Hackett Community Association
Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett:
Tuesday 16 March 2010.

Present: James Walker (Chair), Dorothy Mackenzie, Terry de Luca, Max Huntington, Laura Turnbull, Waltraud Pix, Lorraine Mason, Pat McNamara; John Lee, Bruce Smith

Visitors: Ben McHugh, Jane Peters, M.Cosgrave, M.Brady

Apologies: Jochen Zeil

Treasurer's report: $1,187.71 as on 15 Feb – plus 5 additional deposits

Proposal for Traffic lights at Majura Ave/ Phillip Ave intersection

Ben McHugh (Roads ACT) and Jane Peters from (ACOM Consulting engineers) presented a proposed plan for the construction of traffic lights at the intersection of Phillip and Majura Avenues. Key features of the proposal included:

- Widening of road to incorporate turning lanes (left from Phillip into Majura, and left, from Majura into Phillip)
- Pedestrian crossing included
- 5 trees would need to be removed
- cables to be relocated
- reduced queue length from 400 to 60 metres
- The lights will be able to recalculate cycles – every 2.5 minutes – and will be sensitive to cars outside peaks

A funding bid has been made for forward design and construction. If funding is approved, the best case would be for construction to start next year – before June 2011.

Issues discussed were

- why couldn't we have traffic lights only operating sometimes? Ben said he would go back and check - he thought there may be safety issues
- on what basis were projections about queues etc done? They were based on current traffic flows, but consultants confident that the design could cope with different traffic flows in future
- Was Dickson College consulted? – they are happy – wanted extra pathway

General Business:

Minutes – accepted

Membership – list presented by Bruce, prepared on information provided by Lorraine and James – accepted

James reported on regularising membership for Wilbur's – so membership covered all staff – joint membership of staff for $40. This was noted and agreed.

Table at Wilburs: A roster was agreed for staffing the table the following Saturday. The aim is to listen to any issues/concerns people have and facilitate membership applications

Citizen of the Year for Hackett: James proposed that each year Hackett runs a Citizen of the Year – committee members would be excluded. It is scheme often used in country towns to promote civic pride.

There was extensive discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of the proposal. Issues raised included: how would we know about what people had done; it could be divisive by highlighting some achievements and not others; could be difficult to judge the merits of different kinds of activities; and it may compromise the privacy of some people. In the end the Committee decided not to proceed with it at this time.

Hackett 50 year book: James noted that almost no offers of assistance had been received to help with the production of this book (some people had volunteered to provide their memories but no one had come forward to do the work). He proposed that the Committee needed to make a decision about whether to proceed on that basis.

Discussion included:

- such a book would need to have one person who could drive it forward - one author with perhaps a grant
- If we put it on backburner, it will be too late to have done for 2013. (but does that matter if it is late?)
- Could it be a smaller product? Pamphlet? But still time-consuming and energy consuming

It was agreed to put the list of activities into the Hackett newsletter and ask if there is any interest. A decision to be made at the May meeting so people would have a chance to consider the idea.

Notifications were given about

- NCCC meeting on traffic – 7.30pm Wednesday 1 March ACT Sports House
- 27 March – Downer 50 year bash 10-3.

Meeting finished 9.00pm. Next meeting on 20 April.

Hackett Community Association
Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett:
Tuesday 17 August 2010

Present: James Walker (Chair), Dorothy Mackenzie, Laura Turnbull, Freddie Turnbull, Lorraine Mason, Bruce Smith

Minutes - Accepted.

Chair's report – James said that items for his report would be covered under other items in the agenda

Treasurers Report - Lorraine reported that the Association accounts are $1,343.27 in credit

Monash Drive – Bruce reported that the National Capital Authority had begun consultations on the future of Monash Drive. There was discussion that HCA needs to ensure that its views are heard, either independently or through the NCCC.

Annual General Meeting: There was a substantial discussion about planning for the AGM on 21 September, including:

- Room is booked – Room 2 at Sports House
- Speakers could include new Pharmacist, representative from Samaritan House
- Table displays – local scouts/ local guides/ Bluegum/ Hackett Preschool/ Samaritan House/ Friends of Mt Majura/ Hackett Neighbourhood Watch
- Laura and Lorraine will be talking to Wilburs about catering
- Invite ex-member for Fraser Bob McMullan
- We should put up some displays of our own –
- Put Treasurer's table outside of room – and then close at 7.30pm?
- Nominations should be settled as early as possible but giving anyone at the meeting the opportunity to volunteer for any positions
- Publicity should include: signs up at shops, and word of mouth.
- James and Dorothy will form a catering sub-committee

James provided an easel for the HCA to stage displays - the Committee thanked him for this.

Table at shops – 18th September: The Committee discussed preparations for the next Table at the Shops, drawing up a tentative schedule to ensure that there will be enough people who can sign up new members.

Other business: James reported that he had tried to get a copy of the full interview he gave about Summernats – but unable to get anything other than what was broadcast

Meeting closed 9.15pm

Hackett Community Association
Annual General Meeting, Sports House, Room 2.
7.30pm, Tuesday 21 September 2010.

Present: Twenty one as recorded in attendance book.

Chair, James Walker opened the meeting at 7.50 pm and welcomed everyone with a special welcome to the guest of honour, retired MHR Mr Bob McMullan.

Minutes of AGM of 29 September, 2009. These were accepted after Waltraud Pix moved an amendment to the Chair's report 2009-2010. The reference on page 3 notes that a cheque for $25 was given to FoMM for their subscription to "Sullivan's Creek Catchment Area". This was corrected to read "Molonglo Catchment Group Inc." Dorothy Mackenzie/Jochen Zeil Carried.

Treasurer's report: (attached)
Lorraine Mason reported that the balance for the Association is $1,281.27Cr. Report accepted (Lorraine/Terry).
Motion: Thanks to NCCC for paying the rent for meeting room for last financial year. Terry de Luca/Len Crossfield Carried.

Chair's Report: (attached)
In his verbal report James highlighted a number of key developments for HCA over the last year that included increase in membership from residents who joined when the committee manned tables at the shops on two occasions in 2010. Numbers are very significant when it comes to campaigns and speaking to politicians, developers and public servants. At the shops the Pharmacist may ask for our help with her PBS as the proposed Pharmacy is too close to the one at Watson. James' report is much more hopeful for the future of Hackett than his 2009 report.
Motion: James' report received with thanks. Len Crossfield/Pat McNamara. Carried.

James then paid tribute to the work of our past local member, Bob McMullan. Representing the ACT is a difficult job and it's important that our local member doesn't get discouraged. Bob listened to his constituents and passed on our concerns to his colleagues especially about traffic in Hackett. He wasn't afraid to say of a little or big issue that it couldn't be done and didn't always agree with us. James spoke on behalf of HCA and the many people in Hackett and thanked Bob for all that he had done in 22 years as Member for Fraser.

Bob responded by saying that he had had terrific electoral support from the Inner North, as the Member for Fraser. He said that ACT is a terrific place to live and to represent people and it had been a privilege to support us. Canberra's Inner North were interested in big picture issues when they spoke to him and he had found it a thoughtful electorate. Being a local member kept him grounded. A MP can do big National things if get local support. He congratulated his successor, Andrew Leigh.

Elections:

- **Chair**: James Walker (nom. Max Huntington/Jochen Zeil)
- **Deputy Chair**: Max Huntington (nom. Jochen Zeil/Terry de Luca)
- **Secretary**: Bruce Smith (nom. Jochen Zeil/Len Crossfield)
- **Assistant Secretary**: Greg Haughey (nom. Jean Chesson/Jochen Zeil)
- **Treasurer**: Terry de Luca (nom. Max Huntington/Waltraud Pix)
- **Assistant Treasurer**: Lorraine Mason (nom. Max Huntington/Waltraud Pix.)

- **Public Officer**:
- **General Committee**: Waltraud Pix (Dorothy Mackenze/Max Huntington), Len Crossfield (Jean Chesson/Waltraud Pix), Dorothy Mackenzie (Lorraine Mason/Max Huntington). These people may serve in Working Groups and there are new opportunities all the time.

Other positions, including **Public Officer** and specialist positions such as **History and Archives Officer** which has been filled by James can be filled by co-option by the committee.

James expressed thanks to the 2009 committee. It is refreshing to welcome new members to serve on the committee.

General business:

- Intersection and lights at Majura Ave/Phillip Ave. The detailed design is in budget. Construction is in budget for next financial year but though there are no real promises it could be brought forward into this financial year.
- At the October meeting the Environment Impact on new suburb Kenny will be looked at. This suburb will have a huge impact on traffic for Hackett.
- FoMM Weeding on third Sunday in October. It's a bumper year for orchids and wildflowers (31 October walk) and spotlight walk to see gliders (26 October).
- Welcome to Samaritan House who sent a representative to the meeting.
- Concept design of Majura/Phillip Ave intersection available.
- James thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm with supper from Wilbur's.

Hackett Community Association
Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett
Tuesday 26 October 2010

Present: James Walker, Max Huntington, Greg Haughey, Len Crossfield, Marion Williams, Waltraud Pix, Bruce Smith,

Apologies: Laura Turnbull; Lorraine Mason

Minutes: agreed

Treasurer's report: In Lorraine's absence there wasn't a treasurer's report, but there was a general discussion about money. There was general agreement that we need to think about how we spend our money, including on the 2013 birthday bash.

Constitutional changes:

James reported that, following the AGM, there were three proposals put forward for possible variations to the HCA. Each of them prompted wide-ranging discussion:

1. Lower the requirement for a quorum of 20 members at the AGM:

It had been put to James by some members that the requirement for a quorum was too high and could be lowered. Points raised in the discussion included:

- If we can't get at least 20 members to the AGM it doesn't reflect well on the HCA
- People are reluctant to go to AGMs or to get involved until there is a big issue which focuses their attention
    - Its about being there when something comes along (eg. Traffic lights, and the dragway)
- We need to get a better balance of active and inactive members
- We need to push for larger membership numbers and make people more aware of the benefits of HCA
- HCA membership also needs to be seen in the light of membership of closely related organizations such as FoMM
- A practical way of ensuring numbers for the AGM would be for members to come to the meeting with phone numbers of people they could call
- **The feeling of the meeting was not to change quorum.**

2. Increase or eliminate the current limit (3) on the number of terms a chair can serve consecutively

Some people felt that the limit on the terms a chair could serve was artificial and should be removed or liberalised

- It was noted that a number of similar organizations did not have a limit
- Other organizations have a limit of 3 terms plus one for emergencies

- A benefit of the limit is that prospective chairs may be willing to put their hands up if they knew it was only for a finite time (it is a protection for the person in the chair)
- An additional benefit is that it forces a circulation of people through key positions
- **The feeling of the meeting was that the current limit should stay**

3. Include provision for a patron or patrons in the constitution

It had been put to James that the HCA should have the capacity to appoint a patron or patrons

- It would be a nominal position – wouldn't involve the person doing anything
- Two people in mind – Eileen Pateman (longstanding resident) or Bob McMullan (retiring MHR)
- There are two reasons to have a patron:
    - A reward - someone who has done wonderful service (alternative is life membership) or
    - someone who is well connected and can champion causes of the HCA.
- **The feeling of the meeting was that while people were not convinced about the merits of having a patron, further consideration could be given to life membership as recognition of good and diligent service**

There was also discussion about whether the Association had the capacity to makes changes (eg. have life membership) where there was no explicit provision in the constitution. This has not been tested.

Table at shops

A general discussion agreed that setting up tables at the shops had been a very successful initiative of the HCA and that we should hold another one before Christmas. This should be aimed not only at signing up new members but also identifying issues for the HCA to be taking up over the next year.

It was agreed to hold the next table at the shops on Saturday 11 December.

Increasing membership

James reported that Wilbur's have suggested that we have a membership box at Wilbur's with a photo of Wilbur as mascot of HCA.

Greg said that we should have information about what a positive thing the HCA is – an overview of why you would want to be a member – Greg volunteered to start writing something.

Hackett shops

There was a general discussion about the increase in graffiti and anti-social behaviour at shops. Also general uncertainty about the future of the unoccupied shops.

It was agreed that James will speak to Arthur and Steve about what they know about where things are up to and report back to Len and Greg. It is an issue of interest to the community and we want to know what we can do. HCA will fight variations to make into units (unless they are on top of shops).

Future meeting agendas

It was agreed that the Committee should map out a forward agenda of key issues to be discussed and taken forward. Two topics could be idenfitied for each meeting and an agenda could be circulated a week beforehand. Possible future items include:

- Traffic: doubling of traffic over next ten years in projections (whether or not new roads are built) – could ask if the consultants can do a presentation
- Monash Drive
- The development of Kenny
- Life membership
- Tables at the shops
- Appearance of the shops
- The History Book

It was agreed that Len and Greg will think about the Hackett shops for the next meeting.

Events

- Dickson residents association meeting tonight
- FoMM will have a wild flower walk this Sunday – has been advertised. Had a really good spotlight walk – saw sugar gliders. Leader of walk has agreed to do another walk

Meeting closed 9.15pm

Hackett Community Association
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Tuesday 16 November 2010

Present: James Walker, Max Huntington, Greg Haughey, Len Crossfield, Waltraud Pix, Laura Turnbull; Freddie Turnbull; Jan Loveday; Bruce Smith,

Vistors: Peter Carew; Barbara Inglis

Apologies: Lorraine Mason

Minutes: agreed, with the revision that James said at the last meeting that he would talk to the shop owners and then talk to Greg and Len - not get back to the Committee directly.

Committee membership: Laura was elected to the position of public officer.

Chairs report – James reported on correspondence relating to the request for information on the history of Hackett:

- one from a distant relative of Sir John Hackett. James got in touch – person is keen to help get us information, including a better portrait of Sir John. She will get back to James with further information
- 2nd email from a person who now lives in Brisbane
- third email from someone who grew up in Haddon Street.

Hackett Shops: There has been a change in the ownership of the consortium which owns the central block of shops. They are intending to clean up the shops. They intend to write to King Ruby to ask them to fix the sign, and would like the HCA to write as well. It was agreed that the Secretary would write.

The Pharmacist is still hoping to set up at the shops – perhaps where the Friends Lounge was. The pharmacy may combine with a dry-cleaning agency and newsagency.

Len and Greg led a general discussion about the future of the shops. The shopping centre has always been an issue for the HCA but limited things it can do. Key aim is to make shopping centre vibrant – if Wilbur's closed we would be back to where we began

Greg contacted ACTPLA – the 2004 study Neighbourhood plan is now virtually dead. ACTPLA did say that they would undertake study if they were requested – they are currently doing one on Downer shops at request of local association. One idea is to approach Downer people and see what they have done and plan to do.

It was agreed that Greg and Len would approach the Downer people and find out what they are doing. See what their expectations are and what they have been told. Also have a look at the recent renovation of the Ainslie shops.

There was also a discussion about tables and seats at the shops – Ainslie has seats but not tables. In Brisbane they put up board with sponsors names. A survey might be able to give us information relevant for this.

Would still need permission from Parks and Gardens. It was agreed that Len and Greg will approach Parks and Gardens to find out more.

HCA Business Plan: There was a general discussion of the future focus of the HCA over the coming year. It was agreed that we should use the Tables at the shops to identify the issues of most concern to residents. Issues identified at this meeting were:

- Hackett shopping centre (what we can do ourselves and pursuing ACTPLA).
- Traffic and watching brief on establishment of traffic lights
- removal of Monash Drive from Territory plan
- increasing the size of HCA membership. Greg raised the possibility of tapping into some existing research capacity to find out what Hackett residents want - two social work students may be available for a month. This would also be able to be presented at the AGM. The Dickson group has also done a survey so we can find out what they have done.

December table at shops and Christmas dinner: Arrangements were discussed and agreed.

Traffic: It was agreed that the Secretary would contact Roads ACT to get an update on the installation of the Majura/Phillip Ave traffic lights.

Meeting closed – 9.10pm