Tony Steel

Chair's Report: (attached)
Jochen reported on 7 key developments for HCA over the last year:

1. HCA helped in the formation of Curfew for Canberra
2. HCA helped rescue the North Canberra Community Council
3. HCA members met with the Chief Minister to discuss traffic, the Airport and Mt Majura
4. The Traffic Working Group made substantial progress over year
5. The Hackett 45th Birthday party was a huge success
6. Friends of Mt Majura continued with a range of successful activities, and won the 2007 Landcare Award
7. Sustainable Hackett continued with a number of activities and eventually merged with SEE-Change

Jochen then went on to outline a number of assets, opportunities and threats for Hackett over the next year:
Assets:

- Neighbourhood Watch Newletter
- Blue Gum School Friends Lounge

Opportunities

- Hackett Community Produce Garden
- Hackett Shops Developments

Threats

- Demise of Blue Gum School Friends Lounge
- Monash Drive
- Canberra Airport Development

Discussion of the report included:

- Monash Drive has been taken off the ACT Plan but not the Commonwealth Plan. It would be highly desirable to remove it entirely now.
- There has been one key success with the Airport so far - the ACT Government has acknowledged that noise from the Airport Development will be a problem in North Canberra

Jochen's report was accepted by James Walker and Len Crossfield

Treasurer's Report:
Terry outlined the finances of the HCA, with the bottom line that we made surplus in the 2007-08 financial year of $172.71, bringing our overall balance up to $1,128.64.

Terry's report was accepted by Tony and Jochen.

Elections: Conducted by Len Crossfield

- **Chair**: James Walker (nom. Lyn Binns, Bruce Smith)
- **Deputy Chair**: Max Huntington (nom. James Walker, Jochen Zeil)
- **Treasurer**: Lorraine Mason (nom. Tony Steel, James Walker)
- **Secretary**: Bruce Smith (nom. Jochen Zeil, Terry de Luca)
- **Public Officer**: Laura Turnbull (nom. James Walker, Dorothy Mackenzie)
- **General Committee**: Harriet Spring (sec. Maureen Howe); Terry de Luca (sec. Tony Steel); Waltraud Pix (sec. Harriet Spring); Tony Steel (sec. Terry de Luca)

James took the chair, and thanked the previous committee, and particularly Jochen, for their work over the last year.

It was agreed that meetings of the Association would continue to be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

The meeting closed 9.00pm

Hackett Community Association – AGM 2008
Jochen Zeil
President's Report for 2008

(1) Helped forming Curfew for Canberra (C4C) – a coalition of resident associations and community councils across Canberra and the Region to lobby for the introduction of a curfew at Canberra Airport in anticipation of the establishment of a night freight hub and Canberra Airport as the reliever airport for Sydney (Jenny Savigni, Geoff Willans)
- a) Follow-up action: December meeting of HCA
- b) Follow-up action: C4C Meeting in June
- c) Follow-up action: Submission to Airport Master Plan
- d) Follow-up action: Submission to Government Green Paper

(2) Helped rescuing NCCC (North Canberra Community Council) (Bruce Smith, Geoff Willans)
- a) Follow-up action: regular meetings of NCCC and HCA
- b) Follow-up action: meetings with Downer and Watson Community Associations
- c) Follow-up action: *Meet the Cabinet* in June 2008
- d) Follow-up action: *Meet the Candidates* in September 2008 – Sept
- e) Follow-up action: Meeting with ACTPLA & Department of Disability and Community Services – Gov't Contract
- f) Follow-up action: Meeting of Community Councils with the Chief Minister – Traffic Nature Res.

(3) HCA Meeting with Stanhope. Topics: Traffic, Nature Reserve (including Monash Drive) & Curfew for Canberra Airport (Bruce Smith, Waltraud Pix)
- a) Outcome: Traffic Problem Negotiations with Tony Gill, Director ACT Roads
- b) Outcome: 100k for Track Rehabilitation in Mt Majura Nature Reserve
- c) Outcome: 100k for Rabbit Control in North Canberra

(4) HCA Traffic Working Group (James Walker, Bruce Smith)
- a) Hackett Traffic Survey
- b) HCA Meeting with Tony Gill, Director of ACT Roads, May
- c) Ongoing Negotiations with Tony Gill, Director of ACT Roads

(5) Hackett 45 Year Birthday Party
Organizing committee: Bruce Smith, Dorothy Mackenzie, James Walker, Laura Turnbull, Terry DeLuca, Tony Steel, Waltraud Pix

(6) Friends of Mt Majura (FoMM) (Waltraud Pix, Noel Birchall)
- a) Submissions to Heritage Village Plans in North Watson
- b) Hilltop to Backfence Lecture Series
- c) Walks and Talks
- d) Regular Weeding & Planting Events
- e) World Environment Day in June
- f) Winning the 2007 Landcare Award
- g) Ongoing support from members of the community and from ACT rangers

(7) Sustainable Hackett
- a) Meeting with ACTEW on sustainable water use
- b) Talk by John Newton on Climate Change
- c) Meeting on Bulk Buying Solar Hot Water and Photovoltaics
- d) Merging with SEE-Change

(8) Assets, Opportunities and Threats:
- a) Assets 1: Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter (Dorothy Mackenzie & Patrick McNamara)
- b) Assets 2: Blue Gum School Friends Lounge
- c) Opportunities 1: Hackett Community Produce Garden (Edwina Richardson)
- d) Opportunities 2: Hackett Shops Developments
- e) Threats 1: The demise of Blue Gum School Friends Lounge
- f) Threats 2: Monash Drive
- g) Threats 3: Canberra Airport Development – submission ACT Govt – achieved a new problem in NTAC. = new. Put in Curfew now.

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Hackett Community Association
Meeting in the Friends of Blue Gum Lounge at Hackett shops:
Tuesday 21 October 2008.

Present: James Walker, Max Huntington, Laura Turnbull, Jochen Zeil, Waltraud Pix, Terry de Luca, Pat McNamara, Bruce Smith, Len Crossfield, Tony Steel, Harriet Spring,

Apologies: Dorothy Mackenzie

Minutes – of last meeting – accepted (seconded Laura)

Treasurers report – Terry reported situation same since AGM – accepted - (seconded Harriet)

Additional committee members – the meeting agreed to the appointments of Terry de Luca as Assistant Treasurer, Dorothy Mackenzie as Assistant Secretary, and Jochen Zeil as member.

Meeting Room – Discussion focussed on options for future meeting places for the HCA given the closure of the Blue Gum Lounge at the end of the year. Options included:

- New room at Blue Gum School
- St Margaret's Church
- Dickson College
- Sports House
- Café at Hackett shops
- Smaller vacant room at front of Hackett shops
- Building near old scout hall
- Signadou campus
- Rosary Church Hall
- Ainslie Football club

It was agreed that:

- Priority should be given to sites within Hackett (James and Bruce to investigate)
- We should approach Government agencies to highlight the problem and press for actions (NCCC should take up with Government – Jochen will try to identify appropriate Government agency – James and Bruce will draft letter to Government)

Working Groups – The meeting undertook a status report and update on working groups

- Healthy Hackett – in abeyance
- Sustainable Hackett – folded into SEE-Change – no further action at this stage
- Title of Footpaths and Pedestrian Crossings working group changed to Traffic and Pedestrian Working Group
- Archives Working Group continues on current basis.

HCA Membership – Discussed need to be able to sign up members outside meetings, and publicise membership to community. It was agreed that:

- Chair and Secretary should be able to sign up members and receive monies

- Put membership application form in Hackett Neighbourhood Watch twice a year – possibly with more details about what to do included on form.

HCA fund raising – James reported that he had been approached by people who would like to contribute to fund-raising though cake stalls, BBQs etc. Discussion on how to give people the opportunity to contribute to this. Agreed that:

- HCA should, wherever possible, connect people who wish to raise funds with people/groups in the community who could use those funds (ie. a brokerage role)

Traffic report – Bruce reported that the next stage of traffic work would be community consultation about an option developed by ACT Roads to reverse the give-way priority at the Majura Ave/ Philip Ave intersection. A number of weaknesses of this proposal were discussed (particularly that it would make it difficult to exit the suburb at peak times). Agreed that these points (and others) would be raised in the consultations.

Majura Foothills – Waltraud reported on progress, including that:

- We should put out feelers on where the National Capital Authority stands on the Monash Drive issue
- Waltraud has written to Government stating that the area east of Antill St should not be used for residential development

Polling place in Hackett – Discussion about whether it would be desirable and practical to have an electoral polling station in Hackett. Agreed that:

- We should write to the Electoral Commission suggesting that a station be located in the former Hackett school, and seeing what reasons are put forward (if any) for not agreeing to that (James and Bruce to write)

Future events

- Len suggested that we set up a stall at the Majura Festival at the Dickson shops
- Laura suggested that we should find out if and when there is going to be an opening party for the new café at the Hackett Shops – we should plan on contributing to this event if we can (James to see if he can find out opening date)

Public officer fees – Laura sought agreement for funding for fees required for the HCA registration – this was agreed.

Next meeting – Tuesday 18 November

Hackett Community Association
Meeting in the Friends of Blue Gum Lounge at Hackett shops:
Tuesday 18 November 2008.

Present: Terry de Luca, Max Huntington, Laura Turnbull, Waltraud Pix, Lorraine Mason, Bruce Smith, Dorothy Mackenzie; James Walker, John Lee, Tony Steel

Visitors: Tracey Foote, Deputy Commander, Majura SES; and Stephanie Wilson, Majura SES

Apologies: Jochen Zeil, Jenny Blaik

Minutes of last meeting, accepted

General Business:

SES in Hackett**:** Tracey and Stephanie told the meeting that the Majura State Emergency Service (SES) has moved into their new premises in Holtz Crescent. The SES is keen to work with the Hackett Community and to support the community where possible:

- This can include helping people with gutters and preparation in the event of fire;
- Equipment (such as chain saws) can be accessed by community groups such as FoMM;
- They are open to the use of their headquarters for community meetings, noting that there are restrictions (a Majura SES person would need to be in attendance)
- Particularly keen for residents of Hackett to get involved - retirees could become "associate members" and assist in, for example, cooking to support officers in major operations

Tracey and Stephanie also reported:

- Training will be on Thursday nights
- They are looking to officially open in February;
- They will write an article for HNW to let residents know what is happening.

Accommodation: James and Bruce reported that the venue of the next meeting will be ACT Sports House - it appears to have good facilities at reasonable rates and is centrally located in Hackett

Traffic: Bruce reported on the public meeting about traffic options held on 13 November. He reported that the option of reversing give-way priority for traffic at the Majura/Philip Ave intersection was rejected, and ACT Roads agreed to develop options for decreasing the flow of traffic in the suburb.
It was agreed that HCA should apply political pressure to get priority for traffic lights at the intersection. Consideration should also be given to speed signs along Maitland, Madigan and Philip. It was agreed that Bruce would draft a letter from HCA to the Chief Minister, and that there should also be an article in HNW.

Coffee Shop: There was a general discussion about progress on the renovation at the shops for the new coffee shop. It is understood that they are aiming for a February opening.

Community Garden: The HCA agreed to give in-principle support to the development of a Community Garden. The garden would include a propagation area for native plants which would be linked to FoMM. Bruce will write a letter of support.

Meeting closed 8.55pm

Date for next meeting: Tuesday 16 December 2008