

HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 11 February 2020

Minutes

Present: Chris Mobbs, Terry de Luca, Kay Murphy, Brook Clinton, Greg Hughes, Bruce Smith

Apologies: John Carty, Scott Obara,

Minutes from the 12 November 2019 meeting were accepted with no changes.

Hackett shops – Chris spoke to his paper (attached). Key points included:

- There was a quick response from the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr, who requested a meeting to discuss plans for the shops
- “Red mane” was the most popular colour in the survey of residents, and the gardens brickwork already looks much better
- Shrub and tree planting has been done – including two red oaks
- The Government has addressed trip hazards through relaid pavers
- Log barriers have been installed behind Rusty Mals to prevent pedestrians walking directly across laneway

Greg raised the issue of increased graffiti in the suburb, especially with the trademark “OOPS”. It was agreed that it looks terrible but given that it is already illegal, it is not clear what more can be done. Brooke noted that the Downer Community Association had asked police for regular patrols of the Downer shops to stop graffiti but the police said they do not have the additional resources to do that.

The Committee commended the progress which has been made on the shops.

Treasurers report – Terry reported that the account balance stands at \$5,688.74. He reported that the grant for the Hackett Compost Collective has been received and also funding from the North Canberra Community Council for the Party at the Shops.

Terry flagged his intention to stand down from the Treasurer position at the next AGM to focus on other personal and community priorities.

There was discussion about updating and streamlining banking arrangements and it was agreed that:

- We would look at the scope for moving to electronic banking arrangements
- The signatories to the account would be updated: Bruce Smith would be included and Lorraine Mason (who has ceased to be a member of the Committee) would be removed. This means that the signatories would be Terry de Luca, Chris Mobbs, and Bruce Smith.

Rusty Mals Opening Day – Chris spoke about the plans for holding an opening day for Rusty Mals on 8 March which would also be a fundraiser for a community on the NSW south coast affected by the bushfires (the original opening was deferred because of the bushfire smoke):

- It is planned to do this in conjunction with North Canberra Music
- The money will be for a designated community – not a person and not a group of communities – it should be from us as a community to another community

- The money raised will be given to HCA, which will then pass on the money to the nominated community organisation
- There will be a range of activities designed to raise money, possibly including raffles, trivia contests, face painting and head shaving.
- The event will go from 1pm to 5pm

Chris proposed, and it was agreed, that the HCA would donate \$5 from every History Book sold.

Grants – The HCA is now managing three grants on behalf of their sponsoring bodies:

1. The Hackett Community Collective Adopt a Park grant - \$3,740. Chris noted that there were a number of errors and inconsistencies in the draft Deed, and he provided 4 pages of comments on the draft to the program managers. He also noted that the branding guidelines were both confusing and inaccessible.
2. The Gilruth Park Support Group - \$4,990 – similar comments on the quality of the draft Deed. This Group will examine cheaper options for tables
3. Hackett Compost Collective – Brooke reported that there will be multiple events through the year, including a public launch of the new composter at the back of the shops this coming Saturday.

Chris reported that he will be applying for a Nature Play grant in February. This will be for logs and rocks and other works for the Bragg Street Park.

North Canberra Community Council (NCCC) – Bruce reported that the NCCC AGM in November adopted the new Constitution which means that NCCC will now be a federated body consisting of the suburban residents associations. Hackett will have two members on the Committee (not including any officer positions). Bruce is Treasurer and Waltraud Pix is one of the Hackett representatives. The Committee agreed to further consider nominations for the second position.

Fix my Street and related matters – a number of issues were discussed:

- It was agreed that there needs to be Kangaroo signs in the Phillip Ave/Kellaway St area – Chris will pursue
- Kay raised the issue of dead leaves in gutters being a fire hazard, and the need to increase the frequency of street cleaning – Chris said he would follow up
- Chris spoke to his paper (attached) on illegal dumping in the bins at Hackett Oval. There is an immediate issue about the lack of locks on the bins, which has encouraged illegal dumping, but there is a more fundamental issue which is that even when the locks are in place, the bins attract dumping. Discussion focussed on whether sports ovals really need to have such large bins, and the desirability of removing them. Chris has written to Minister Berry in those terms (also attached) but had not, at the time of the meeting, received a reply.

HCA website – Chris spoke to his paper (attached) and reported that Greg Haughey had experienced some delays in finalising the redesign of the HCA website. On that basis Chris contacted Lance Williamson of Gaffer Designs (who provides website services for the NCCC and a number of residents groups) to discuss options for redesigning the website. Lance then contacted Greg and agreed a process for looking at material and then giving a quote for what redevelopment would cost.

It was agreed that the current funding proposal to NCCC (for a map at the shops) would be revised to be a bid for up to \$1,000 funding for the website redevelopment.

History of Hackett book – Chris reported that 80 copies of the book have been sold since June, with 23 copies remaining. IGA is happy to continue to sell the book.

Upcoming events – Terry reported that Clean Up Australia will happen on Sunday 1 March – he will put up signs to advertise it and generate interest.

Other business – Chris reported that we have received an invitation from Candice Burch, Opposition Shadow Minister in the ACT Legislative Assembly, to meet us between the end of February and the end of March. It was agreed that this could be scheduled for 4.30-5.00pm on Tuesday 26 February.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

Next meeting

Next meeting will be Tuesday 10 March 2020

Attachments (not included in draft minutes)

- A. Hackett Shops enhancement update 6 February 2020
- B. Illegal dumping in bins at Hackett Oval
- C. HCA website update.

**HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday 10 March 2020

Minutes

Present: Chris Mobbs, Terry de Luca, Brook Clinton, Greg Hughes, Bruce Smith

Apologies: Kay Murphy, Scott Obara,

Minutes from the February meeting were accepted subject to changes proposed by Chris.

Treasurer's report: Terry reported that the current balance of the account is \$14,815 – this included monies for the two Adopt a Park grants - \$4,990 for Gilruth Park and \$3,740 for Hackett shops. Deposits have been received for books (\$200 from IGA) and for monies (\$196) that were sitting in PayPal. Terry will need to be paid for expenses relating to Clean Up Australia and for the face painting at the Rusty Mals opening day.

The total balance for Capital Scraps Composting is \$20,537.42 in a separate account. Brook has been paid \$4,610.01 and a second cheque will now need to be provided.

Hackett shops upgrade: Continuing progress has been made with the upgrade to the shops:

- Chris has painted the metal notice frame black. Blue Gum have been working on a tile mosaic mural to go into the frame. It was agreed that we should proceed with bolting it in and not seeking formal approval at this stage. It was also agreed not to install a Perspex screen at this stage.
- Chris has sent an email to the graffiti unit in the ACT Government about the graffiti on Mills Street at back of Compost pile. He raised the option of a mural on the wall to discourage graffiti.
- There has been no progress on bike racks or painting chairs.

Rusty Mals opening day: The opening day was held on 8 March with the objective of raising funds for a south coast community affected by the bushfires. The day was a great success. It ran from 1pm to 4.45pm. Entry was \$10/ adult (children free) for pizza and half priced drinks, with pizzas placed on a table near the bar for people to help themselves. It was estimated that about 116 adults and 14 children attended (there may have been more after 3.30pm). Entertainment provided by twelve musicians from North Canberra Music and Jen and Jim.

A total of \$2,465 was raised from entry donations, general donations, raffles and face painting. Raffle prizes donated by IGA and their suppliers included 8 bottles of wines and whiskeys. Offers ranged between \$30 and \$120 per bottle. A gold wrapped toilet roll, with lock, fetched \$200.

All the money was deposited in the IMB bank account of the Friends of Eurobodalla Botanic Gardens on Tuesday 10 March.

Grants:

- The funding for both the Adopt a Park projects was deposited in account last week. Both projects can start planning now.

- Brook reported that the Compost Collective:
 - has met with the ACT Government person about permits – it looks like the permit will be renewed for a year without any issues;
 - will put in a couple of small garden beds, trying to put in fairly hardy plants (possums may be a problem)
 - will be doing a letterbox drop to get more scraps (the composter is not yet at full capacity). They are also in discussions with businesses at the Hackett shops for sourcing scraps.
- Chris will be putting application in for a Nature Play Grant for the Bragg St Park. The grants are up to \$15,000. He has had a meeting with landscape architect Paul Barnett to design a community naturescape park (who has done work with Blue Gum and Orana schools). Chris will also look at applying for a grant from the ACT Environment Program.

HCA Website: Chris reported that Greg Haughey has resurrected the HCA website. He has not, however, yet merged the two Hackett websites, has not yet given Lance Williamson (Gaffer Designs) the access codes or provided the website material to Chris. It was agreed that, if these actions are not taken within the next week, we will proceed with the creation of a new website with Gaffer Designs.

Books sales: Chris reported that the IGA still has 8 copies of the Hackett book, and that he has 19 at home.

Clean Up Australia: Terry reported that Clean Up Australia was held on 1 March and that the turn up in Hackett was once again positive and encouraging. There were 19 signatures on the list and not so much rubbish this year. Key priorities were rubbish around the oval and also on the Antill Street nature strip. The Committee commended Terry for his organisation of the event.

Meeting with Candice Burch: The meeting with Candice Burch, Opposition MLA and Shadow Minister, will now take place at 4.30pm on 17th March at Siam Twist. Items which we could raise could include the replacement of the pine trees near the Hackett Oval (possibly with something more drought resistant).

HCA proposed purchase of capital items: Bruce spoke about the proposal that HCA purchase some larger items for use by the smaller community groups in Hackett as well as by HCA at its own events (eg. Party at the Shops). The items could include: BBQ, gazebo, urn, power lead, esky etc. Issues to be considered include:

- the views of the groups about need and priorities
- the cost of the items
- storage
- portability
- use across multiple groups (eg. one BBQ being used for meat which would also be used by vegetarians)

It was agreed that Bruce will send an email to the community groups about their need for, and views about, these shared resources.

Greg raised the idea that HCA could undertake events of its own centred on parks which do not currently have a community group sponsoring them (such as the Grayson St and French St parks). We could stage a BBQ and also invite musicians. This would be a catalyst for forming new groups. It was agreed to discuss this idea further at a future meeting.

Chris proposed that we also need to undertake a stocktake of our current assets (e.g tables, notice boards) so that we can keep a tally of what we currently have. It was agreed to do this for the next meeting.

NCCC: Bruce reported on the first meeting of the new NCCC Committee which was held on 19 February. The Committee agreed to a forward program of expenditure, which included up to \$1,000 for the redevelopment of the HCA website.

Other business

- we have received a letter from the ACT Government about the proposed redevelopment of the SES depot, Holtze Place. Chris will follow up to seek more information
- Chris reported that there was \$196 in the HCA PayPal account, which has now been moved into our bank account. It was agreed to close down the PayPal account, as part of our revisions to our website arrangements. Chris will draft something and send to Greg Haughey.

The next meeting will be held on 4 April, and the AGM on 8 September.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 12 May 2020

Minutes

Present: Chris Mobbs, Terry de Luca, Brook Clinton, Scott Obara, Greg Hughes, Bruce Smith

Apologies: John Carty, Kay Murphy.

Chris welcomed people to the meeting – the first on-line (Zoom) meeting the HCA has held.

Minutes from the 11 February 2020 meeting were accepted with no changes.

Matters arising. Chris reported on the redevelopment of the SES site on Madigan Street. It will be a complete knockdown and rebuild. This will involve the loss of some plants. Some concerns have been raised on Facebook about possible noise from the building work

Treasurers report. Terry reported that the current balance in the account is \$14,637.01. It stands at about \$5,600 without the Adopt a Park amounts. The Compost Collective account balance is \$18,001.92 (no change since the last meeting).

Hackett shops upgrade Chris reported that:

- Graffiti was cleaned up on the back wall, Mills St, following Chris's request. This was a very quick response from the ACT Government.
- There has been no further work on the bike racks outside Rusty Mals.
- The ACT Government has made an offer of Floriade plants - 1600 bulbs and 1500 annuals – for the garden beds at the shops. There has been a lot of excitement on Facebook about this. It is planned to have a working bee – up to 10 under restrictions. We may be able to have some sort of event when they sprout (subject to COVID restrictions. We could also consider whether others in Hackett might like some of the bulbs (perhaps the churches, Samaritan House, Blue Gum School and the Pre-school)

Grants Report

Existing grants

- Hackett shops garden project:
 - There will be a workshop with Paul Barnett about how to reorganize the gardens. While there have been no meetings so far (because of restrictions), they have to the end of February 2021 to do it.
- Gilruth Park
 - They have also received bulbs from Floriade and will be planting them soon. They are also working on repainting the park benches. Bruce will work with Ann-Marie on publicity – this could spark interest for other parks in Hackett
- Hackett Compost Collective – Brook
 - Brook reported that this is going well – it is now operating at full capacity. There has been some media – ABC and Win News – covering the grants. Over 1.5 tonnes of material has been processed from around 130 households. There is still capacity to take on more. Brook is looking to put another composter in Braddon (in addition to Ainslie and Hackett), but is keen to get more Hackett people. The compost is being moved around between the compost hubs.

New grant applications – Chris reported on two applications for funding for Bragg St Park:

- Nature Play grants 2020-21 – \$11,700 – plan is to engage Paul Barnett for the design, and then engage a contractor to install a range of nature features to be put into the park, including logs.
- Nature in the City 2020-21 – \$9,000. This would have as its focus the installation of swales to deal with erosion. Applications close 18 May.
- The Government has also offered a table for Bragg St Park (at the end of the financial year)

HCA new website and HCA Facebook update Chris reported that:

- we have a new website. It has been developed by Lance Williamson (Gaffer Designs) and funded by the NCCC. Greg Haughey has handed over the codes and old website material.
- the Forum page on the website has attracted a lot of spam but that should be manageable.
- there are 160 subscribers to the newsletter.
- we have 500 followers on Facebook. Facebook is far more immediate than the website, but the website should become the repository of information - they should go hand in hand.
- he has asked Greg Haughey to close the PayPal HCA facility.

Discussion included:

- Greg raised the need to update and upgrade HCA logo. It was agreed that it needs to be refreshed.
- Scott said that this would be a good time to evaluate opportunities to how to best engage with the community. This could include, for example, the balance between the website and Facebook, and also how to use Zoom meetings to include more people. Scott offered to run a session (separate to monthly meetings) on the different ways that the HCA could communicate – this was agreed.

Hackett book – Chris reported that 3 copies have been sold in the last month. There are still 7 copies at the IGA and Chris has a box of 19. One possibility is setting up a table at the shops when it gets a bit warmer to publicise the remaining copies

Purchase of capital items – Bruce reported that he had priced a set of new equipment items (a gazebo, power leads, esky, display board, and urn) totaling \$710. It was agreed to put in a funding bid to the NCCC for this equipment. There was discussion about whether it would also be desirable to purchase a BBQ, and it was decided to delay this until we are clearer about whether it would be possible to use one provided by North Ainslie Primary, and also clearer about where the BBQ would be stored.

Party at the Shops – Chris proposed that the Party at the Shops this year be cancelled because of uncertainty about the viability of public events in light of COVID 19. Given the need to book school bands etc, well in advance, we cannot be confident that the event would be allowed or, if allowed, be well attended. We could, however, consider organising a smaller event closer to the time if that seemed possible and appropriate. The Committee agreed not to proceed with a Party this year.

NCCC update – Bruce reported that the NCCC Committee has not met since February. A funding strategy would be put to the Committee shortly, with decisions to be taken by the end of May.

Next meeting – 9 June.

HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 9 June 2020

Minutes

Present: Chris Mobbs, Brook Clinton, Scott O'Bara, Greg Hughes, Barbara Mobbs, Bruce Smith

Apologies: Terry de Luca, Kay Murphy.

Chris welcomed people to the (Zoom) meeting.

Minutes from the 12 May 2020 meeting were accepted with no changes.

Treasurer's Report – Chris provided a brief summary:

- The Capital Scraps account balance is \$18,001.82
- The general account balance is \$13,188.00, which includes the two Adopt-a-Park grants.
- Recent payments include \$1,249 payments for Gilruth Park and \$201 for materials for Floriade at the Shops.
- Balance minus grant monies is \$5,705.

Hackett shops Floriade Reimagined

A planting session was held at the shops on 30 June, planting 1,200 tulip bulbs and 600 pansies and poppies. The gardeners included Gabbi and Will Aikman, Tess and Tony Steele, Bruce Smith, Chris and Barbara Mobbs. Its looking very well so far and Chris has sent around some photos showing locations. We are now waiting and hoping for rain. We also gave 100 bulbs to the Hackett Preschool. Blue Gum have also planted some, and the Gilruth Park group have also planted some. So hopefully Hackett will be in bloom in September.

Chris reported that the Government disconnected the irrigation system at the Shops some years ago, and cannot connect them again. The only tap is around near Siam Twist. So we really need a 50m hose to water the plants, which will need to be watered every 4 days or so if no rain. We can lend out the hose to other groups (including Park groups). It was agreed to purchase a 50m hose.

Greg proposed that we develop a campaign highlighting all the activity in Hackett which could be called "Hackett on the Move". This would publicise Hackett as an attractive place to live, work and play. It would be community driven and could work through multiple social media channels.

Grants progress reports (Chris and Brook)

Existing grants

- Adopt a Park grant 2019-20 - Hackett shops garden project – no further progress at this stage
- Adopt a Park grant 2019-20 – Gilruth St park
 - The Support Group have planted Floriade bulbs and painted one bench. The hole has been dug for the concrete base to hold the new table and it will be put in the next few days
- Hackett Compost Collective – Brook
 - Brook reported that all is going well. Now turning her mind to planning more workshops and sessions at the Composter.
 - Brook applied for and received a grant for ACT Science Week, and will be conducting a workshop

New grant applications

- Nature Play grants 2020-21 – Bragg St park

- Grants have not yet been announced
- Nature in the City 2020-21 grants – Bragg St Park – swale creation
 - Grants have not yet been announced.

HCA website, Facebook update and PayPal account (Chris)

- Chris reported that it is going well – he is still learning how to manage the website such as posting newsletters – he has posted April and May 2020 newsletters.
- There is still a lot of spam, but that is not getting through to the site
- Following a notice on the Hackett Facebook page we had 40 hits to the May newsletter.
- We now have 169 subscribers to the newsletter while Hackett Facebook has 515 followers.
- The PayPal account closed on 22 May.

New HCA logo There was a discussion about how to take the development of a new logo forward. The general view was that we should centre it on the values and qualities of Hackett (possibly including Mt Majura as a graphic) and that we should build on and learn from what other Associations have done. It was agreed that:

- Bruce will find out (through NCCC contacts) about the Campbell/Downer/Watson/Lyneham logos – how they were done, how much it costed
- Greg will get an indication from his daughter (who has done a design course) about scope, process and ideas

Hackett book – sales update – During May, Chris promoted the book to real estate agents operating in Hackett. This has already produced results – 5 copies have been sold, leaving 2 at IGA and 19 with Chris.

HCA proposed purchase of capital items – Bruce reported that the application to the NCCC for \$710 for equipment was approved. He has purchased a gazebo, an esky and two powerleads at Bunnings. Chris will purchase an urn and a sign board.

Chris will compile a list of these and other items that will form the basis of the HCA assets register.

NCCC – Bruce reported that the NCCC Committee will meet on 17 June. The NCCC has recently upgraded its website and has continued engaging with development issues, including initiating an ACAT appeal in relation to the Ainslie Football Club and putting in a submission in regard to the proposed redevelopment of the West Basin Precinct.

Upcoming events – Greg raised the possibility of an event to celebrate the bulbs flowering in Spring. It was agreed that we would keep this under review, in light of developments with COVID 19. We can pull something together quickly if we decide to stage a small event.

Other business

Online payments – Chris circulated a paper setting out a new approach to making online payments. The Association's current arrangements rely on either two people signing cheques (which are inconvenient for recipients who have to take them to banks) or on a two-person online arrangement where they have to be both physically present at a computer to make the payment.

The Commonwealth Bank has advised that we can have only one person do on-line payments, provided such arrangements have been agreed at a meeting and that the decision is recorded in the Minutes – the bank will need to see a copy of the Minutes. Chris proposed that we adopt this arrangement, on the basis that the payments have been previously authorised by the Committee and that a signatory cannot make a payment to themselves (specific arrangements at Attachment A). The Committee agreed to that proposal.

Traffic on Madigan Street – The Committee had received a paper from Geoff Binns about traffic speeding on Madigan Street and proposing to address this through changes such as speed limits and traffic calming measures. It was agreed that this is a serious issue, and that it be considered at the July meeting of the Committee.

Bike path parallel to Phillip Ave – Chris reported that he had raised the proposal to put a form of bike path through the green area parallel to Phillip Ave from Majura Avenue up to entrance to Mt Ainslie. Transport Canberra responded that they did not have this on their works list but would put it on the list for future consideration.

Bike path along Antill Street – Chris raised the issue of the lack of connection between the paths at the top of Antill Street (parallel to Watson) through to the Prime Studios in North Watson. This would enable cyclists to travel from North Watson, along the side street parallel to Antill St, to the Dickson bike path. It was agreed to Chris first raising this with the Watson Community Association and then raising this with the Government.

AGM timing - Chris reported that the Registrar-General has informed associations that the period required for AGMs will be extended to 30 October 2020. It was agreed to have the HCA AGM on 9 October.

Next meeting – The next meeting will be held by Zoom video on 14 July.

Meeting finished 8.38pm

Procedures to provide for on-line payments of expenses under bank accounts of the Hackett Community Association.

Proposals to spend money from the general business account of the HCA (06 2908 1041 5089) are given prior approval at a meeting of the Committee.

Proposals to spend money from the Capital Scraps grant (06 2904 1058 4772) are made on receipt of receipts or invoice provided to a Committee member by Capital Scraps.

Reimbursements to Committee members

After initial approval by the Committee, a Committee member will purchase items or pay for services initially from their own bank accounts or credit cards. Under these arrangements the following procedures must be followed in order to reimburse this expenditure.

1. Member wanting to incur expenditure, sends email to two other Committee members, registered with the Commonwealth Bank, with details and costings.
2. After receiving written approval by the other Committee members, the member undertakes expenditure and receives receipt. Receipt scanned and sent to the approving members.
3. If the member who incurs the expense requests reimbursement, one of the other members must do the on-line payment. The member must not pay themselves.
4. The description for the payment should include a suitable reference to the payee e.g. BBQ hire – Chris.
5. Copies of the email correspondence related to expenditure are retained for audit purposes.

Payments to other persons, organisations or businesses

From time to time, the Association will receive invoices from other persons, organisations or businesses e.g. annual fee from Australia Post for the postal box (around \$130) or expenses associated with Party at the shops (jumping castle hire).

1. Where the payment does not involve reimbursing the member, the member receiving the invoice must email copy to two other Committee members, registered with the Commonwealth Bank, with details and costings.
2. After receiving approval by the other Committee members, the member can undertake the on-line payment. Receipt scanned and sent to the approving members.
3. The description for the payment should include a suitable reference to the payee e.g. BBQ hire – Chris.
4. Copies of the email correspondence related to expenditure are retained for audit purposes

HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 14 July 2020

Minutes

Present: Chris Mobbs, Terry de Luca, Brook Clinton, Scott Obara, Greg Hughes, Barbara Mobbs, Geoff Binns, Bruce Smith

Apologies: Kay Murphy.

Chris welcomed people to the (Zoom) meeting.

Minutes from the June 2020 meeting were accepted with two changes to the section on the Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Report Terry reported that the balance for the Capital Scraps account is \$14,979.42, while the balance for the general HCA account, which includes the Adopt a Park money, is \$12,978.98. Terry also reported that:

- The new banking arrangements approved in June's meeting have been implemented and are operating smoothly
- He will proceed with the audit in the same way as in previous years, and that they should be ready for the AGM.

Traffic in Hackett – Geoff Binns spoke to the paper he had previously sent to the Committee. The key issue is the danger and noise of cars speeding along Madigan Street, particularly at night. Geoff noted that 80 percent of traffic follows the speed rules, but some individuals go too fast. In warmer months there is a higher rate of speed. His house has been hit twice by cars and several animals (pets) have been run over.

There was a general discussion, which included noting that traffic calming measures can sometimes increase noise, and that a reduction in the speed limit may not always address the people who are at the heart of the problem.

It was agreed that Chris will write to the Government suggesting that the speed limit on Madigan Street be reduced to 50km per hour, that current speed limits be enforced by police monitoring and they remove the dead Westringia plants in the median strip near the shops as they reduce visibility. The Association may also undertake consultation on this issue in future.

Hackett shops Floriade Reimagined – Chris provided a verbal update. Bulbs are slowly appearing, and some daisies are flowering – he has used the new hose to water them. He also advised that ICON Water, via Floriade had offered to water the plants but he had not heard from them.

Grants progress reports – verbal updates

Existing grants

1. Adopt a Park grant 2019-20 - Hackett shops garden project

The Hackett Community Collective (Maree Wright and Lucy Hopkins) has a grant to consult with community about how to revitalise the grassed space at the Hackett shops, to include an area for children to play (nature play) and seating/community meeting spaces. They are working with a design company to facilitate the

consultation process and from the consultation, to draw up a plan for the space, which can be put into place with volunteer community labour and funded support. They had planned to hold the consultation in March, however, were delayed by Coronavirus. They hope to hold the consultation in spring in order to apply for funds and involve community in carrying out the plan that emerges from the consultation in Autumn 2021.

2. Adopt a Park grant 2019-20 – Gilruth St Park

Work has been progressing steadily, including watering the plants which have been put in. Work will commence shortly on the delivery of rocks, creating new garden beds, and painting the second bench.

- 3. Hackett Compost Collective** – Brook reported that she has met with two mural artists about the wall behind the composter on Mills St. They are excited about the wall and have proposed to start with artwork behind the composter and then different artists would take sections of the wall. The Preschool would like to have input to murals, and possibly also Blue Gum. Brook will check with Mills St residents that they are happy with bright murals in the street. She will also talk to the ACT Government Graffiti Team to get their agreement.

New grant applications

- 4. Nature Play grants 2020-21 – Bragg St park** – the application from the Bragg St Park Volunteers Group to provide additional nature play features was unsuccessful. Feedback was that the program assessors liked the proposal but felt there needed to have more engagement with community (e.g with local schools etc) post construction. It was also noted that there have been budget cutbacks – only 6 projects were funded across Canberra.
- 5. Nature in the City 2020-21 – Bragg St park – Swale creation.** The Bragg Park group also applied for funding under this program - hopefully there will be an announcement in the coming weeks.

HCA communications

- 1. Broad Strategy:** Scott spoke to a broad schematic (attached) that he had developed which set out how the HCA could think about engagement on key issues. Key themes were:
 - The HCA should be a facilitator, making connections across the community
 - We should be providing opportunities to work with enablers
 - We need to more clearly articulate what we do and what are our goals
 - Once we have that clarity, we should form key strategic relationships around our role – how we engage with community groups and being clear about the benefits of being a member of HCA
 - We should be using project teams focussed on special interests (eg. traffic)
 - We should be looking at how to incentivise the community to participate.
 - We do, however, need to consider resources and not develop a vision which is incompatible with the size and resources of the Association.

It was agreed to put the schematic/diagram on the website (Scott would like to make revisions to make it more visually appealing).

- 2. Website** – Chris reported that website is operating well, but that the Forum page is getting a lot of useless spam. Given that we are getting good engagement on Facebook,

and that we receive feedback via the email info@hackett.asn.au he proposed removing the Forum Page – this was agreed.

3. **Facebook** – Barbara reported that the HCA Facebook page now has 530 followers – numbers are increasing and there is good feedback. She proposed that the site be restricted to HCA areas of focus, rather than becoming a general resource on issues such as missing cats and dogs (where there are other, more appropriate sites). This was agreed.
4. **HCA committee vests** – Chris spoke to a paper (attached) proposing that the HCA purchase vests which could be used to identify Committee members and other helpers at key events (such as Party at the Shops). It was agreed that this was a good idea and could be considered further once a new logo had been adopted,
5. **HCA midyear Report** – Chris spoke to a paper (attached) on this issue. He proposed that the HCA develop an annual report to Hackett residents setting out the HCA activities for the past year and priorities for the coming year, and that this be distributed to letterboxes. He said that it may not be possible to do this as part of Neighbourhood Watch but he will test that again. Chris said he would hope that the report would lead to many more residents joining the Association (currently around 180). It may be possible to get NCCC funding for production and distribution (Bruce will test this).
6. **New HCA logo and Hackett on the Move** - Greg spoke to his paper on this, which set out some sample designs done by graphic designer, Georgina Tan. It was agreed to ask Ms Tan to develop concepts for consideration by the Committee for a cost of \$200 with possible further development of a chosen concept for a further \$200. Chris agreed to develop a brief which would provide guidance, including ideas linking to visually striking aspects of Hackett.

Hackett book – There is one book left with the IGA and 19 still in Chris's possession.

Tables in Bragg and Gilruth Parks: In November 2019 the HCA made a submission to the 2020-21 ACT Government *Budget Consultation process* requesting tables to be placed in the five open spaces in Hackett. In July 2020, tables, made from recycled plastic, were installed in the Gilruth and Bragg St parks.

Bike path Antill St and Phillip Ave - Chris reported that he participated in a Zoom meeting with the Watson Community Association to discuss the provision of a bike path along Antill St from Negus Crescent near Prime TV studio, to where Antill St meets Watson and Hackett. We agreed that both Associations would send a joint letter to Minister Chris Steel, asking about plans the ACT Government has to improve cycle and pedestrian access along this section of Antill St. Chris will include a separate letter asking about a bike track along Phillip Avenue from Majura Ave, to the reserves.

Proposal to nominate Hackett oval trees on ACT Tree Register – Chris noted that the avenue of trees along the eastern side of the Hackett oval were planted well before Hackett was built in the mid 1960s. The section in the Hackett book notes that the origin and purpose of these trees is unknown. Because of this mystery and that they provide valuable habitat for birds, and are an important visual feature for the oval and Blue Gum School, it is important they are recognised. Chris will prepare an application to have the trees considered for listing on the ACT Tree Register.

HCA Assets Register – Chris spoke to the draft Assets Register he had circulated. This was endorsed by the Committee, with the possible addition of a larger sign board, and also that the Register include the physical location of assets (ie. who is looking after them).

NCCC update – Bruce reported that the NCCC will shortly be recommencing public meetings, beginning on 15 July, by Zoom. He will circulate any papers/presentations which come out of that meeting.

Other business

Chris advised that we received emails about the following matters (residents had seen our email info@hackett.asn.au in the HNW newsletter):

- Request to turn lights on at oval every night from 6-7pm so people can take their dogs for a run. Lights are currently on 2-3 times a week. Chris sent a request to Fix my Street.
- Blue water pipe and steel stakes with netting at intersection of Madigan and Maitland St near Blue Gum. The resident said the stakes had been there for at least 18 months. Chris sent request to ICON Water to remove the stakes and ask if the blue pipe will be covered.

Chris also reported on the following matters:

Rubbish at end of Antill St – carpark near entrance to Mt Majura. Chris sent Fix my Street request to have it cleaned-up.

Dog droppings in plastic bags left on fences and ground at entrances to Reserves. People are required to remove their dog's dropping from the reserve. But people often drop the plastic bag at entrances, probably if they have driven their car. Chris sent an email to Minister Steel requesting that they consider putting bins (as a trial) at main entry points – Mackenzie St, Kellaway St and end of Antill St.

Candice Burch flier – mentions she is fighting for toilets and other things to enhance the shops and other actions in Hackett.

Elizabeth Lee visit to shops on 4 July. She spent over 1 hour from 11am meeting a few people walking by.

Street sweeping – In February, Chris sent a request to Fix my Street asking when the Street Sweeping schedule would be on the ACT Government website. He did not receive a reply until May which advised the schedule would be released in June. However, by mid-July it was still not available, though some streets had been swept in Hackett over recent days.

HCA Committee handbook – Chris will include the new banking procedures and assets register in the handbook and send to committee for their records.

Meeting finished – 9.30pm

Next meeting – 11 August

HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 11 August 2020

Minutes

Present: Chris Mobbs, Brook Clinton, Scott Obara, Greg Hughes, Barbara Mobbs, Bruce Smith

Apologies: Terry de Luca, Kay Murphy.

Chris welcomed people to the (Zoom) meeting.

Minutes and matters arising – accepted without amendment

Treasurer's Report – Chris reported that \$14,979 is left in the compost grant and that there is a \$10,925 balance in the general account. \$5,695 in the general account is left excluding the two Adopt-a-Park grants.

Traffic issues – Chris reported that, following the discussion at the last meeting, he sent both a paper and a letter to Minister Steel on 21 July raising a number of issues and proposals (Attachment A). Kay mentioned to Chris that she had noticed a speed camera on Madigan St near Haddon St – this maybe a coincidence (return to school) or it may be the result of the letter.

Hackett shops:

Floriade Reimagined – Chris provided a verbal update. Poppies have started flowering and bulbs are now coming up. Rain has been good. One Floriade sign has gone missing but he will try to get a replacement.

Shops generally: Chris reported that he is working with Bluegum on the mural – this is slowly happening.

On 23 July Chris Steel issued an announcement on improvements on shops which included Hackett shops. They were, however, very minor proposals – its not clear what they mean at this stage. Chris has gone out to Chris Steel's office to seek clarification – but received no response yet. Underwhelming.

Grants progress reports

Existing grants

Adopt a Park grant 2019-20 – Gilruth St park – Bruce reported that good progress is being made, including receiving rocks, new plantings, new table, and commencing painting the second bench. The Committee commended the progress which has been made.

Hackett Compost Collective – Brook reported that it is going well. There is almost too much material to compost, but she is arranging for a second composter in Lyneham. The IGA has asked for a shade screen to be put on the composter, particularly in view of the problem of flies in summer. Brook is happy to do this, but will need to check what is allowable.

Brook also discussed the new ACT Government announcement about a Canberra-wide initiative for green waste. She said that it is light of specifics (they haven't said where a new facility will be built), but that there will be some form of tender for doing the work. One risk is that there will be just one big contractor to do everything. Brook is scaling up to show how the current initiative can take on larger capacity, and how important it is to bring the community along.

New grant applications

Nature in the City 2020-21 – Bragg St Park – Chris reported that the grant application to create swales in the Bragg Street Park has been successful. The grant will deliver funding of \$9,100. They will engage landscape designer Paul Barnett to develop a plan for the swales (\$1,100) and then spend \$8,000 for a tractor to build them. This will reduce flooding and loss of soil and will be a demonstration of what can be done in a city location. The Committee extended its congratulations for this excellent outcome.

The Committee agreed to establish a new account to manage the Bragg St Park funding.

HCA communications

1. **Broader strategy** – Scott is revising a diagram on communications for the website. One of the objectives is to clarify how we do communications, including how the HCA is both a voice and a connector of projects. A continuing issue for the Committee is to clarify our goals - what do we want to achieve?

There was a general discussion about communication, including:

- We need more community consultation, perhaps through some sort of Town Hall done by Zoom. We need to be seen to be acting and listening to the community. HCA should be setting benchmark on community consultation
- Does the community know who we are and what we do? We need to clearly distinguish ourselves from Hackett Neighbourhood Watch
- The Annual Report could be a key part of this strategy
- We need to make it clear that the HCA doesn't run things – it helps people to do things.
- Zoom, Facebook, Annual report – we need to try multiple channels.
- We could also look at new technologies, such as digital workshops, and way to vote on issues online.

2. **Website and Facebook**

- Chris reported that the Forum has been removed from the website, so there is no more spam
- Barbara reported that there are now 570 people on the Facebook site.

3. **HCA Annual Report** – Chris provided an update on progress. The Report has been drafted and is near finalisation. It was going to be A4 – but with NCCC input, it is now going to be A3. The aim is to get it out by the end of August. It was agreed to request NCCC funding.

4. **New HCA logo and Hackett on the Move** – There was a general discussion about the logo concepts developed by Georgina and presented by Greg. It was felt that the concepts were high quality and very useful for taking this forward. It was agreed that:

- Concepts one and two should be further developed, and put in colour (possibly eucalyptus colours)
- The Committee would then further consider them at the meeting in September
- Then they would be circulated for wider reactions/views.
- In the meantime we would continue to use the current logo
- When it is agreed, we should have a mini-communication strategy to get it out there

Hackett book – Chris reported that he had dropped another 10 books to IGA, and that they paid upfront for these. He has got about 9 copies left. The distribution of the Annual Report should drum up more business.

Proposal to nominate Hackett oval trees on ACT Tree Register – Chris reported that he is working on this proposal in conjunction with Michael Doherty (a local botanist). The aim is to put a case together for saving these trees and also getting the Government to be more positive about what needs to be done to replace them (either with similar trees or with eucalypts). Chris is also working with Michael on other (selected) trees in the suburb, with the aim that they also be on the register.

NCCC update: Bruce reported that the NCCC has been concerned about the Common Ground development in Dickson. The Minister has, however, used his call-in powers to approve the development. A key remaining issue is the possible extension of Hawdon Street across the bike path, which would be a significant disruption to that green space and to cyclists (including those cycling from Hackett to the Dickson and the city. He will report back on this.

Upcoming events

- The NCCC will be holding a pre-election forum – Bruce will confirm the time and format
- Brook will be undertaking a digital presentation on the weekend.
- Floriade reimagined will be opening on 12 September. Floriade organisers are happy for local events, but we would need to organise one in Hackett

Other business

- We have received a response from Mick Gentleman to the letter on dog droppings in reserves. It was a bureaucratic response saying that the issue would be managed within existing resources.
- There was a very good review of Rusty Mal's in the *Canberra Times*. It was agreed that we should acknowledge the great work in reopening Rusty Mal's and what a great thing this is for the Hackett Community.

Next meeting - 8 September 2020. The AGM will be held on Tuesday 6 October

Meeting finished 9.00pm.

HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 15 September 2020

Minutes

Present: Chris Mobbs, Terry de Luca, Brook Clinton, Scott Obara, Greg Hughes, Barbara Mobbs, Bruce Smith

Apologies: Kay Murphy.

Chris welcomed people to the (Zoom) meeting.

Minutes and matters arising – August meeting minutes accepted without amendment

Treasurer's Report – Terry reported that the balance for the Compost grant is \$14,942 – there have been no payments since the last meeting. There is \$19,323 in the main account – this includes the Bragg St funding (\$9,100), Adopt a Park Hackett shops (\$3,740) and unspent funds from the Adopt a Park Gilruth st park. We have received \$200 from Hackett IGA for 10 books. Terry will do the reconciliation for the AGM.

Traffic issues – We have received a letter from Minister Steel which is non-committal. It says that they have sent police a few times, did surveys and found little speeding. They will monitor and take action as necessary. It also says that the dead plants in median strip have been removed but they are still there. We can go back to him with a response but given they are in caretaker mode we will not get a quick reply.

Slower suburbs programme – have run out of signs but getting them reprinted – we have asked for 6 signs for key points. Hope to get them in the next week or two.

The Government does not want to do kangaroo signs on Phillip Ave at this stage. The kangaroos are staying in the bush anyway at the moment because of the grass there.

Hackett shops

1. **Floriade Reimagined** – Chris provided a verbal update. There are a mass of blooms, and there are stories of people stopping to admire the flowers. We need to decide whether to take them out, or leave them there over summer. We will need to give this further consideration. We should also consider a thank you letter to the Floriade people.
2. **ACT Government proposed refresh of the shops** – We haven't received a response from Chris Steel about it, and they are now in caretaker mode.

Grants progress –

1. **Adopt a Park grant 2019-20 – Gilruth St park** – Bruce reported that good progress continues to be made. The second bench has been painted and there is a major working bee planned to establish new garden beds.
2. **Adopt a Park grant 2019-20 – Hackett shops gardens** – they are hoping to do something in the Spring – the ACT Government has indicated that it is flexible in terms of timing.
3. **Hackett Compost Collective** – Brook reported that:
 - The IGA has suggested that the composter could do with shading – there could be a problem with flies in summer. Brook met with the Land

Manager over the weekend – they could put a shade cover on. It would be possible to put the new logo on the cover.

- They had a Zoom session in August (in place of a working bee) – it went very well and included discussion of aspects of composting.
 - Brook has put in a variation request to ask if she could use funding to build another composter, which would go in another suburb.
4. Nature in the City 2020-21 – Bragg St Park – Chris reported that \$9,100 has been paid and that he has received a copy of the counter-signed deed. He is having a meeting with Paul Barnett next week to start the planning process. He has also set up a small sub-committee of volunteers. They will then go back to the ACT Government to have the plan approved, and then get the landscaping done. Hopefully this will be done by December. They may also do a video documentary to capture the process of what is being done.

HCA communications

1. Broader strategy – Scott discussed the communications diagram, noting the changes he has made. It will now go up on website for comment, with the aim of prompting discussion.
2. Website - Scott indicated that he is willing to assist with the website, with Chris taking the lead.
3. Facebook – Barbara reported that we now have 570 people on Facebook, and that it is working effectively. Brook commented that it is going really well and noted that we need to remind people that the Floriade initiative needs to involve the whole of community.
4. HCA Annual Report – Chris reported that the Annual Report has been delivered today. One person has joined us already as a result of the Report, and hopefully we may get a few more.
5. New HCA logo – the Committee discussed the revised concepts and agreed on A, D, E as the variations of the new logo. There will need to be variations on the logo for different purposes (ie. black and white in some contexts, colour in others). It was agreed to go back to Georgina and ask her to develop final artwork for those three, asking for ideas on shape as well as the colours (eg. if we want green background on a white page, or if it doesn't work as a square, but could be something else). Chris will go back on that. It was also agreed to stay with the original quote - \$400 is good value.

Hackett book – sales verbal update - We have sold 3 at IGA. Chris sent emails to several agents selling or leasing houses in Hackett (Seminara and co leasing, Ray White and Belle Property Kingston).

Bike path Antill St and Phillip Ave: We have not received a response to the letter to Minister Chris Steel as yet.

Proposal to nominate Hackett oval trees on ACT Tree Register – There were no comments on the draft nomination. Chris indicated that if there were no comments he proposed to submit the application and we wait and see the response.

Blue pipe near Blue Gum School - ACT Property have advised it is theirs and they will get costings for putting a screen around it.

HCA project list – It was agreed that the project list will be a useful resource for the Committee.

NCCC Report – Bruce reported that the NCCC Committee was seeking input to its funding allocations for 2020-21. It was agreed that the HCA would submit requests

for funding for the Annual report (\$600), the logo development (\$400) and development of a Welcome Pack for new residents (\$500).

Other business

- Chris reported that a resident had raised the issue of excessive aircraft noise over Hackett. The general feeling of the Committee was that aircraft noise is not a major concern at this time but we will monitor.
- Records to Heritage Library – it was noted that Bruce had provided the early records of the HCA to the ACT Heritage Library.

Next meeting –the AGM Tuesday 6 October, which will be conducted by Zoom.

Meeting finished 9.20pm

**Hackett Community Association
Annual General Meeting
13 October 2020
Via Zoom**

Welcome and apologies

Attendees: Chris Mobbs, Barbara Mobbs, Lucy Hopkins, Lynn Binns, Terry de Luca, Greg Hughes, Brett Davis, Claire Davis, Kay Murphy, Andrew Leigh, Scott Obara, Brook Clinton, Maureen Dawes, Graham Cruttenden, Alison Smith, Bruce Smith.

Apologies: no apologies.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm. Chris welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional owners. Scott provided advice on participating in the meeting through Zoom.

Presentation on Hackett Shops Garden project

Lucy Hopkins spoke about the Adopt a Park project for Hackett Shops Garden. She talked about how the project arose from kids from Hackett Preschool going to the shops and needing places to play. From the ACT Government perspective, a key objective of the funding was to create custodians of community spaces. So there was a need to develop a plan in the context of community building.

The key steps were a co-planning event and the development of a plan (by a landscape architect) – the aim being to build community through shared decision making. It was originally planned to have an event in April 2020 but this did not happen because of COVID. They are still waiting for information from the funding body about whether to proceed with open air event or whether to reallocate funding to a different kind of event e.g. fliers to households. The challenge is to meet the needs of a whole range of people in the community. They are keen to get as much community input as possible.

Discussion following the presentation included:

- The team should use Alicia Payne, MP, to help with consultation.
- It would be desirable to link in with other community projects, such as the composting initiative and the proposed micro-forest.
- A key focus will be intergenerational linkages – meeting multiple needs and meetings between different generations – this will be part of the planning.

Minutes from 2019 AGM

The 2019 AGM minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's report

Terry reported that this was his final report as HCA Treasurer. Terry reported that the accounts have been audited and there are no qualifications or findings. The balance at the beginning of 2019-20 was \$2,826.64 and at the end of the financial year it was \$12,978.98 (see Attachment A income and expenditure statements). Total income for the year was \$38,284.97. Most of the income and expenditure for the year was associated with the three grants received: the Adopt-a-Park projects (Hackett Shops Garden; the Gilruth Park); and the Capital Scraps Composting Grant. Terry also

acknowledged the funds provided by the North Canberra Community Council for reimbursement for expenses associated with the 2019 Party at the Shops and the new website.

The meeting thanked Terry for his report and for his substantial period as Treasurer of the HCA.

Appointment of auditor for 2020-21

It was agreed to appoint Peter Nolan as auditor for 2020-21.

Chair's report

Chris spoke briefly to his written report ([Attachment B](#)), highlighting :

- The Party at the Shops in 2019 was very successful. There was major community participation from many groups and the raffle raised \$518;
- As a result of HCA initiative, new murals painted on the Hackett Oval change rooms, were officially opened in September 2019;
- The HCA put in a submission for tables for all Hackett parks and this was partly successful – there are now tables in the Gilruth and Bragg Street parks;
- The Government responded favourably to the HCA Plan for the Shops, and this led to a series of improvements, including a clean-up of the garden beds, painting the garden bed walls, new seats, trees and removing trip hazards;
- The HCA participated in the opening of Rusty Mals and raised funding of \$2,500 for Friends of Eurobodalla Botanic Gardens that were affected by the summer bushfires;
- The HCA received 1,300 tulip bulbs and 600 pansies, poppies and daisies as part of *Floriade Reimagined* which were planted in the garden beds at the shops on 30 May;
- The HCA worked with the Compost Collective, and the Adopt-a-Park groups, providing good examples of community groups getting out and doing things;
- CleanUp Australia on 1 March went very well, with 19 volunteers participating;
- The HCA purchased a range of items for its own use and for loan to other community groups, including a gazebo, electric urn, long power leads, esky, collapsible table and several display boards;
- The book '*Hackett – 50 years plus: story of a North Canberra suburb*' sold its initial print run (250 copies) and a further 150 copies were printed in May 2019. By the end of June 2020 there were 19 in stock;
- The two existing Hackett websites were merged into one – the new website was released in April 2020;
- Followers of the Hackett Facebook page increased from 260 in mid 2019 to around 550 in June 2020;
- The HCA continued to work closely with Hackett Neighbourhood Watch.

Chris thanked the Committee for their support during the year. Terry proposed a vote of thanks to Chris for his leadership during the year, which was supported by acclamation.

Election of Office Bearers

Chair - Chris Mobbs

Deputy Chair – Scott Obara

Treasurer – Brook Clinton

Deputy Treasurer – Greg Hughes

Secretary – Bruce Smith

Deputy Secretary – Kay Murphy

Member – Brett Davis
Member – Terry de Luca
Member – Barbara Mobbs

It was agreed that the signatories on all HCA bank accounts would be the Treasurer (Brook Clinton); the Chair (Chris Mobbs) and the Secretary (Bruce Smith).

General business

- Barbara reported that the Floriade area of the ACT Government has said that we can keep the tulip bulbs and it is up to us whether we take them out or leave them in. There was a brief discussion including:
 - We could use some of our funding for additional plants
 - We could put some compost in from the composting project
 - We could talk to the ACT Government about reactivating the watering system in the garden at the shops.
- Greg and Chris provided an update on the HCA logo. The new logo was displayed and met with general approval – it displays a focus on community and the eucalyptus green is resonant of Mt Majura.

Close: Meeting closed at 8.20pm

**HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30TH JUNE 2020**

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash at Bank	12,978.98
Total Assets	12,978.98
Liabilities	-----
<u>Net Assets</u>	<u>12,978.98</u>

REPRESENTED BY MEMBERS FUNDS

Start of Year	2826.64
Credit	10,152.34
<u>Balance at 30th June 2020</u>	<u>12,978.98</u>

Signed _____ Dated _____

**HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE ENDING JUNE 30TH 2020**

INCOME

29 th July 2019 Direct Credit IGA Hackett Book Sale	400.00
16 th August 2019 Cash Deposit Book Sale	20.00
26 th August 2019 Cash Deposit Book Sale	40.00
3 rd October 2019 Cash Deposit Book Sale	20.00
14 th October 2019 Book Sale Transfer IGA Hackett	800.00
28 th October 2019 Cash Deposit Dickson Party at the Shops	1165.00
28 th October 2019 Cash Deposit Dickson PATS	135.30
29 th October 2019 Cash Deposit Kennards Refund	90.00
22 nd November 2019 Transfer IGA Hackett; Books	400.00
29 th November 2019 Transfer from NCCC Party reimbursement	915.00
7 th January 2020 Transfer from EPD for Capital Scraps Composting Grant	24,260.00
18 th February 2020 PayPal Account closure	196.67
3 rd March 2020 TCCS Operating. ACT gov. Adopt a Park Grants	8730.00
9 th March 2020 IGA Transfer	200.00
22 nd April 2020 NCCC Transfer. Reimbursement for new website	693.00
7 th May 2020 Cash deposit-donation	20.00
16 th May 2020 Transfer NCCC for new website	200.00
TOTAL INCOME	38,284.97

Signed _____ Dated _____

**HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE ENDING JUNE 30TH 2020**

EXPENDITURE

14 TH August 2019 Siam Twist AGM Catering	84.00
10 th October 2019 Cheque 000066 Signs Party at the Shops	79.20
21 st October 2019 Cheque 000069 Kennards Hire	320.00
28 th October 2019 Cheque 000068 Dickson Cake Shop PATS	90.00
29 th October 2019 Cheque 000070 Face Painting PATS	100.00
4 th December 2019 Cheque 000067 Gecko Gang PATS	450.00
9 th January 2020 Transfer to new account Capital Scraps Composting	24,260.00
11 th March 2020 Cheque 000072 Clean Up Australia signs etc.	150.00
12 th March 2020 Cheque 000071 Chris Mobbs Paint	48.40
22 nd April 2020 Cheque 000073 Gaffer Designs new website	693.00
20 th May 2020 Cheque 000074 Gaffer Designs new website	200.00
2 nd June 2020 Adopt a Park grant Gilruth Park Bruce Smith	360.61
2 nd June 2020 Adopt a Park grant Gilruth Park AM	752.00
2 nd June 2020 Adopt a Park grant Gilruth Park Nell	134.58
2 nd June 2020 Chris Mobbs Hackett Floriade preparation	201.74
25 th June 2020 Transfer Hackett Floriade preparation	209.10
TOTAL	28,132.63

Signed _____ Dated _____

Hackett Community Association Chair's report 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020

Note. Due to Covid-19 the AGM was put back from August to October this year.

Community engagement

Party at the Shops 2019: The party was held on Saturday 26 October 2019, 11am-3.00pm. The Chief Minister, Andrew Barr, started the proceedings when he launched the Hackett Community Fire Unit and later cut the cake, kindly donated by Magic Kitchen. Entertainment was provided by Merici College Dance troupe, the Holy Cross Church Good Faith choir, Folk Dance Canberra, Campbell High School band and Canberra Big Band. Individual performers include Mal Tew, Pidgeon Lymburner, John Murray and Stephen Fitzgerald. Gecko Gang jumping castle could not set up due to strong winds and instead they provided balloons. Face painting was again very popular with the younger children.

Information tables were provided by parties from the ACT House of Assembly (Greens, Labor, Liberals), including all members from the electorate of Kurrajong – Andrew Barr, Shane Rattenbury, Rachel Stephen-Smith, Elizabeth Lee and Candice Burch. Tables were also provided by the Hackett Compost Collective, Shareable Hackett, Friends of Mt Majura, Hackett Neighbourhood Watch, Majura Pines Alliance and the Hackett Community Fire Unit. The ACT Fire and Rescue pumper dropped by and was popular with children. Stalls included Preloved Books, Magic and Medicine Art products, New Book Families in the Digital Age, and Maitland Street Coffee Roasters. Food provided by Siam Twist and HCA sausage sizzle. Chairs and collapsible tables borrowed from St Margaret's Church.

The HCA raffle was very successful raising \$518, with prizes donated by all the shops, Enotria Wines, with first prize an artwork by Hackett artist Peter Engel. The NCCC kindly refunded us \$700 to cover costs for Gecko Gang and portable toilet hire. After expenses were taken out we raised \$1150.

Murals on the Hackett Oval change rooms: In May 2019, the HCA contacted the ACT Government's Graffiti Management unit about the graffiti on the walls of this building. They have a program through which they engage artists to paint murals on public spaces subject to graffiti. Mr Dai Cameron, the lead artist, worked with Mikki Trail, Art Director and senior students at Blue Gum Community School, to develop the concepts and then paint them. They were also assisted by several Silver Sprayers, older people, who have worked on other murals across Canberra. The ACT Government also painted other parts of the building, so by the end of June 2019 it was looking almost brand new. Minister Yvette Berry (Minister for Education and Sports) officially opened the murals on 9 September 2019.

ACT 2020-21 Budget Submission: In November 2019, the HCA put a submission to the ACT 2020-21 Budget consultation process proposing provision of tables in the five Hackett parks. Bench tables with seats were installed in Gilruth and Bragg St parks in mid 2020. We hope the other parks will be provided with similar tables in the coming year.

Traffic on Madigan Street: In June 2020 the Committee received a paper from a resident concerned about traffic speeding on Madigan Street and proposing to address this through changes such as speed limits and traffic calming measures. The Committee sent the paper to the Minister for Roads, Chris Steel, for consideration.

Illegal dumping of rubbish: for a number of years, the two large skip bins at the oval change rooms, often had their locks broken. This enable people to dump household rubbish. The HCA has written to Ministers on several times over past three years and while the locks would be replaced, after several months, they would be broken and the dumping would recommence.

Requests to Fix My Street: residents contacted the HCA reporting various issues across the suburb including poor lighting near bus stops, broken paths, blocked gutters needing sweeping, missing street signs, trees requiring pruning, and rubbish. Most of the submissions to Fix my Street were resolved.

Hackett shops

Upgrade of the public areas at the Hackett Shops: as noted in previous AGMs, the HCA had raised a number of issues with the ACT Government in relation to improving the public area at the shops. In some cases, these were addressed but others remain unresolved. Following consultation with shop owners and Hackett residents, the Committee compile all issues into one document called “*A plan for enhancing the public area of the Hackett shops*”. In June 2019 this plan was submitted to the Chief Minister and included the following proposals (those with asterisk to be done by the HCA):

- Artwork prepared by Blue Gum School to go in the former notice board frame*
- New Hackett sign (near bus stop)
- Sir John Hackett memorial interpretive sign*
- Map of Hackett and adjacent Mount Majura Reserve and Majura pines*
- Information about Aboriginal heritage*
- Table and seat
- Chess set for use on the chess board pattern in the pavers*
- Hopscotch pattern*
- Garden walls repainting and possible artworks
- Removal of ivy and cleanup of gardens
- Tree planting on grassy area near bus stop
- Additional bike racks near Rusty Mals side of shops
- remove concrete trip hazards on south side of Rusty Mals
- repaint or replace seats in the concourse
- Signs from shops to Mt Majura reserve and pines.

During the remainder of 2019, the Government did the following:

- removed ivy from the garden, spread new mulch and planted three red oaks.
- replaced two chairs with green metal chairs on the edge of the paved area.
- repainted the garden edging after the HCA sought the views of residents about a suitable colour which was “Red mane”.
- reset pavers to remove trip hazards where they adjoined the concrete walkways.
- installed log barriers behind Rusty Mals to prevent pedestrians walking directly across laneway.

Rusty Mals opening day: the HCA welcomed the opening of Rusty Mals (previously Wilburs) on 8 March 2020. To coincide with the opening, Hackett residents, John and Cristy Murray, in cooperation with the HCA, organised an event to raise funds for a south coast community affected by the bushfires. Entry was \$10/ adult (children free) for pizza and half priced drinks, with pizzas placed on a table near the bar for people to help themselves. About 116 adults and 14 children attended. Entertainment was provided by musicians from North Canberra Music, and Jen and Jim. Raffle prizes donated by IGA and their suppliers included wines and whiskeys. A gold wrapped toilet roll, with lock, fetched \$200. A total of \$2,465 was raised from entry donations, general donations, raffles and face painting. The HCA facilitated the donation of the funds to the Friends of Eurobodalla Botanic Gardens.

Floriade Reimagined: with Floriade 2020 not proceeding due to Covid-19, the ACT Government offered bulbs and seedlings to community groups. The HCA received 1,300 tulip bulbs and 600 pansies, poppies and daisies which were planted in the garden beds at the shops on 30 May. We also gave 100 bulbs to the Hackett Preschool. Blue Gum School and the Gilruth Park group also applied and received plants and bulbs.

Graffiti behind shops: in March 2020 the HCA sent an email to the ACT Government graffiti unit, expressing concerns about graffiti on the long wall behind the shops on Mills Street. The wall was subsequently repainted. Capital Scraps has begun discussions with the graffiti unit about doing murals on this wall.

Working with other groups

The HCA works with other Hackett community organisations to assist them undertake projects to improve the suburb.

Community Fire Unit: the HCA worked with ACT Fire and Rescue to establish a Community Fire Unit in Hackett. Ten people are required before a trailer is allocated. A trailer was provided to the group in September 2019, which the Chief Minister launched at the Party at the Shops in October 2019.

Composting: Hackett Compost Collective (renamed Capital Scraps) received a grant (\$24,260) from the ACT Government under the *ACT Community Zero Emissions Grants Program*. The project called ‘*Small measures count for a lot with community composting*’, has involved setting up composting bins on the north-west side of IGA on Mills St. Brook Clinton collects kitchen waste from residents and turns it into great compost which is later given to residents as valuable soil conditioner. The HCA administers the grant.

Enhancing open spaces: there are 6 parks in Hackett, adjacent to the following streets - Bragg; Tryon; Harris; Gilruth; Calwell and the shops). The ACT Government’s, *Adopt a Park* Scheme, aims to get communities involved in looking after urban parks and reserves across the ACT. Two Hackett groups received grants under this program which the HCA administers:

- *Hackett Community Collective* (\$3,740) to develop a plan for enhancing gardens and open space at the Hackett shops. Community consultation has been delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- *Gilruth Park Support Group* (\$4,990) project called “More Shade and Seating”. This will provide six shade trees and thirty bird attracting shrubs; painting existing benches; and provision of ten large rocks. Work has progressed very well.

Clean Up Australia: Terry de Luca organised another Clean Up Australia on 1 March 2020, which had 19 people removing rubbish around the oval and along the Antill Street nature strip.

Equipment for community use: With funding from the NCCC, the HCA purchased a range of items for its own use and for loan to other community groups. These items include: gazebo, electric urn, long power leads, esky, collapsible table and several display boards.

Donation of funds for trees at St Margaret’s Holy Cross: The HCA will donate \$150 towards the purchase of trees and shrubs for planting in the church grounds. The location of the plants is still to be determined.

North Canberra Community Council (NCCC): In September 2019 the NCCC adopted a new constitution which allowed for two representatives from each residents’ association. Bruce Smith and Waltraud Pix are the HCA representatives, with Bruce taking on the Treasurer’s role.

Communications

Book about the history of Hackett: the book ‘*Hackett – 50 years plus: story of a North Canberra suburb*’ was printed (250 copies) in October 2018. After selling out, a further 150 copies were printed in May 2019. By the end of June 2020 there were 19 in stock. It is sold at Hackett IGA for \$20.

Websites: for a number of years the HCA had two websites, but people commented that the two websites were confusing at times. At its May 2019 meeting, the Committee agreed to combine the two websites into one - <http://www.hackett.org.au/>. The new website, developed by Lance Williamson (Gaffer Designs) and funded by the NCCC, was released in April 2020. Thank you to Greg Haughey who developed and managed the former websites.

Hackett Facebook Page: followers increased from 260 in mid 2019 to around 550 in June 2020. Thank you to Barbara Mobbs for managing this page which provides an immediate avenue for communications.

Hackett Neighbourhood Watch: has continued providing on-going support by including news about the HCA in its monthly newsletter. It is important that NGOs work together to improve their local community.

Contact Day: due to other commitments the committee did not hold any contact days.

HCA membership

As 30 June 2020 there were 180 houses, units and businesses on the HCA register of members.

Committee and other key supporters

Finally. There are a small number of people whose dedication to the Association has ensured it continues as a vital voice for the residents of Hackett. Thank you to the following:

- Terry de Luca - Treasurer
- Bruce Smith - Secretary
- Kay Murphy – Deputy Secretary
- Greg Hughes – Public Officer
- Scott Obara, Brook Clinton – committee members
- Barbara Mobbs – Hackett Facebook postings
- Barbara Inglis and Jude Bowman for Neighbourhood Watch support

Chris Mobbs
Chair, Hackett Community Association
13 October 2020

HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 10 November 2020

Minutes

Present: Chris Mobbs, Terry de Luca, Barbara Mobbs, Brook Clinton, Brett Davis, Claire Davis, Scott Obara, Bruce Smith

Apologies: Kay Murphy, Greg Hughes.

Chris welcomed people to the (Zoom) meeting.

Minutes and matters arising – September meeting minutes accepted without amendment

Treasurers report – Brook reported that the only payment made in the last month was for \$80 for plants at Gilruth Park. The balance is \$4242.56 in the general account.

Chris proposed a reorganisation of the HCA accounts as follows:

- 1041 5089 - General account but also holding Gilruth St Park Grant
- 1058 4772 - Capital Scraps Community Zero Emissions Grant
- 1059 5703 - Bragg St Grant
- 1059 7469 - Hackett shops grant.

This was agreed, and the Treasurer's report was accepted.

Hackett shops – Chris reported that the new mural at the shops, prepared by Blue Gum School, is ready to be installed in the metal frame. Barbara reported that she has put up a picture of the mural on Facebook. The ACT Government has confirmed that they approve the installation, so it can now proceed (most likely in mid to late November). It will be bolted on and also secured with liquid nails. Blue Gum will also probably take a photo of the installation.

It was agreed to give a donation to school of \$300 towards the mural.

We will need to dig up the Floriade bulbs at the shops in the coming weeks – Barbara will let people know.

Grants progress

Adopt a Park grant 2019-20 – Gilruth St park – Bruce reported that new beds have been established with new plantings. An end of year event will be held in December.

Capital Scraps– Brook reported that they have built a new composter in Watson, where they are looking to get the same level of support in Watson as in Hackett. An information session at the new Composter will be held Saturday week. There is also new signage in the Hackett composter, which has the new HCA logo, and logos from other supporters (including ACT Government).

Nature in the City 2020-21 – Bragg St park – Chris reported that he has met with Paul Barnett and the tractor driver last week. They are now going through design approval process with the community and then ACT Government over December-January with work starting in Feb-March.

HCA Communications

Broader strategy and website – Scott reported that he and Brook have, at Chris's request, taken over management of the website. The update of the logo and communications diagram will be finalised soon. He is also looking at longer term changes to the website and will come back to the Committee with recommendations for any changes.

Facebook – Barbara reported that the Facebook page has now hit 600 followers. This steady growth is encouraging.

New logo – the new logo has been sent to Brook and has already been used in the November Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter.

Report about the HCA Annual report – Chris noted that the report was printed and distributed to all houses, and it was available at the shops. The aim was to drum up new members, though we have only, so far, had just one additional person. People are interested but not necessarily wanting to get involved. Next year we could just have them available at the shops and see how that goes.

There was discussion about the continuing confusion between HCA and Neighbourhood Watch. We also need to work out what does it mean to be a member of the HCA, beyond getting the newsletter?

Hackett book sales – Chris reported that there are now 2 copies left at IGA. The Legislative Assembly library has asked for a copy. He has 9 copies remaining.

ACT 2021-22 budget submission – Chris spoke to the draft submission, which requests the provision of tables for tables to be provided in the remaining parks without them (ie. Tyron St-Mackenzie St, French St and Caldwell St parks). Brook also suggested asking for funding for a mural on the wall along Mills Street. Chris will include this in the submission.

HCA Project list – Chris spoke to the Project List, highlighting items where we are waiting for a Government response or expecting something to happen soon, including:

- We are hoping to get a response on the refresh of the Hackett shops soon.
- Application to have Hackett Oval trees listed on ACT Tree Register was received by ACT Government but they are still assessing the proposal.
- He will pick up the signs for *Slower Streets* soon and will put them around posts at key intersections.

NCCC – Bruce reported on the recent NCCC funding decisions, including the approval of \$700 for the printing and distribution of the Annual Report, \$400 for the development of the logo, and \$500 for the production of welcome packs for new residents. It was agreed that Brook would be an additional Hackett representative on the NCCC Committee.

Other business

- There was a discussion about the need to clarify the relationship between HCA and with Neighbourhood Watch.
- We could consider putting a new noticeboard at the IGA for HCA notices.

The next meeting (not including the dinner in December) will be held on 9 February 2021.

Action 1 – Artwork in former notice board frame.

They (ACT Government) are supportive of having artwork but would like to see concept sketch. Blue Gum School are developing a concept.

Action 2 – Information about Aboriginal Heritage.

I have contacted the ACT Heritage unit to seek their advice on how to progress this.

Action 3 – Hackett shops sign.

ACT Government have given in principal support pending further investigation and funding. As an interim measure they will paint the existing sign.

Action 4 – Sir John Hackett memorial sign.

I have contacted the ACT Heritage unit to seek their advice on how to progress this.

Action 5 – New table and seat.

In principal support from ACT Government. Today (23 August) I met staff from the ACT Government who indicated they are looking at providing a table to go on the grassy area near the bus stop – they will need to take into consideration any underground pipes etc when determining the best position. This would be bolted to concrete. The existing table under the trees near Tarquine solon would be painted and also fixed to concrete. They will also provide two metal seats to go along the wall of the grassy area near the bus stop

Action 6 – Chess set.

ACT Government have given in principal support. HCA would fund. Would need a storage box to hold pieces. I will discuss with the Men's Shed at Dickson about them making something.

Action 7 – Hopscotch pattern.

ACT Government have given in principal support. Need to determine best location.

Action 8 – Garden and landscape walls in the paved areas.

ACT Government have given in-principal support to repairing broken bricks and then repainting. They have asked the HCA to seek the views of businesses and residents about the colour – I will send separate email about proposed colour options.

Action 9 – Garden weed removal and new plants.

ACT Government has already removed ivy and other weeds, pruned shrubs and applied new mulch. At my meeting this morning they indicated that they will plant more Nandinas, Agapanthus and a tree in this garden. These plants are very hardy.

Action 10 – Additional tree plantings near the bus stop.

I have been in contact with ACT Urban Trees. They are looking at planting either one plane tree or red oak, both of which are already on the path.

Action 11 – Map of Hackett and adjacent Mount Majura Reserve.

Siam Twist has agreed that we can attach a map of the suburb and Mount Majura to the wall near the public phone. The HCA would cover cost of this with financial assistance from a sponsor. One option is to have two maps – at the main entrances to the Mount Majura reserve there are maps of

the reserve and the Majura Pines. I am contacting ACT Parks and Conservation to see if they have a spare one we could use, or to get artwork that we can then reproduce on metal. The other map would be the suburb road map, along with facts about the suburb.

Action 12 – Additional bike racks

Action 13 – Trip hazards between concrete walkways and pavers

Action 14 – Trip hazards and safety barrier, on the south side of Wilbur's

Action 16 – Additional lighting in carpark, north side

I have met officers from ACT Roads. They are looking at providing bike racks in the concrete area on south side of Wilbur's.

There are several areas within the shops where there is a gap between the concrete pathways and the pavers. They are looking at including some rectification work on these but not sure what will be involved.

I am pleased that they removed the protruding concrete strip under the tree on the south side of Wilbur's.

To stop people walking directly across the driveway behind Wilbur's, they will erect a metal barrier and create a small garden. This will direct people away from the wall

The wall that was recently knocked down by a delivery truck, will be partially rebuilt so that there is a slope rather than a vertical wall. This will provide better visibility for people walking across the driveway.

They are looking to see whether the lighting can be improved on the north side carpark and gardens. I think with the clean-up and pruning, there is far better visibility.

Action 15 – Signage to reserve and pines.

I have contacted ACT Parks and Conservation Service to see if we can get signs that are used in the reserve.

Summing up

So that's where things are at. Some things have happened quickly while others will be slower.

Bruce Smith and I will be meeting Andrew Barr at end of October so hopefully most of this work will have been done. If not we will continue to push hard for the work to be done. Remember... next year is an election so I suggest they may be more responsive to requests!

Attached is a photo showing the log barrier installed behind Rusty Mals at Hackett Shops.

This is a great improvement and should reduce the close calls between vehicles and pedestrians. The shops owners are also very pleased

In my previous email to you of 13 December 2019 I noted that the garden edges had been painted and the pavers re-laid to remove tripping hazards with the concrete pathway – also red oaks planted in grassy area near bus stop. Great improvements – well done.

I am now checking for an update on the other things on our plan:

1. **Bike racks** on the south side of Rusty Mals – these would be great, given Rusty Mals has just opened. I have just had dinner there and the provision of bike racks would reduce the number of bikes being parked near the cafe
2. **Wooden seats** in the walkway between the shops. Are these to be repainted or have the wooden boards replaced? They would be fiddly to repaint given the narrow gap between

them. The shop owners indicate that having seats without backs is preferred as people sit different ways depending on angle of sun

3. **Painting the metal frame** in the garden a grey colour. Blue Gum School has promised to send me photo of the proposed artwork soon
4. **Painting the light posts** – the old concrete one in the paved area is that old green colour. The metal one around near Siam Twist would also benefit from a coat of grey paint
5. **Painting the Hackett shopping centre sign** – this would look good in the red mane used on the garden edges
6. **New table and seating** – do you think you will be able to provide this under the shade of the trees in the grassy area??
7. **Map of Hackett and Mt Majura** – I have been liaising with ACT Conservation staff about a map of Mt Majura. The HCA is working on content for the map of Hackett. I have been in contact with the graphic designer who does the ACT Parks maps and signs. Aiming to finalise content in coming month
8. **Words for sign about Sir John Hackett** - HCA also working on words for a sign