

## 2011 meetings

### Hackett Community Association Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett Tuesday 15 February 2011

**Present:** James Walker, Terry de Luca, Greg Haughey, Len Crossfield, Lorraine Mason, Laura Turnbull; Freddie Turnbull; Marian Williams, Barbara Inglis, Bruce Smith,

Visitors: Jolanta Gallagher;

**Apologies:** Waltraud Pix, Max Huntington, Dorothy Mackenzie

**Minutes:** agreed.

**Chairs report** – James noted that the Christmas dinner in December was a success and expressed his thanks to Wilbur's for its support for the event.

**Treasurers Report:** We banked \$150 from last Table. The current balance is \$1,524.79.

**Hackett shops:** There was a general update, including:

- There has been a clean up of the central block
- The shop next to King Ruby is being done up – John Beacher (naturopath) looking to move in
- The HCA has sent a letter to King Ruby asking them to fix up or remove their damaged sign
- Terry noted that it is Clean up Australia Day on 4 March. He volunteered to be site supervisor at the shops and would ring Clean Up Australia to make arrangements.

Len then led a discussion about the future of the shops, including:

- He has spoken to Di Fielding from Downer. She argued that if you want to get anything done don't let go – put proposals forward but don't wait – keep on coming back and actively pursuing. Take advantage of the commitment and requirement to consult.
- We need to develop a realistic plan so we know when we have got there
- We need to look at our own role – how we can support the businesses. And we also need ways to demonstrate to government that the shops can be viable. We need to have something specific in mind. What do we want, what is feasible?
- We need to work with the businesses – what can we work together on? What kind of vision can we develop?
- We could aim for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary – it could be the endpoint – the deadline

**HCA Business Plan:** Greg circulated a draft plan of key issues to be addressed by the Association, including:

- Monash Drive
- Airport
- Shops
- Table at shops
- Survey of members
- Membership

- Weed and clean up island beds near shops
- Place plants in planter boxes
- Remove graffiti from shops
- Web site
- Keep residents informed of HCA's initiatives including traffic lights

We need to look at signing up to activities next meeting.

**Traffic update:** Roads ACT has indicated that a tender for construction of traffic lights at the Majura/Phillip intersection will be let in the next few weeks, with construction to take place in October-November 2011. They are also looking at a proper pedestrian crossing across Antill St and also on Knox St.

**Report back on December table at shops:**

- We signed up a number of new members
- Issues were recorded in the book, including that there are no direct buses to Lyneham - people have to go via Civic or Dickson
- We need instructions for ordinary members to help them operate at the table – “what to do if” instructions – fact sheets – financial arrangements, blank membership forms, places to put everything.
- It was agreed to have the next table on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April - should be advertised in the March newsletter.
- James, Lorraine and Bruce volunteered to help organise the next Table.

**Hackett Birthday Bash:** This is due in 2 years - the same year as the Canberra Centenary. It was agreed to have a working group which would report back to the Committee mid-year - James, Laura, Lorraine and Freddie volunteered. Other points discussed included:

- Should arrange for Heritage Buses – tried last time but didn't happen
- Chase up the people in Qbn who restore fire engines (mostly Canberra fire trucks)
- need to give plenty of notice for people who might be returning – eg. Teachers
- ABC might do a morning show here? Other media outlets. Need to make booking well in advance. Publicity in newspapers in other cities.
- Scope for getting some things done on the coattails of the centenary?

**Administration:**

- Laura reported on the need to submit a report to Registrar General
- Terry will look to see if he can find someone to be our Auditor of Accounts
- Barbara was co-opted onto the Committee (moved Laura, seconded Len)
- Membership is now well over 100
- Greg will follow up non-financial members to give them an opportunity to renew

**Notices**

Music in the Park this coming Saturday – 6.00pm  
NCCC meeting tomorrow evening

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

**Hackett Community Association  
Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett  
Tuesday 15 March 2011**

**Present:** James Walker, Lorraine Mason, Greg Haughey, Len Crossfield, Waltraud Pix, Laura Turnbull, Freddie Turnbull, Marian Williams, Terry de Luca, Bruce Smith,

**Apologies:** Max Huntington; Barbara Inglis; Dorothy Mackenzie

**Minutes:** Agreed with the revisions that it was Greg who spoke to Di Fielding, not Len, and we were informed that the Phillip Ave/ Majura Ave intersection would be completed by October, not in October.

**Treasurer's report:** Lorraine reported that the account now has \$1524.79

**Clean Up Australia report back:** Terry reported that the Hackett clean up had been a success and extended his thanks to the volunteers – most of them were HCA members. Greg reported that it was particularly messy at the top of Kellaway St (cigarette butts, food bar wraps etc). There was a discussion about options and it was agreed that we should have a further discussion at the next meeting.

**Music in the Park report back** – Greg reported that this had been successful that it is now proposed to hold 4 a year. It was agreed that this was a positive development and that it was a possible forum to promote both HCA and also FoMM.

NCCC report back: Bruce and Waltraud reported back. There is now an O'Connor Association, and the Dickson Residents Group continues to be active. There may be opportunities to influence the ACT Government arising from the recent reforms – it is not clear at this stage how that might happen.

Hackett Birthday: James reported that the organisers of Centenary of Canberra had responded to our letter to them and that there will be a meeting next Monday with Dan Watters at 10.00am (Nara House). This could be mutually advantageous and they may be able to give us some publicity and also some professional advice. James invited others to join him for the meeting.

Hackett shops: Greg reported that he has contacted ACTPLA to seek a copy of the Urban Design Study (which preceded the neighbourhood studies). This will enable us to get an understanding of how the shops were planned in relation to the larger area (and enable us to think a bit more broadly than just the shops). Once we get the documentation we can work out next steps. In addition:

- Michael Beacher has set up at the shops
- the sign at King Ruby's has been removed.

Traffic: James reported that ACTPLA signs are up at the intersection and that the final date for objections is 31 March. If there are no objections, then Roads ACT will proceed. He also reported that there will be a total road closure for 3 months on Antill St to allow the construction of the new roundabout intersection of Apsinall St and Antill St.

Business Plan: Bruce will email it out for discussion at the next meeting.

Report to Registrar General: The Auditor will undertake the audit in the next few weeks, and then submit it.

Table at Shops: This will take place on 9 April. There was discussion about a roster. James described the elements of a folder which will provide a common base of information for Tables at the shops. It could include:

- list of contents
- copy of roster
- applications
- survey forms
- gift vouchers
- Information on subs
- Who is on committee
- Record of successes
- List of what is going on at the moment – and how people can assist
- Membership list
- Copy of constitution
- Contact details for politicians HNW, FoMM, NCCC
- Survey questions
- Copies of latest HNW newsletter

Greg suggested that we should make it easier for people to pay their membership subscriptions if they did not have the money on them at the time. It was agreed that we should give people the capacity to pay by direct deposit into our account, but there was not need to set up regular direct debits.

Waltraud asked if we are paying bank fees –Terry didn't think so – he hasn't noticed any deductions.

Other business

- It was agreed that Bruce would circulate email addresses and telephone numbers for the Committee to Committee members

Upcoming events

- NCCC meeting 16 March
- Sunday – Working Bee Majura paddock
- Sunday – Ant walk
- FoMM – will have World Environment Day – Showcase project, and invite public to look at what has been done, and tea, coffee and cake, and speaker Sunday 5 June

Waltraud talked about plans for FoMM to sponsor a National Tree Day event on Sunday 31 July. She sought the Committee's support (in spirit) for this and said it would be good to have help registering volunteers – it was agreed to provide moral support and encourage people to volunteer

The meeting closed 8.50pm

**Hackett Community Association  
Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett  
Tuesday 19 April 2011**

**Present:** James Walker, Terry de Luca, Greg Haughey, Len Crossfield, Lorraine Mason, Laura Turnbull; Freddie Turnbull; Marian Williams, Barbara Inglis, Bruce Smith,

**Visitors:** Dan Watters (Centenary of Canberra)

**Apologies:** Waltraud Pix, Max Huntington, Dorothy Mackenzie

**Hackett 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Centenary of Canberra**

The meeting was addressed by Mr Dan Watters, Project Officer, Community Engagement, Centenary of Canberra, Chief Minister's Department.

Dan gave an overview of early planning for the Centenary of Canberra in 2013. This included:

- planning started in 2005 – it was bipartisan, with all previous Chief Ministers getting together
- Ms Robyn Archer was appointed creative director
- They were looking for ideas – and came up with portrait of a nation project - asking people to research the person their street is named after
- Project is now at preliminary scoping stage – building information so the project can be launched on 12 March next year (Canberra Day)
- People can research their street or suburb – getting in contact with relatives of the person – paint their portrait – write a poem – research who has lived in the street –
- There will be a web portal where information can be uploaded - it may take the shape of a family tree – branching out to suburbs and then streets. Not sure what to do with content at this stage
- looking to tie in other institutions – eg. National Library.
- Purpose is not to have a research tool – its about getting people to talk over their fence to share information
- High Court has expressed interest in looking at judges who had streets named after them.
- There are also plans to celebrate the traditional owners of the land
- There will be activities all year long – 70 or 80 projects – and the community will come forward with their own projects.
- One of the projects involves raising \$1 from every Canberran to help build sanitary facilities in Dili
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Dan has been trying to find groups who are keen on these celebrations – so he was very pleased to make contact with Hackett Community Association.

James talked about the things which had already been done in Hackett:

- we have made contact with Sir John Hackett's family
- Except for Stott, every primary name is in the ADB
- Each article in the ADB has references to other material

There was a general discussion about options for how to link the Centenary of Canberra ideas into the Hackett 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday, also in 2013:

- Lorraine said that her daughter was involved with an ABC radio production that presented information about suburbs.
- Street parties could be a possibility
- At the main Hackett party we could introduce people who have been descended from people who streets are named after
- The party could also have a strong theme around “Back to Hackett”
- In some cases streets are named after more than one person (eg. father and son)
- Len noted that some Hackett streets may be too long to generate a coherent single project or be the scene for a single party
- Len also noted that the focus on who the streets are named after (mostly dead white men) could take the focus away from Hackett in the last 50 years. Should focus instead on how did Hackett develop? Who were the key people?

There was also discussion about the date for the main Hackett birthday celebration. A time needs to be found which avoids clashes with the main Canberra celebrations and also avoid school holidays etc. It was agreed that 21 September 2013 should be tentatively agreed as the date of the party.

**Minutes:** agreed, with the change that Terry, not Lorraine, gave the Treasurer’s report

**Table at shops:** James reported on the table held on 9 April

- 14 new members joined
- 2 people responded to Greg’s email and updated their membership

James reported on the survey which was conducted at the Table:

- equal first priorities were tables under trees, and public toilets at the shops
- then bus shelters and footpaths.
- Speed controls on Madigan St got 5 votes.
- 3 people nominated the parking areas at the shops
- Lowest was polling places.

It was suggested that toilets at the shops could be a birthday present for the suburb.

Suggestions for future tables included:

- We could do the Table for 2 hours in the afternoon - 10 to 2?
- should encourage non-committee members – meeting your association.
- The book seemed to work well. We could send out pages on what to do for volunteers a couple of days earlier. So they have a chance to read them
- Need to have ID visible so people can see who we are. Big letters. Greg will check out John – has sign business.
- Could we have survey in larger letters so it can be easier to read
- The Survey results should be published in HNW

**Membership:** There were ideas put forward for streamlining membership procedures and information:

- Greg suggested sending emails, rather than letters, as receipts for membership fees - this was agreed.
- It was also agreed that we could send an email at the out at end of financial year asking people to renew. Also put notice in HNW.
- Could put note in minutes asking people to pass on minutes to those who don't have email addresses
- It was agreed that the Assistant Secretary had the authority to clean up the membership list for people who had not been members for more than 2 years (after having attempted to contact those people).

**Hackett shops:** James reported that there is progress in filling the vacant shops. The shop across from Wilbur's looks like it will be the next shop to open.

Len noted that the Hackett Central Area urban design guidelines were a key official document, so provide a useful reference point. Greg will send to Bruce for distribution.

**Traffic:** The plan for traffic lights at Phillip/Majura also includes 4 crossings – upgrading of school crossing, traffic lights crossing, across Madigan, and one further up Antill to help kids cross.

The blocking of Aspinall St has caused traffic changes. The traffic peak is 15 minutes later than it was.

**Work Plan:** There was a discussion about Monash Drive. It was agreed that Len and Greg would talk to the Greens in the Legislative Assembly and find out where things are up to

**Auditor of accounts** – Terry is arranging and then will send on to Auditor - Roger Paul.

#### **Other business**

Waltraud requested that HCA pay the membership fees for FoMM membership of the Molonglo Catchment Group - \$25 (as in previous years). This would demonstrate tangible support from HCA for FoMM. It was agreed to pay this, and also that it become a permanent payment (Max/Len)

The question was raised about who was responsible for taking down the 40 km signs outside Blue Gum school during school holidays. Secretary to send email to follow-up.

#### **Forthcoming**

Greg said that there will be a Music in the Park event on Saturday May 7.

**Hackett Community Association**  
**Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett**  
**Tuesday 17 May 2011**

**Present:** James Walker, Terry de Luca, Greg Haughey, Waltraud Pix, Laura Turnbull; Freddie Turnbull; Marian Williams, Bruce Smith,

**Apologies:** Len Crossfield, Barbara Inglis, Lorraine Mason, Max Huntington, Dorothy Mackenzie

**Minutes** accepted, with change agreed that names of members who attended would be added

**Treasurers report:** Terry reported that we have \$1538.19 in the account at this stage

**Meeting with ACT Green Party members:** Greg reported that he and Len will be meeting with the ACT Green members of the Legislative Assembly to discuss environmental issues, general transport and traffic issues, and the status of Monash Drive in particular. There was a general discussion about other issues which should be raised at the meeting, including:

- The proposed \$3.3m Centenary Track, walking track through Canberra Nature Parks – shared trail for walkers, bikes and horse riding. This could result in:
  - horses coming into areas they are currently banned.
  - extra bike trail and walking trail side-by-side – additional environmental damage.
  - The alignment of route for bike riding goes through areas which has been rehabilitated

There has been no consultation with parkcare, or with any conservation group. It was just pushed it through. ACT Government representatives have acknowledged that this is contentious. They are now saying they are doing consultation now, but should have been much earlier. Apart from the environmental impact, there is the future maintenance costs that will be taken from budgets currently spent on nature reserves.

There is an urgent need for consultation. If the Centenary Track goes ahead in current form, Waltraud will resign as Parkcare co-ordinator and will run a campaign against the Track.
- Broader traffic issues, including the Majura Parkway alignment
- Shopping centre issues - not a major focus of the meeting, but a reminder that we are interested

**Hackett shops:** A general discussion about how things are going. Dr and Divo has opened, and signs are good for other shops opening soon.

**Traffic:** There has been no response from Roads ACT about the consultations on the traffic lights at the corner of Majura/Phillip, but survey teams appear to have been active.

**Hackett Birthday celebrations:** James asked people to think about possible events for the Hackett 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party. One possibility would be a 1960s fashion parade, another would be kids in uniforms.

**Constitution:** James asked people to have a look at the Constitution and decide whether we need a change to it to have honorary life members. His view is that it is probably not necessary, but would like people to see if they have a different view

**Administration:** Terry reported that he has spoken to the Auditor, who has suggested that we put both returns in at the end of the financial year. The meeting agreed to this approach.

It was also agreed that the Secretary would send the Public Officer the latest membership list, and that the membership list should be stuck into the membership book.

James noted that he will not be able to run for the position of Chair again later this year and requested that people give some thought to who would like to stand for the position.

#### **Other business**

- Greg has looked at notice boards for the shops – seen them at Office Works for \$130 – could laminate (NCCC as option for funding)
- Greg suggested that it would be useful to circulate the Hackett Central Area Guidelines
- Marion reported that local footpaths near the shops have not been fixed despite being reported more than a year ago.
- Toilets were announced for the Hackett shops in ACT Budget.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

**Hackett Community Association  
Annual General Meeting  
20 September 2011  
ACT Sports House, Hackett**

**Attendance:** as recorded in the General Meeting Attendance book

**Minutes:** Minutes of the 2010 AGM were accepted – (Bruce/Dorothy)

**Treasurers report:** Terry reported that the HCA account now had \$1538.26, partly due to an increase in membership. There had been a late submission of the audit for 2010 – it had not been properly audited last AGM. The advice of the Office of Regulatory Services was to put both last year and this year's audits together. Will incur a small fee. Terry has asked Roger Carty to undertake the audit.

Acceptance of the 2009-10 report (Terry/Jochen)

Acceptance of the 2010-11 report (Terry/Laura).

**Chair's report:** James reported on range of activities of the Association and developments in the suburb. Key points included:

- **Hackett Shops** – welcome to Rhonda (who is planning to establish a new pharmacy), Dr and Devo, and to the Little Bean. These are very promising developments for the shops
- **Traffic:** establishment of the new crossings is running behind, but are close to finishing. Traffic lights at Majura/Phillip are also running behind, but good progress is being made. The traffic problem will not be solved, but good progress is being made – we need to minimise the problem and keep it as safe as possible.
- **Birthday bash** – looking for former residents to come back for the party. A key focus will be documenting and recording Hackett history where we can. We are looking for any photos from the last 50 years, and also looking for people to record their memories of the suburb – from all stages of the history. We are still looking for the Hackett Primary School memorabilia – this has been missing for 8 years.
- **General developments:** The Association has achieved quite a lot and now has more than 150 financial members. We have kept in touch with the community through the tables at the shops – they have been an important opportunity to explain what is going on. Eight Committee meetings were held over the last year and, on average, attendance averaged 7 committee members and 2 other members.
- **Survey of opinion** - We also undertook an opinion survey. It showed that key priorities include: public toilets, bus shelters and services, footpaths, and tables and seats under trees at the shops. Very few people were interested in having a polling place in Hackett.

James concluded by saying that it had been a good year – there used to be promises, now people are talking about construction. He thanked the NCCC for its moral and financial support, Neighbourhood Watch, Friends of Mt Majura and Wilbur's. He also expressed his thanks to the Committee.

Report accepted (Terry/Max)

## **SPEAKERS**

**Jenny and Michael McReynolds (local Real Estate Agents)**. Jenny and Michael talked about:

- house prices are coming off the boil, but still very strong
- the area is starting to regenerate.
- Not predicting a significant rate increase over next couple of years
- There is an amount of building going on, with people doing extensions, though it is often cheaper to do a knockdown than to do an extension.
- One possible issue is traffic flow, and there is some uncertainty about the possibility of Monash Drive.

They said that they would draw people's attention to HCA when new people move into the suburb.

**Rhonda Warne (Pharmacist)**: Rhonda talked about:

- She is hoping to hoping to relocate in Canberra from Sydney and to establish a pharmacy in Hackett
- A key issue will be that the Hackett shops fall within 1.5 km of the nearest existing pharmacy at the Watson shops. She will need to make the case about filling a community need. She is in the process of doing community maps.
- It would be good to have doctor, but they are moving into community centres.
- We will need to go to the Minister – get also a petition going. We will also need to have a letter going to the Minister – Rhonda will do a standard letter.
- In the meantime the pharmacy will not be able to do certain kinds of prescriptions - it may take 10 months to get approval. Kate Lundy has agreed to help. She will ask HCA to lobby ACT Minister.
- Rhonda finished by saying that what she gets out of community, she will return.

## **Elections**

Chair – Greg Haughey (written nomination)

Committee members – Barbara and Marion (written nominations)

Deputy Chair – Max (Jochen and Len)

Secretary – Bruce (Jenny/ Laura)

Public Officer – Laura (Kate/Max)

Assistant Secretary – Dorothy (Laura/Bruce)

Treasurer – Terry (Waltraud/Kate)

Committee members – Waltraud (Bruce and Greg)

Greg thanked the meeting for its support and said he was pleased to be elected. He was particularly pleased to get continuity with old committee. On behalf of the Association he thanked James for his work over the last year.

**Adoption of amendment to constitution:**

“The Committee of the Hackett Community Association may recommend honorary life members of the Association to the Annual General Meeting and fees for such members will be waived.

Such Honorary Life Members shall be full members of the Association.

No more than two may be appointed in any financial or calendar year.”

(Greg/Volker Hillig) - carried unanimously.

**General business**

- Waltraud asked about whether there should be a required quorum below 20.
  - James responded that the Committee did not recommend this. It can be self-defeating – we should be able to produce 20 people once a year.
- Jenny asked about extreme fire danger being talked about in media. Is there a sufficiently cleared area behind the last row of houses?
  - Waltraud responded that there is a fire management plan – clearing is done on a regular basis. This was discussed at a meeting with rangers today. There is concern that garden extensions and other structures over fences make clearance very difficult. There will be controlled fires in a patchwork arrangement. People who have extended their gardens will be asked to remove them.
  - Jenny – thanked Waltraud for the comprehensive answer.

Greg closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

## HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

HCA is about **community**, not just the residents, but everyone who is, or should be, a part of the Hackett community. The more Hackett is a community, the safer, more comfortable and more pleasant it is to live and/or work here, and the more it is a community the more it can achieve! Communities are often built around schools and shops and for a while Hackett was handicapped in this respect. This report is an even more positive one than that of 2010. A great deal has been achieved, in part because we are, by and large, pulling together. HCA is not the only organization working in Hackett's interests, and a close liaison has been kept with other local community organisations.

#### Shops

This situation has continued to improve and the ambience of the shopping precinct is now much more lively. We extend a very warm welcome to Naturopath Michael Beacher, to Dr and Devo (gift shop) and to the soon to be opening LITTLE BEAN coffee shop and the Hackett Pharmacy. Weekends at the shops have changed considerably over the past year.

#### Traffic

There has been considerable progress here! In response to a lengthy campaign by HCA, the ACT Government is undertaking a large construction programme. Raised pedestrian crossings are being completed on Madigan Street at the shops and on Knox Street at Majura Public School. Pedestrian lights are being installed on Antill Street near Knox Street and at Rosary School. It is to be hoped that people will use these new facilities. Work on the reconstruction of the intersection of Majura and Phillip Avenues, and the installation of traffic lights there, is well underway and will be completed in a few months. It must, however, be emphasised that this does not mean that the problem will go away. It is hoped that the continued increase in traffic through the suburb will be slowed, and that increased traffic will find it less convenient to "rat run".

#### 2013 Birthday Bash

This will be held in September 2013. That year will be Hackett's fiftieth and Canberra's hundredth birthdays. Part of the celebration will include "Back to Hackett" and residents still in contact with past neighbours are being urged to invite them to join us. We also hope to have representatives of the families descended from the people after whom Hackett's streets were named. With such things as an old bus, and/or fire engine, school bands, Canberra City Band, Folk Dance Canberra, displays etc, we hope to do even better than the previous bashes. It is possible that we will need a full weekend rather than just a Saturday.

### Hackett History

HCA is still hunting for copies of photos of the suburb over the last 50 years and asking residents, past and present, to record their memories of life in Hackett. This is getting urgent as 2013 approaches. We would also welcome volunteers who would be interested in bringing together the materials we gather.

### Hackett Primary School Memorabilia

We are still searching for the memorabilia of Hackett Primary School. These objects (cups, shields, books of photographs etc) were last seen at the 2003 Birthday Bash. If anyone is aware of their possible whereabouts we would be grateful for the information.

### HCA

On 30 June 2011, the end of the financial year, HCA had 151 financial members. Eight new members have since joined.

The Committee has held a number of tables at the shops on Saturday mornings and one on a Saturday afternoon. Contact with the needs, problems and wishes of the community has been maintained, current projects and activities have been explained and comments received, people have been able to join HCA and our members have been able to pay their annual dues without having to attend evening meetings, which for many can be difficult.

An opinion survey on a number of questions was carried out this year. Responses showed that the four issues of most concern were: public toilets at the shops, tables and seating under the trees at the shops, surfaced footpaths and bus shelters. Also of concern were bike racks at the shops and bus services. A polling place for Hackett came last. An average of seven and a bit Committee members and two and a bit HCA members spent some time staffing each table. Most tables, due to demand, closed late. Our thanks to all those who helped (especially the bits). Our thanks also to the representatives, and HCA members, Caroline and Andrew, who visited so many of the tables.

HCA was invited to have a table at the Majura School Spring Fair on 10 September 2011.

Eight Committee Meetings have been held since the last Annual General Meeting. Average attendance has been seven Committee members and two other HCA members. Traffic and the shops have been ongoing topics. Other items have included preparation for the tables at the shops and discussion of the results. Some time has been devoted to the 2013 Birthday Bash and the April meeting was addressed by Mr Dan Watters, Centenary of Canberra.

### Future Tasks

Public toilets, bus shelters and services, footpaths, tables and seats under the trees were identified in our survey. Hackett history and the 2013 Birthday Bash are

becoming more urgent. Warmer lighting at the shops is desirable. Traffic will continue to be a problem due to the increasing spread of the northern suburbs. No doubt priorities will change and new problems and priorities will arise.

#### Thanks

The HCA Committee would like to express its appreciation to the North Canberra Community Council and thank it for its support, moral and financial (including for the purchase of equipment), throughout the year. Our thanks also go to Hackett Neighbourhood Watch for their use of the Newsletter, to Friends of Mt Majura, and to Wilbur's for all their support. The Chair would also like to express his gratitude to his fellow Committee members for their support and hard work, and expressly to the Secretary, Bruce Smith and also to the Assistant Secretary, Greg Haughey, who took on a large number of special tasks. The work involved in running a group as active as HCA is enormous, and much of it falls on the secretarial team. Thank you.

This has been a very successful year! I am confident that the incoming committee will keep the ball rolling.

James Walker  
Retiring Chair  
Hackett Community Association

18 September 2011

**Hackett Community Association  
Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett  
Tuesday 18 October 2011**

**Present:** Greg Haughey, Max Huntington, Laura Turnbull; Terry de Luca; Freddie Turnbull; Marion Williams, Bruce Smith,

**Apologies:** Barbara Inglis, Dorothy Mackenzie, Lorraine Mason, James Walker, Len Crossfield

Greg opened the meeting and welcomed new committee members.

**Minutes:** accepted

**Matters arising**

- Honorary membership was addressed at the AGM
- Greg will give the new words for the Constitution to Lance to incorporate in the constitution on the website
- Greg will pick up the table and A-Frame from James and store them at his house

**Increasing membership**

Greg introduced and led a discussion on the need to increase the membership of HCA.

Greg argued that a key priority for the HCA should be to increase membership numbers. The near lack of a quorum at the AGM was a sad indictment for HCA for relevance and level of involvement with local community. 150 members out of a population of 3,000 amounts to 5%. We need to do much better - 25% at a bare minimum. This amounts to a 5 fold increase in members. Michael and Jenny McReynolds told Greg after the AGM that lots of residents in Hackett aren't aware of HCA.

More should be done to make residents aware of HCA. Ideas include:

- making better use of Neighbourhood Watch
- making meetings more topical
- advertising meetings on the Billboard in the *Canberra Chronicle*.
- Putting articles in the *Chronicle* discussing issues in Hackett. This could be used to advertise how vital the shops are and also to increase support for the pharmacy.
- Developing a brochure which would summarise key info about HCA (McReynolds offered to include a brochure on HCA in material given to new home purchasers)

Discussion included the following points:

- People will not get involved unless there is something which catches their attention
- Its not the total number of members which is important, but how active and involved they are
- It would be good to get younger people involved
- The 2013 celebrations could be a good focus for getting people involved

### **Treasurer's report**

Terry reported that we banked \$85 from AGM. Costs for the AGM were \$132. There is around \$1500 in our account at the moment.

Terry is organising additional signatories for the cheque account.

### **Upgrading the HCA website**

Greg introduced and led a discussion on ideas for upgrading the HCA web presence. Key points included:

- We should have photos and short bios of committee members on the website (photos JPEG or GIFF 600dpi (150 x 150 mm))
- We can also put an electronic membership form on, which will have membership rates, which can be paid through PayPal. Charge will be 2.5% plus 30 cents. The forms can go directly to the Secretary and Treasurer.
- We can set up a comment form. Key issues (shops, traffic etc) can be in drop down boxes. This will provide an opportunity for people to give feedback. Comments can then be automatically routed to the right person on the Committee. Can also set up RSS (Rich Site Summary) feeds to keep readers up to date on new content without readers visiting the site to see if there have been any updates
- We could also have our own domain name - possibly [www.hackett.org.au](http://www.hackett.org.au)
- We should have minutes up on website. All open to public scrutiny. Bruce to provide Lance with 2010 and 2011 minutes
- We should also have news articles – with pictures if possible - on the site
- We can also add analytics to measure traffic etc

Meeting agreed to proceed with revamping the website.

### **Hackett 50<sup>th</sup> birthday**

There was a general discussion around the need to begin work leading up to the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations:

- Laura said she is keen to take a role and wants to get young people involved.
- We should put a whole page up on the website about the birthday bash
- We should be getting a list together of people and activities and start booking things in now. Need to lock people in asap
- Greg will check with James to see if there are particular issues to do with specific dates

### **Other business**

**Community garden** – Max proposed getting someone to come along to the meeting and talk about the idea of a community garden in Hackett:

- There have been past plans, but nothing has come to fruition
- We would need to get government agreement
- Would be good to get Samaritan House people involved

- We could ask people at the tables if they were interested in a community garden.
- We could also use the website

The meeting agreed to put this on future agendas and explore ideas.

**Future table at shops** – it was agreed to hold one in late November.

**Traffic** : there was discussion about why the delay in the work on Phillip Ave/ Majura Ave, and also why the traffic lights on Antill Street were not at the intersection with Knox Street.

**Shops**: Greg reported that he had had conversations with Sam and Avi from Little Bean, and he had also spoken with Steve, who is looking for support for the establishment of the pharmacy

**Christmas dinner** it was agreed to hold a dinner on 13 December or nearby – Greg will see what can be booked.

**Hackett Community Association  
Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett  
Tuesday 15 November 2011**

**Present:** Greg Haughey, Barbara Inglis, Max Huntington, Laura Turnbull; Terry de Luca; Dorothy Mackenzie, James Walker, B. Armstrong, Bruce Smith,

**Apologies:** Lorraine Mason,

**Minutes:** accepted

**Matters arising**

- It was agreed that Bruce will ring Andrew Leigh's office to see if its possible for him to attend a meeting during the year outside Parliamentary sitting times.

**Chairs report**

- Greg has picked up the A-Frame from James's and will try to get an electronic copy of constitution from James' computer
- Notices are now going into Neighbourhood Watch
- Greg has made a start on the brochure for the HCA
- A Domain name for the HCA has now been obtained – [www.hca.org.au](http://www.hca.org.au)

**Treasurer's report**

- Terry paid the late fees for the registration and our registration is now up-to-date
- The cheque was cashed by Wilburs for the costs of the AGM and the account balance is now \$1423.92

**HCA Website**

- Greg reported that while there are some technical issues, he hoped to have the HCA website up and running soon
- He will also be updating Canberra communities online
- Hope to finalise biographies of committee members soon
  - James pointed out that it would be good to put when people came to the suburb and whether you belong to other associations

**Hackett shops**

- The Little Bean is up and running
- Rhonda is hoping the pharmacy will be opening for the middle of December

**Traffic**

- There are no markings on the pedestrian crossing outside the shops yet – hope this will be completed soon

- There is very slow progress on Majura/Phillip intersection – probably because of rain and other projects

### 50 year birthday celebrations

James reported that

- He is getting a paper ready for the February meeting and is looking for ideas from people. We need to make sure that good ideas are not forgotten.
- We should be getting good ideas to him by the middle of February.
- He is thinking that perhaps two days for the party instead of one – its not worth people coming back to the suburb for just one day.
- The dates is tentatively set for 21 September. But in out publicity we are saying just September at this time. We will set a firm date in February.
- We need to think about how to get young people involved.
- We could potentially put together a book concentrating on pictures at this stage. A larger book could be put together some years later.

Discussion covered the following points:

- People could be interested in the history of names of streets – this could be a good hook. James is trying to get photos of key people.
- Do the ACT archives have much on Hackett? James says not much. Not many stories in newspapers
- Can we get a broader request for photos from across Canberra? We could get an article in the *Canberra Chronicle* to publicise the request. We would need to give them a picture.
- We should aim to do what we did before which worked, and then add more
- We could think about a clown or stilt walker
- We should be able to get some corporate sponsorship Wilburs and Little Bean are thinking about special coffee cups. Emma (Devo) thinking about I Love Hackett caps? Wine tasting?

### Table at the shops

- It was agreed to have a table at the shops for 3 December from 8am to 12. We could advertise with flyers at shops and use the A-Frames during the day – Tony might be able to do a banner (Terry will ask Tony)
- Bruce will send an email to the committee to organise a roster and also update the membership list

### Improvements for Hackett shops area

- James raised the issue of the table under the trees – someone needs to contact Parks and Gardens to get sense of costs. The Association needs to be seen to be doing something on this issue. Perhaps we should name the tables after someone who made contribution to the community?
- Barbara made the point that it would be good to have some shade for parking – but delay. Could look at putting more trees in.
- The existing sign for the shops looked run down – need a new or bigger one?

The next meeting will be held on 21 February.

<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Organise Andrew Leigh to attend a meeting during the year	Bruce
Progress work on brochure for HCA	Greg/Bruce
Finalise biographies for website	All committee
Set up roster for Table at shops	Bruce
Contact ACT Govt about tables at shops	?

## **HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

### **2011 TREASURER'S REPORT**

This financial year has seen a growth in income from \$1281.27 to \$1538.26. This growth was due to the many membership drives staged by the committee. Although not large sums of money the financial side of the HCA is healthy and is an indication of the positive attitude and effort of its members especially the committee.

The only down side that I can see is the late submissions of the 2009-2010 audit which will need to be approved at this meeting. The problem was that at the last AGM it had not been properly audited and therefore could not be submitted to Regulatory Services. I have included a copy of the financial statement for 09-10 for your critique and ask you to pass them.

I have been over to the office of Regulatory Services twice in the last month hoping to have them approved but their advice was to wait to the AGM and submit both years together. This process will incur a late fee of \$67.00 and my apologies for this situation.

I would like to thank Laura and Freddie Turnbull for their support and effort in going to Regulatory Services during the year. I would like also to thank John Carty and Roger Paul for their auditing of the accounts.

Yours sincerely,  
Terry de Luca  
Treasurer 2010-11.

**HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE  
ENDING 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2011**

**INCOME**

Cash deposit 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2010	4.00
Cash deposit 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2010	24.00
Cash deposit 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2010	34.00
Cash deposit 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2010	129.45
Cash deposit 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2010	2.00
Interest 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2010	0.07
Cash deposit 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2010	150.00
Cash deposit 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	86.50
Direct deposit 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2011	7.50
Credit Interest 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2011	<u>0.07</u>
Total	437.59

**EXPENDITURE**

Wilber's Cafe Cheque 0024 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 2010	100.00
Greg Haughey-Materials Chq. 0025 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2011	55.60
Molonglo Catchment Group Chq. 0031 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	<u>25.00</u>
Total	180.60

**Surplus**

**Statement of financial performance**

Cash Receipt	437.59
Cash Payments	<u>180.60</u>
Cash Surplus	256.99

**HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2011**

**CURRENT ASSETS**

CASH AT BANK	1538.26
TOTAL ASSETS	1538.26
LIABILITIES	<u>          </u>
NET ASSETS	1538.26

**Represented by**

**Members Funds**

Start of year	1281.27
Surplus for year	<u>256.99</u>

<b>BALANCE OF FUND AT 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2011</b>	<b>1538.26</b>
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