

2015 meetings

Hackett Community Association Meeting at Folk Dance Canberra, Hackett 17 February 2015

Present: Marian Williams, James Walker, Terry de Luca, Lorraine Mason, Kaye Murphy, Greg Haughey, Bruce Smith.

Apologies: John Carty

Minutes: Accepted with the revision that the minutes record Terry's point, in the discussion about membership, that fees may have the effect of lowering membership numbers

Kaye noted her appreciation for the provision of toilets at Music in the Park.

Treasurer's report: Lorraine reported that the current balance is \$2992.28. Greg noted that there are still some bills to pay from the AGM.

Sign at the shops: James told the meeting that the sign is hard to see and read, and it's dangerous. It needs to be seen from the bus and from the shops. The meeting considered a number of points including:

- Kaye noted that we can't tamper with the sign ourselves – the government put it up and we would need permission. There may be issues of liability.
- James has spoken to most shopkeepers - they are willing to contribute if we also pay.
- We can also do it as a memorial to people who have contributed to the community ☺ The memorial could be stamped into the metal of the hoops.
- Terry said that plaques could be used for multiple memorials.
- Greg noted that there is a similar sign at O'Connor - one in front of pre-school and one in front of North Ainslie School. We don't know how much it would cost yet. We need to look around.

It was agreed that James would talk to the Government about it and see if they were willing to work with us on changing the sign.

Constitution of Committee James outlined the case for the creation of a new position on the Committee of webmaster. This would decrease the number of positions currently being undertaken by Greg. We could turn one of the non-specific positions into this position. An option would be to change the archives position to "communications and records". A change would require making a recommendation to the next AGM (or any general meeting).

It was agreed that we should wait for the AGM (as opposed to taking it to a general meeting in the interim). We should also think about a long term succession plan for Greg. It was agreed to make a decision about this issue at the next meeting.

Hackett History: The meeting discussed the draft questionnaire which had been circulated by James. Points made included:

- some questions were ambiguous (eg. the question about the saddest memory)
- There is a need for clearer explanations, including the purpose of the questionnaire and how people can answer n/a
- There could be greater use of open questions
- Provide opportunities for people to focus on positive things
- We need to have sociological data - everyone is different and will have different experiences.
- People need to be told that "If you feel you can't answer question then don't" - we should be able to get broad coverage
- We need to explain how we will use the information. This could be included in the provisions at end about conditions of use. We need to be clear about whether you can use people's names

It was agreed that Committee members will let James know about any questions they think should be changed.

Contact Day – James outlined plans for the contact day on 21st March. A number of organisations have been approached, including: NCCC, Hackett Neighbourhood Watch, Folk Dance Canberra, Canberra light rail people, the ALP, Greens, Liberals, Hackett preschool, North Ainslie School, Dickson College, Merici, Emmaus, FoMM. There are only a couple of confirmations at this stage but we expect this to change over the next week or two.

The date is deliberate to avoid Canberra Day. The Committee agreed that the core hours should be from 9.00am to 1.00pm but we may need to begin earlier and go a bit later. James will draw up a roster. We will need at least one Committee member at all times.

Upcoming events: Terry informed the Committee about Clean up Australia. It will be on 1 March - Terry has all the gear and will be putting up posters. It usually goes from 10am to 1pm. The Committee discussed that priority should be given to Antill Street and Phillip Ave.

Hackett History: Greg noted that, in preparing the history, we should speak to Richard and Judith Miller in regard to the campaigns about Monash Drive, and access their records.

Accommodation: The Committee thanked Greg for organising the new meeting venue. The arrangement is that, if we put ads on our website, there is no charge.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

**Hackett Community Association
Committee meeting
17 March 2015**

Present – James Walker, Greg Haughey, Marian Williams, John Carty, Lorraine Mason, Terry de Luca, Len Crossfield

Apologies: Bruce Smith, John Carty and Lorraine Mason

Minutes: Minutes from 17 Feb accepted

Treasurer's report: Lorraine reported that the current balance was \$2,982.30

NCCC:

- (1) James advised the meeting that the NCCC had asked HCA to change its meeting dates from the third Tuesday of the month as these clashed with NCCC meeting dates. The meeting was informed by Greg that the only possible days were limited to Tuesdays because of Folk Dance Canberra use of the hall. It was agreed to put a proposal to the next meeting to reschedule future HCA meetings to the second Tuesday of the month.
- (2) James also advised that the NCCC has asked resident's associations to provide reports 2 weeks prior to a NCCC meeting on any issues of interest to the NCCC.
- (3) James further advised that the NCCC has asked for assistance from HCA with distributing its brochure in Hackett. James agreed to discuss this issue with Neighbourhood Watch.

Contact table 21 March:

- (1) James advised that he had asked the SES, Capital Metro, FoMM, ALP, Greens, Liberals, Folk Dance Canberra and various local schools to attend but he had not received confirmations. Greg agreed to follow up with emails. James also advised that he had developed a roster and Bruce was providing name tags.
- (2) James also stated that he had developed Notes for the table to help committee members answer more likely questions. Greg agreed to place an electronic copy of these on the HCA website for access by Committee members.

Website Administrator:

The meeting agreed to put to the next meeting a proposal that the Constitution be amended to change the Archives/History Officer position to Website Administrator.

50 Year Book: James updated the Committee on progress with the 50 Year Book.

Parties at the Shops: Greg advised the Committee that the ACT Government was willing to sponsor a Party@the Shops event. The Committee agreed to hold this event in late September.

Clean Up Australia Day: Terry advised that the Clean Up Australia Day event on 1 March was poorly supported. He thought that the lack of publicity by the Government and local radio stations contributed to this.

PA System and Marquees:

Greg advised the Committee that Andrew Leigh in his latest newsletter had offered the use of his PA system and marquees to local community organisations. The Committee agreed that these would be ideal for the Parties@the Shops event in September.

Shopping Centre: James advised that he was still looking into the proposed Shopping Centre sign with memorial plaques to notable deceased past residents. He was also still investigating options for the proposed flag pole.

Senior's Bus Service:

James advised that he had been handed a brochure on the Government's Senior's Bus Service which seemed to suggest that the service was not available in the inner north area. Greg undertook to follow up.

History Questionnaire:

James advised that the History Questionnaire would be completed by the end of the weekend and could then be circulated with the next HCA Monthly Newsletter.

Meeting finished 9.00pm

**Hackett Community Association
Committee meeting
14 April 2015**

Present – James Walker, Greg Haughey, Marian Williams, Lorraine Mason, Terry de Luca and Kay Murphy

Apologies: Bruce Smith and John Carty

Minutes: Minutes from 17 Feb accepted

NCCC Brochures: Greg reported that he had received 1,500 NCCC brochures and would discuss with Barabara Inglis the possibility of Neighbourhood Watch distributing these when she returned from holiday in several weeks.

Treasurer's report: Lorraine reported that the current balance was \$2,982.33 with proceeds from last table to be banked and invoice from Greg to be paid.

Contact table 21 March:

- (1) James advised that he had spoken to a number of people at the table that he missed last time. Folk Dance reported that they had signed up some new members. Shane Rattenbury said that he welcomed the opportunity to catch up on local issues. Steve Doszpot said that he was pleased with the outcome and would come again.
- (2) James also advised that the engagement by people from the various tables with each other was an unexpected bonus.
- (3) James expressed his appreciation for those who assisted with the HCA table.
- (4) The Committee agreed to the next table being held on 13 June from 9.30am with final arrangements to be decided at the next meeting. Food Bank from the Holy Cross Church was suggested as a possible attendee.
- (5) James also reported that Rollo from Good Samaritan House told him that 18 people had in response to his A-frame invitation come across to join him for morning tea.

Party at the Shops: The Committee agreed to hold the next Party at the Shops event on 12 September from 10am and will discuss further details at the next meeting.

History Questionnaire:

- (1) The Committee agreed to forward the historic survey questionnaire out with the next HCA newsletter and include an ad in the Hackett Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter (HNWN).

- (2) The Committee also agreed to contact Barbara Inglis to see if she received any responses to her request in the HNWN for readers to volunteer or suggest suitable Hackett residents who would be willing to be interviewed for the HNWN.

Annual General Meeting:

- (1) The Committee agreed to hold the AGM on 15 September so that it might benefit from the goodwill generated at the Party at the Shops event on the 12th.
- (2) Committee members were asked by James to come up with suggested speakers for the AGM. Speakers from the ABC and Graham Downie were suggested.

Upcoming Events: An outdoor movie night was suggested as a potential summer activity. Terry DeLuca Terry agreed to inquire about the availability of movies and equipment and costs.

Watson High School: James advised the Committee that a Watson High School 50th anniversary website had been set up and that the organisers were looking for photos. Greg agreed to contact the organisers and see how the HCA could help.

Community Newsletter:

- (1) The Committee agreed to the concept of a single community newsletter incorporating issues from HCA, FoMM, Neighbourhood Watch and other organisations.
- (2) The Committee felt that the local community organisations would gain increased exposure if they worked increasingly together.
- (3) The Committee also felt that there should be increased use of electronic distribution social media as this was increasingly preferred by younger people who we engage with more to ensure the growth and continuation of our respective organisations.

Dickson Pharmacy: James advised that Rhonda Warne the pharmacist who opened in Hackett for a short period recently had been successful in obtaining a permit to operate from the Dickson Shops and would be opening shortly.

The meeting was closed at 8.45 pm.

Hackett Community Association
Committee meeting
12 May 2015

Present – James Walker, Kay Murphy, Greg Haughey, Marian Williams, Lorraine Mason, Terry de Luca, Bruce Smith

Minutes: Minutes from 14 April accepted

- it was noted that the NCCC brochures went out in the Neighbourhood Watch newsletters.

Treasurer's report: Lorraine reported that the current balance was \$2,620.29

Preparation for the AGM: There was discussion about possible guest speakers. Suggestions included:

- a speaker from the ABC – Kay will follow up
- Graham Downey – Bruce will follow up
- Greg will contact Graham Barrow
- Jack Waterford is another possibility
- Terry will contact David Flannery

Letter on footpaths – the draft text of the letter was approved. Bruce will mail the letter.

Letters to Campbell High and Hackett Preschool – it was agreed to send letters to congratulate them on their 50th anniversaries, to thank them for their participation in past Hackett events and to invite them to the contact days.

Contact day organisation - There was discussion about the organisation of the next Contact Day on 13 June:

- James reported that ACTION will not be coming but would like to know when next one is happening.
- Pedal power hasn't got back yet.
- We should send the Mission Statement to Road Ready (Bruce to action)
- We should invite FoMM again (Greg to action), and we should offer to provide assistance to Neighbourhood Watch
- an initial roster was organised
- we could invite a worthy cause – one possibility could be the Food bank run out of Holy Cross - we could promote them
- We could contact RSPCA - James to contact

Hackett history update – discussion included:

- we need to push the questionnaire at the next table. We should ask people if they are willing to do the questionnaire.
- Kay gave an example of the kind of stories we could be collecting – she told a story about Nelson - dog went to little lunch each day to school

- Greg said that we have plenty of material on the Hackett school. How will we bring it together? There is the story of two schools - Rosary and Hackett – and how they came together on art show – an historic first in Canberra
- Scouts and Guides are also a big part of the history of the suburb. Hackett scouts were possibly older than Watson.

Local shopping centres – there was a wide-ranging discussion about Hackett and Dickson shopping centres

- The new chemist in Dickson is progressing and is nearly ready.
- IGA is changing arrangements for notices
- Terry talked about Dickson - redevelopment will destroy the village nature of the shops and destroy a lot of the smaller shops
- Snail and petal at the Hackett shops has closed down
- Michael Beecher has gone

Other business

Parking on Mackenzie Street: Kay raised the issue of parking on Mackenzie street during the Big Rides on Mt Majura. Cars are parked on both sides of the street, making it very hard to pass, while the big boulders in the car park are stopping people from parking off street. We don't want to discourage people from riding but it is inconvenient for residents. The best solution may be to put up signs so people can avoid that stretch at that time.

Party at shops: Greg reported on progress - interest is starting to be generated. People are making short movies - we could show them.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

**Hackett Community Association
Meeting at Folk Dance Canberra, Hackett
9 June 2015**

Present: Marian Williams, James Walker, Terry de Luca, Kay Murphy, Bruce Smith.

Apologies: Lorraine Mason, John Carty, Greg Haughey

Minutes: The minutes from the meeting in June were agreed. It was noted that the letter about footpaths in Hackett has been sent.

Treasurers report: The current balance is \$2620.31.

Preparation for contact table: There was discussion about preparations for the contact table in June:

- Rhonda will provide flyers and bags for Table
- James hasn't heard from politicians - they have been told about it
- We haven't heard from Pedal Power for certain
- Terry suggested that we get a biking group to come - Majura Pines has been revamped
- FoMM will be there some of the time
- We are not sure if the dancers are coming
- We should have a copy of the footpath letter should be there.
- We should remember to get addresses/phone numbers when we talk to people
- Terry has contacted Screensound Australia about movie - there are possibilities - we may need to pay but hopefully will be able to make money on the night to pay it back.

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Preparation for AGM: Terry has sent an email to David Flannery - he will come but it will have to be a later date. He may, however, be able to arrange for someone from the Heritage Council –to attend. Terry will follow up

History of Hackett: Greg has looked at the Territory archives. There is lots of material on school. He has also got more material on other things – he will put it on the website, which will hopefully prompt further memories. Kay has put together material on arts and crafts.

It was also suggested that we press the history at the contact table. We could get contacts for people to send them the questionnaires. We will, however, need to get their written permission for the use of materials.

Party at the shops (12 September) – There has been a hiatus. The Anglican Church no longer lends out their castle. We may need to get one commercially. Terry said that there may be a possibility of one at Kippax Uniting Care. He will follow up

Other business: It was reported that there has been a major community victory at Dickson Shops, with the redevelopment being forced back to the drawing board.

Meeting closed 8.15pm

Hackett Community Association
Committee meeting
11 August 2015

Present – James Walker, Greg Haughey, John Carty, Marian Williams, Lorraine Mason, Kay Murphy, Terry de Luca, Bruce Smith

Minutes: The Minutes from the meeting in June were accepted.

Footpaths: The Committee noted the letter received from the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, Mr Shane Rattenbury of 28 July 2015 on the construction of footpaths in Hackett. Mr Rattenbury stated that the footpath in Hackett Place near the shops has been rated at priority 8 out of 281 and will be built as part of the 2015-16 construction program. The Committee expressed its appreciation for the response.

Treasurer's report: Terry reported that the HCA account stands at \$2620.35. He also noted that he had an Auditor lined up for the annual financial statement, and that will be ready for the AGM.

Planning for Contact day: It was agreed that the next Contact Day will be held on 14 November.

Party at shops: There was a substantial discussion about the need to accelerate planning for the Party at the Shops to be held on 12 September, including:

- Greg has found a jumping castle – it will cost \$350. We will need to arrange power
- Need to undertake letterbox drop
- ACT Government will insure the event
- Andrew Leigh will lend his marquee
- There will be a paper works demonstration
- There are sausages left over from the last event we can use
- Possibilities for bands including Campbell High, Lyneham High and North Ainslie Primary (Bruce to approach Campbell High)
- Canberra Folk Dance will attend
- A raffle is a possibility
- Terry will contact the man who ran the book stall last time
- We should charge \$1 for face painting
- We should approach the Gecko Gang, and a man who does tool and knife sharpening
- We should ask Friends of Mt Majura and the Choir from St Margaret's
- We could do "Who has been sleeping in your house?" based on a survey that was done in the 60s.
- James and Greg will meet Amy Moon - Thursday or Friday
- We will need to get material to Barbara for the newsletter tomorrow
- James will advertise to politicians

Planning for AGM: There was a discussion about planning for the AGM in September, including:

- Graeme Barrow will be talking
- Fiona Moore from Heritage ACT will speak about what is happening on Northbourne Ave and also local heritage issues
- Greg will advertise it on the website

- We could get flyers printed – we could drop them at the same time as the party brochure
- we could use the NCCC projector – we need to check whether they have a screen
- James will finalise the words for the Constitution change – this will need to be advertised 7 days in advance of the meeting

Nomination of honorary life members: James spoke in favour of the Committee nominating Jill Huntington and Annette Wurm as honorary life members of the Association. James spoke about their work in the Hackett community over many years. The Committee agreed to proceed with those two nominations. Greg volunteered to get the certificates prepared.

Meeting closed 9.00pm

**Hackett Community Association
Annual General Meeting
15 September 2015
100 Maitland Street, Hackett**

Attendance: as recorded in the General Meeting Attendance book

James opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Apologies: Jill Huntington

Minutes: The meeting accepted the minutes

Treasurers report: Terry gave the report on behalf of Lorraine. At the end of the 2014-15 financial year the balance in our account was \$2620.31. Terry also reported that our current balance is \$2300, so we are in a good financial position. The money we have spent has been on IT and generally lifting the Association's game and making it more professional. The meeting accepted the Treasurer's report.

Chairs report: James thanked a number of people who had made the year a success for the HCA:

- Hackett Neighbourhood Watch, Friends of Mt Majura, and Folk Dance Canberra for their participation in the HCA Contact Days
- local politicians Andrew Leigh, Shane Rattenbury and Steve Dospot for their support and participation in events
- the outgoing HCA committee for its support during the year, and especially to Greg who has done a great deal

James noted that the HCA Committee meetings have moved to the kitchen of Folkdance Canberra – this works well and fits well.

The website continues to be a success, and has been looked after by Greg.

The contact days have been a success. They attract new members, give out information, and enable the Association to learn about new problems. We have changed the format to include other organisations, including Friends of Mt Majura, National Capital Metro, Neighbourhood Watch, and visits from politicians. The contact days contribute to politicians taking HCA seriously.

We have had success in lobbying for a new footpath near the shops and we have at least got the proposal for a footpath leading from the bus stop on Antill Street to the Church on the waiting list. The toilets at the shop are still on the waiting list, but we are hopeful that they will be approved soon.

The Hackett shops are still going well. We welcome the Orchid and Vine florist. We lost Michael, but the North Canberra Osteopath will shortly be setting up.

The History of Hackett project is progressing. We have got a lot of data but we need to put flesh on bones – we need people's history and soon. We need people to volunteer to provide their memories of the suburb.

The Party at the Shops was a very good day. The weather was good, there was interesting entertainment, a good turn up, and we made some money from it. And we appreciate the sponsors. The Association still needs more support. We need both people and money. Not just on the Committee but also to help out on events. James would like to know that Association will be going strong in future years. He welcomed the new committee and hoped it will be a good year in 2015—16. The Chair's report was accepted.

Election of honorary life members: James, on behalf of the Committee, proposed two people for honorary life memberships:

- Annette Wurm – both Annette and her (deceased) husband Wally have made very significant contributions to the suburb over many years, including Neighbourhood Watch
- Jill Huntington – Jill and her (deceased) husband Max. Jill and Max contributed to the community in a number of ways, including in the HCA. They took a lead role in the traffic count and Max was a former deputy-chair of the HCA

Both life memberships were approved by acclamation.

Special resolution:

James read out the following special resolution to amend the HCA Constitution:

MOVED that the HCA CONSTITUTION be amended by

1. DELETING Sub-clause 16(2) (e): 16(7); and any and all other references to “the Archives and Historical Officer. AND
2. AMENDING Sub-clause 14(1)(b) to read “no more than five (5) ordinary committee members;....”

NOTE: This motion attempts to provide more flexibility within the committee. Duties such as “Archives and History” or “website administration” or any others can be delegated, as the needs of the time require, to the Ordinary Committee Member most fitted to carry out that task.

Len Crossfield and Jochen Zeil moved and seconded the motion. It was agreed unanimously.

Election of positions The following people were elected to the Committee unopposed:

James Walker – Chair

Greg Haughey – Deputy Chair and Public Officer

Terry de Luca – Treasurer

Lorraine Mason, - Deputy Treasurer

Bruce Smith – Secretary

Kay Murphy – Deputy Secretary

General Committee Members – Marian Williams, John Canty, Tylie Hodder and Len Crossfield.

Speakers

Fiona Moore, who is in charge of administrative support for the ACT Heritage Council, talked about the operations and work of the Council. Issues covered by Fiona included:

- the Council covers archeology, architecture, and cultural management. Its roles are research based and statutory based
- areas of work include Aboriginal culture, architecture, flora, fauna, property ownership, history, and nature conservation
- a key role is administering the ACT heritage register. This includes both places and objects.
- there is a strong focus on Aboriginal heritage – both advice and interpretation
- the development of guidelines is long and detailed
- enforcement and compliance are key aspects of the Council's work – it can issue orders to stop work, though it is very rare to have to do this

Fiona also reflected on issues relating to the Inner North of Canberra, including:

- the heritage aspects of Reid
- the Starlight Drive-in sign (which will be put back in place soon)
- the Dickson library
- the Northbourne Ave corridor

Fiona also discussed issues related to architecture from the 1960s architecture, particularly in relation to the Northbourne flats. We tend not to promote architecture from this period - people don't understand the significance. It can be a battle to educate the community to see heritage is not just about being old.

Graeme Barrow, a local writer and historian, talked about what drew him to write guide books and also books on local history:

- he became interested in bushwalking in his late 20s after he settled in Hobart (from NZ)
- in 1969 he moved to Canberra and undertook bush walks with his young children, as well as solo walks
- he joined the National Parks Association and in 1977 wrote *25 Bushwalks around Canberra* – it ended up selling 5,500 copies
- he has since published 17 books
- what he finds attractive about bushwalking is that it is cheap, silent, with amazing sights. Writing the books gave an outlook for his creative energies.
- his interest in history first developed in Hobart – visiting Ridsen Cove and Port Arthur
- In Canberra he became editor of the *Canberra History Journal* – he did 17 journals in total. Over time he became more professional, and ended up writing nine historical books.
- He believes the key personal qualities which sustained this work were persistence and determination. He was not trained in history but he was curious and keen to find out.

HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CHAIR'S 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

INTRODUCTION

I will start by reminding everyone that unlike the Treasurer's Report, which covers the last financial year, the Chair's Reports are from AGM to AGM.

HCA, amongst its many tasks, endeavours to create a sense of community in Hackett. Many of its activities relate to this. In a suburb this is harder than it would be in a country town. It's more comfortable, and A GREAT DEAL SAFER, to live in a REAL COMMUNITY, than in just a dormitory suburb, a fact fully realised a considerable time ago by Hackett Neighbourhood Watch.

THANKS

HCA would like to express its appreciation to the local groups with whom we enjoy mutual support - North Canberra Community Council; Hackett Neighbourhood Watch and Friends of Mount Majura. We are now engaged in a mutually supporting relationship with Folkdance Canberra'. We would also like to thank three of our representatives, Andrew Leigh; Steve Dospot and Shane Rattenbury for their support in a number of areas'

PERSONAL THANKS

As the 2014 -2015 Chair I would like to express my own personal appreciation to the outgoing Committee and especially to Greg, my Deputy, who in the last few months has taken over many of my duties! Thank you all for your support.

LAST AGM

See the Minutes you just approved.

MOVE OF MEETING PLACE

Having been kicked out of our last meeting place, the HCA Committee now meets in the Folkdance Canberra kitchen on the second Tuesday of the month.

WEBSITE

This site, www.hackett.com.au is maintained, at present, by the Public Officer.

CONTACT DAYS

These are some of our most important means of contact with the Community. In 2015 we amended the format a trifle by inviting other groups, causes, etc. This year, as well as our usual participants, HNW and FOMM, we have had, at different days, Folkdance Canberra, ACTION, Capital Metro, the ACT Greens and others. The Days have been visited by Andrew Leigh, Steve Dospot and Shane Rattenbury. Cross fertilization is ONE of the benefits of these contact days! Please come and talk to us at the next one, which is on Saturday, 14 November. Neighbourhood watch could do with a few volunteers to man their table - contact the Convenor.

FOOTPATHS

At a number of Contact Days the issue of surfaced footpaths has been raised, particularly that alongside the entrance to the south parking area at the shops and between Holy Cross/ St. Margaret's and the bus stop in Antill St. This has been raised directly with Urban Services and

through Steve Dospot. We have been informed that the first is now ranked as 8 out of 281 and work should take place in this financial year, while the other is now rated 77 out of 281.

PUBLIC TOILET

We have continued to push for this and the current state of play is still that Hackett is still "first cab off the rank", whatever that may mean with the current financial state of ACT finances.

BUS SHELTERS

We also received complaints about the state of the suburb's bus shelters and these were passed on to Urban Services. There seems to have been some improvement but, unfortunately, this has been partly due to some public spirited citizens taking the matter into their own hands and cleaning them themselves!

SHOPS

There have been a few changes here! A warm welcome to Orchid & Vine florist. Michael Beacher has left us, but North Canberra Osteopathy will be opening, in the shop Michael vacated, shortly! We wish them good luck and prosperous trading.

HISTORICAL PROJECT

This project, which has been underway for some time now, has acquired a large amount of data, but we have reached the stage where we need to put some flesh on the bones! This means that we need your contributions. We need people to fill out the questionnaire, available on the website, or to be interviewed, SOON. It is this information, only obtainable from residents, which completes the historical picture of life in Hackett. Please, complete the form and/or volunteer to be interviewed!!!

PARTY AT THE SHOPS

Saturday saw this year's very successful Party at the Shops. This success was largely owing to the Working Group of one, Greg Haughey and to those committee members who turned out on the day to help set up, and to man the table and the sausage sizzle. Greg has placed a fuller account of the party, with pictures, on the website. Our thanks go to the ACT Government and to Bendigo Bank who sponsored this event.

NEED FOR SUPPORT

Please allow me to point out that, as with the other local groups, we need more support. Many of the Committee Members are no longer as young as they were yesterday! We need some more help! With some of the activities, we need physical assistance.

WELCOME TO INCOMING COMMITTEE

Welcome to the new committee and especially to its new member. Good Luck!

Thank you,
J.D.Walker,
2014-2015 Chair, 15 September 2015.

Hackett Community Association
Committee meeting
13 October 2015

Present —James Walker, Greg Haughey, Marian Williams, Lorraine Mason, Terry de Luca and Kay Murphy, Bruce Smith

Apologies : John Carty

Minutes : Bruce apologised for being unable to find his notes for the August meeting. He will continue to try to find them.

The meeting noted correspondence from Mrs Jill Huntington expressing her appreciation for having been nominated a life member of the HCA at the AGM.

Treasurer's report - Terry reported that the bank balance is currently \$2428.14. Terry noted that, while there were substantial outlays for the party at the shops on toilets etc, nevertheless we were only out of pocket for around \$200. Kay noted that we made around \$100 from the raffle. We spent \$90 for pizza at the AGM. James donated the plants for the lifetime members (the majority of Committee members felt that James should be reimbursed for this, but James did not share that view).

James reported that he has had a call from the auditor-general about the Association's finances - there have been problems with community groups. James assured him our books are in order and that we are very transparent.

Follow up from AGM —It was agreed that the night went well. The food and wine were appreciated. The letter drop advertising the meeting worked well. There were problems with booking the venue (we hadn't checked that the venue was available). Terry suggested that only one person be in charge of catering - we ended up with a bit too much.

Follow-up from Party at the Shops - James circulated a document summarising lessons from the party. The ensuing discussion covered a number of points, including:

- We need to give people more notice in the lead-up to the event
- There was an organisational hiatus in the Association because we ~~don't~~ have a July meeting
- We really do need a power outlet. This will be particularly important if the empty shop is leased out. It was suggested that we need a working group on this, and we need to talk to ACTEW about it. It was agreed that Bruce will write to the relevant Minister about a power outlet. The letter should also ask about the toilets at the shops.
- We should progress getting a table apron and setting up a table sign.
- We should consider T-shirts for Committee members and bunting in our own colours. We could also consider suction cups for the bunting.
- Future timing should go from 10-2 or 3
- The possibility of a Film night at the shops was discussed. Its feasibility depends on the number of people willing to help. The films would need to be suitable for kids.
- We should thank people for their contribution to the party at the shops - Bruce and Terry will do.

Contact Day 14 November —It was noted that:

- James has spoken to (or attempted to speak to) a number of organisations and individuals, including the Greens, the heart foundation, the cancer council, with an eye to building up a health theme. He has also spoken to the Liberals.
- a notice was included in all the newsletters which went to the politicians
- We should do free sausages
- Decisions about timetables can be finalised at the next meeting.

Membership —There was a discussion about how we can increase membership, including the number of people who can put some time into the Association also increasing our shop representation (we need to be seen to be a community association rather than just a residents' association). It was agreed that we need to do another brochure drop, and that it may be desirable to update the brochure slightly. This could be done in February or March 2016.

Brand Hackett —Greg outlined a proposal for a website which would bring together the range of commercial, community and event-based interests and causes in Hackett around a vision of Hackett as a particular place to live with a clear identity. He has obtained the Hackett.com url and is looking at how this could be monetised. Discussion included:

- It could link a range of businesses and community groups —the HCA would only be one element (it needs to be bigger than the HCA)
- It would leverage off social media
- It could have advertising
- It could have information on a range of community events (eg. Music in the Park)
- It could build a brand for Hackett —a hidden gem —close to the reserve and close to the city
- There are a number of businesses who may be interested.
- It would, however, .

There was general support for the vision and concept, but it was noted that it would require commitment and work.

Hackett history update —It was agreed that Committee members need to fill out the questionnaire .

HCA Christmas dinner —It was decided to hold the dinner at Wilburs on Thursday 17 December.

Other business -

Small grants - Greg spoke about an email from Andrew Leigh about the Commonwealth government giving small grants for local projects . Ideas discussed included:

- Street scape improvements
- Furniture
- Community garden
- Flag poles
- a bust of Sir John Hackett
- an electric sign (similar to Dickson College)

It was agreed that Greg will bring back a proposal for the next meeting. We also need to check out what is meant by in-kind.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

**Hackett Community Association
Committee meeting
10 November 2015**

Present – James Walker, Greg Haughey, John Carty, Marian Williams, Lorraine Mason, Kay Murphy, Tylie Hodder, Terry de Luca, Bruce Smith

Minutes: The Minutes from the meeting in October were accepted.

James welcomed Tylie to her first Committee meeting.

Planning for 14 November Contact Day: - There was a planning discussion for the Contact Day, including arrangements for ensuring cash is available, prices for sausages, providing onions for the BBQ, not selling books this time, using signs, and updating notes and the membership list.

Business memberships: James led a discussion about whether and how we should actively promote business memberships of the HCA (we currently have 4 business members).

It was agreed that we should look at Business Membership certificates which businesses could display to show their involvement in and commitment to the local community. Each year if a shop or business is financial then they could get a certificate. We could consider using the seal of the Association on the certificates.

Greg volunteered to put together a prototype.

Upcoming events:

- It was agreed that we shouldn't plan too much until February.
- Music in the Park will take place on 5 December - usually around 3.00pm

Other business

- Greg noted that the HCA is now covered by the NCCC insurance.
- Amy Moon (ACT Government) has asked for receipts for expenditure for the Party at the Shops - they are happy to pay up to around \$800
- It was agreed that we should exhaust the current supply of HCA brochures before updating them.

The meeting ended 8.15pm