



Hackett Community Association

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Clean Up Australia Sunday 6 March

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Meet the HCA Sunday 6 March

When you register for Clean Up Australia, take the opportunity to meet the HCA Committee and find out what we have done in Hackett in recent years. We would also like to hear what you would like done to improve our great suburb. If you know people who are not members please encourage them to come along and join – its free. New members will go into the hat to win a special prize. If you are unable to attend we will have another get together on Sunday 27 March 10am-1.00pm – Neighbour Day across Australia.

ACT Heritage Festival

The ACT Heritage [Festival](#) will be held from 9 April to 1 May 2022. The HCA has registered to conduct two events about two important sites in Hackett:

1. the oval trees (planted in the 1930s as a screen between a proposed cemetery and a future suburb) and
2. the Grayson St complex which was designed in the 1960s by well-known architect, Dirk Bolt. They were described as a “Radical homes project for Canberra” at the time.

We will provide further details when our proposals are accepted.

Tryon Street Playground upgrade

A shade sail has been installed over part of the Tryon Street playground and looks great. This was done under the ACT Government *Playspace Upgrades* program. There are other poles which may also have a shade sail added.

Table at the shops

The HCA also welcomes the concreting under the table on the lawns at the shops – a perfect location to sit and rest and enjoy some delicious take away from Siam Twist or 3rd Space.

Walk Canberra

Here is a great website about walks through Canberra’s suburbs <https://walkcanberra.com/> including one through Hackett - <https://walkcanberra.com/hackett/>. The photo on the home page was taken in Hackett – can you guess where?

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A quick reminder about...

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Adopt-A-Park Community Grants Program - Hackett Shops Garden Project

As well as the above tables, Lucy Hopkins and Maree Wright, coordinators of a project to improve the gardens, will also be present. Come and find out what is been proposed to make further improvements to the gardens at the shops.

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Clean Up Australia

Another very successful clean up in Hackett on Sunday 6 March. We had 23 people sign on and collect around 15 bags of rubbish across the suburb – less than last year which is good. It was also good to have ACT Federal MPs, Alicia Payne and Andrew Leigh, and ACT House of Assembly members Rebecca Vassarotti and Elizabeth Lee attend. Thank you again to Terry de Luca, the site supervisor, who has coordinated this event in Hackett for almost 20 years.

Hackett shops gardens project update

Along with the CUA and HCA presence at the shops, it was great to have Maree Wright and Lucy Hopkins showing draft plans for improving the gardens at the shops. More information about this *Adopt a Park* project is forthcoming.

Neighbour Day Sunday 27 March

The HCA, along with Hackett Neighbourhood Watch, will be present at the Hackett shops from 10am-1.00pm. Take this opportunity to meet the HCA Committee and find out what we have done in Hackett in recent years. We would also like to hear what you would like done to improve our great suburb. If you know people who are not members, please encourage them to come along and join – its free. New members will go into the hat to win a prize.

Welcome leaflet for new residents

The HCA has produced a leaflet aimed at new Hackett residents. We provide it to real estate agents selling or renting houses or units – a great way to show potential buyers details such as community organisations, schools, churches, shops and other matters. There are limited copies at the shops, but they may have run out – if you would like a copy (or know new residents) send an email with address details to info@hackett.asn.au. We can put one in the letterbox.

Tryon Street Playground shade sail torn down

Earlier this year, two shade sails were installed over the Tryon Street playground. But on 9 March a large branch from the adjacent eucalypt fell during the strong winds and damaged one of the sails, which has been removed but hopefully will be replaced soon.

2021 ACT Landcare – local winners

On 10 March 2022, the 2021 ACT Landcare [Awards](#) were announced. It was great to see two north Canberra groups receive awards:

- ACM Landcare Community Group Award - **Friends of Mount [Majura](#)**. They have done outstanding work removing weeds and replacing with native plants on Mt Majura over many years.
- Woolworths Junior Landcare Team Award - **North Ainslie Primary School and P&C**. They have transformed their [oval](#) into a very interesting play space.

Launch of the ACT Environmental Grants Program

On Monday 28 February, the Minister for the Environment, Rebecca Vassarotti, visited the Bragg St park to see the swales that were built last year. The Bragg Street Park Volunteers received a *Nature in the City* grant in 2020-21 to build seven swales. These swales help harvest the water and direct it into the ground instead of rushing across the surface and causing erosion and minor flooding. It was the perfect location for the Minister to announce the 2022-2023 ACT Environmental [Grants](#) Program.

Nature Play Grants Program (NPGP)

Applications for this [program](#) opened on the 18 March. It provides “financial assistance to eligible organisations for outcome-based projects, programs and initiatives to support participation in active lifestyles through the delivery of quality outdoor recreation, play and adventure programs and services for the benefit of all the Canberra Community.”

Tree planting in Hackett

You may have noticed many new trees recently planted along some of our streets including Mackenzie, Grayson, Rivett and Maitland Streets. They are Callistemon “Kings Park” and grow up to 5 metres high, with very bright red flowers.

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The HCA has been approached to help facilitate a regular get together for our senior Hackett residents. It would be mid-morning on a weekday at Siam Twist once a month. Participants would need to cover their own costs for food and drinks and arrange their own transport to and from home. To get an idea of the level of interest, we invite people to send an email to the HCA info@hackett.asn.au, indicating a preferred day and time. Or leave a note in the HCA Letterbox kept at the counter of the IGA checkout. We can then assess the demand and get back to those who wish to participate. Of course, such gatherings will be subject to any Covid conditions, so may be subject to change.

Grayson St complex added to Register of Significant Architecture

The Heritage Committee, of the Australian Institute of Architects ACT Chapter (AIA), has recently added the “Hackett Courtyard Housing Precinct” (Grayson St) to the Chapter’s Register of Significant Architecture. The citation is available on the AIA website [Hackett Courtyard](#).

In 1966, this complex was described by The Canberra Times as a “*Radical homes project for Canberra.*” Developers showed little interest in the sites when the four blocks went to auction on 25 May 1966 - blocks went for only \$550, \$575, \$550 and \$825; an average of \$625!! The auctioneer, Mr RH Webster, a director of LJ Hooker, said ‘buyers were wary of the patio housing scheme because it had not been tried in Canberra yet. Investors would not be interested in high medium density housing in Canberra until strata titles were introduced’ (*CTimes 26 May 1966*).

The AIA notes that the “Hackett Housing Precinct, designed in 1966 with 50 houses on four blocks, was the first major precinct of courtyard housing developed by the National Capital Development Commission. It has an important place in the ACT’s cultural history, due to the success of the precinct which led to the NCDC providing alternative forms of housing for Canberra’s suburban lifestyles, thus steering the city’s cultural history in a new direction in the 1970s.” The complex was designed by Dirk [Bolt](#) who designed many other buildings and neighbourhood centres across Canberra developing suburbs from 1966-71.

Entry on the Register of Significant Architecture is a recognition but offers no legal protection of the precinct.

Barking dogs

There have some issues with barking dogs so if you have concerns please visit the ACT Government website for further information:

<https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/domestic-animals/animal-nuisance>

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Hackett Census comparison 2016 and 2021

The first results from the 2021 Census were released on 28 June 2022. You can access the data on the ABS website by entering the town or suburb - <https://www.abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/search-by-area>. The data is presented in 42 Excel tables. A further 20 tables will be released in October. Here are a few tables comparing data from the 2016 and 2022 census for Hackett.

1. Selected person characteristics by sex (from table GO1)

	2016	2016	2016	2021	2021	2021	Change
Age groups	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Persons
Total persons	1,453	1,545	2,991	1,556	1,674	3,227	+236
0-4 years	103	92	189	93	82	176	-13
5-14 years	223	219	440	261	237	494	+54
15-19 years	67	64	128	99	101	205	+77
20-24 years	78	90	173	65	90	152	-21
25-34 years	166	175	345	163	169	337	-8
35-44 years	233	226	462	227	250	476	+14
45-54 years	226	249	478	248	270	520	+42
55-64 years	133	163	301	176	198	376	+75
65-74 years	98	119	214	111	134	241	+30
75-84 years	84	108	189	66	100	167	-22
85 years and over	32	39	80	42	51	87	+7

Comparison with previous census

After declining from the peak of 4,384 in 1971, the 2021 population of 3,227 is above the 1986 figure.

1966	1971	1976	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
4,018	4,384	3,968	3,403	3,216	3,050	2,909	2,787	2,881	2,914

2. Dwelling structure (from table G36)

Occupied private dwellings:	2016 Dwellings	2021 Dwellings
Separate house	861	900
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc. with:		
One storey	137	138
Two or more storeys	38	35
<i>Total</i>	169	170
Flat or apartment:		
In a one or two storey block	44	43
In a three storey block	60	62
In a four to eight storey block	3	0
In a nine or more storey block	0	0
Attached to a house	0	0
<i>Total</i>	109	109
Other dwelling:		
Caravan	0	0
Cabin, houseboat	0	0
Improvised home, tent, sleepers out	0	0
House or flat attached to a shop, office, etc.	0	0
<i>Total</i>	0	0
Dwelling structure not stated	0	0
<i>Total occupied private dwellings</i>	1,144	1,181
Unoccupied private dwellings	92	79
Total private dwellings	1,233	1,261

3. Number of motor vehicles(a) by dwellings (from table G34)

	Dwellings 2016	Dwellings 2021
Number of motor vehicles per dwelling:		
No motor vehicles	87	75
One motor vehicle	467	507
Two motor vehicles	411	424
Three motor vehicles	108	125
Four or more motor vehicles	42	44
<i>Total</i>		1,175
Number of motor vehicles not stated	24	7
Total	1,144	1,181

Committee meetings

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Hackett Shops gardens Adopt a Park project - draft plans for comment

The Hackett Community Association (HCA) has been managing a grant under the *2019-20 Adopt a Park* program to develop a plan for landscaping the gardens at the Hackett shops. Due to Covid restrictions, the project was delayed but the concept sketches for the gardens are now available on the proponent's (Hackett Community Collective) webpage <https://hackettparks.weebly.com/hackett-shops-project.html>. They are seeking the views of Hackett residents via their website by the end of August. The HCA encourages all residents to provide feedback that will be taken into consideration in developing a final plan for submission to the ACT Government.

New grants for Hackett parks

The HCA is now managing two new grants for community groups working with the ACT Government to improve parks in Hackett. Under the *2021-22 Adopt a Park* program the:

- Gilruth Park Supporters Group received \$3,335 to undertake more landscaping;
- Bragg St Park Volunteers Group received \$3,000 to undertake more plantings in the swales and other parts of the park.

If you would like to join these groups and help out please send an email to info@hackett.asn.au. For more information about these parks visit the HCA website <https://hackett.asn.au/community-actions/>

Coffee and conversation for our senior residents

We have had a good response to the HCA facilitating get togethers for our senior Hackett residents. However, due to the increase in Covid across the Canberra community during winter, we have decided to postpone our first gathering until it warms up. If you would like to participate in these gatherings, please send an email to the HCA info@hackett.asn.au.

Hackett 2021 Census

In our June 2022 newsletter we included a summary of results from the 2021 Census which were released on 28 June 2022. We have saved data about Hackett on the HCA website <https://hackett.asn.au/hackett-the-suburb/>. You can access the complete data for all Australia on the ABS website - <https://www.abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/search-by-area>.

Committee meetings

Our August meeting has been cancelled but our next one is on 7.30-8.30pm Tuesday 13 September and then 11 October 2022. If you would like to participate, please send an email info@hackett.asn.au and we can provide Zoom details.

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ACT Heritage grant for Canberra Tracks sign about Hackett oval trees

The HCA has received a grant of \$3,657 through the 2022-23 *ACT Heritage Grants Program*. This will be used to develop and install a Canberra [Tracks](#) sign about the avenue of trees along the east side of the Hackett Oval and Blue Gum Community School. In 2021 the HCA found some interesting information about these trees – the area to the east was identified in the 1920s as a site for a future cemetery for an expanding Canberra. The trees were planted in the 1930s to form a screen between the future cemetery and suburbs. A report about this research is available on the HCA website [Hackett the suburb](#). The HCA will be working closely with the ACT Heritage Unit to determine the most appropriate location to place the sign.

The HCA has recently submitted a nomination to have the trees and their history included on the ACT Heritage [Register](#). Our 2021 submission to have the trees included on the ACT Tree [Register](#) is still under consideration.

“Canberra Tracks is a network of heritage signage that incorporates eight self-drive routes leading to many of Canberra's historic sites. Each sign tells exciting stories from a time gone by and the present day. Canberra Tracks immerses you in the rich tapestry of Canberra's early beginnings as you connect with the lives of early inhabitants.”

Online session - Wednesday 28 September at 5pm - Garden City Cycle Route Workshop

Communication Link held a workshop on 15 September 2022 regarding the proposed alignment route for the **new Garden City Cycle [Route](#)**. This cycle route will start in North Watson, travel through Dickson, Ainslie and Braddon and connect through to Civic. The plan is to connect key streets in Hackett, Downer, Dickson, and Braddon to the route.

Communication Link have added an extra **online session on Wednesday 28 September at 5pm-6.30pm** (via Teams) for the benefit of North Canberra residents who could not make the 15 September meeting. If you would like to attend the online session please email Emily Heath at Communication Link at emily@communicationlink.com.au (and [CC \[feedback@communicationlink.com.au\]\(mailto:CCfeedback@communicationlink.com.au\)](mailto:CCfeedback@communicationlink.com.au) You will then be sent an invite for the online meeting by return email.

Request to remove Monash Drive from the National Capital Plan

Monash Drive was first proposed to run along the base of Mt Majura/Mt Ainslie by Walter Burley Griffin in 1925, and then gazetted by the Commonwealth in 1956. In 1976, the former National Capital Development Commission planned for houses between the proposed drive and Hackett, Ainslie and Campbell. Since the 1990s there has been on-going correspondence between the ACT Assembly and the Commonwealth about removing the road from the National Capital Plan (NCP), but to no avail. Drawing on information in its book about Hackett (pages 111-113), the HCA recently prepared a submission to the three Federal Members, two Senators for the ACT, the Chief Minister and the four MLAs for Kurrajong, requesting removal of the Drive from the NCP. This submission was endorsed at the July meeting of the North Canberra Community Council (NCCC) and sent to these representatives. If you would like a copy, send an email to info@hackett.asn.au.

Graffiti

We have received reports of increased graffiti across Hackett. To report most cases of graffiti in public areas, please lodge reports through [Fix My Street](#). However, graffiti on power boxes is the responsibility of Evoenergy. The HCA is compiling a list of Evoenergy boxes with graffiti. If you are aware of these please send a photo (and the number of the box usually at the top of the front panel). We will send a compilation to Evoenergy for action.

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Rodents in Cars

Recently a Mackenzie Street resident found their car wouldn't start. A rodent had chewed through the ignition wiring causing \$2,800 worth of damage. Rodents can extensively damage cars and not all insurance policies cover rodent damage. As there are currently delays in ordering parts, cars may also be out of action for a considerable length of time. Residents are urged to regularly check under bonnets for any evidence of rodents and if damage is discovered seek a mechanic's inspection. Also keep yards neat and tidy to reduce nesting sites. Pest Inspectors recommend placing a rodent baiting station near parked cars.

Committee meetings

Our next meeting is on 7.30-8.30pm Tuesday 11 October 2022. If you would like to participate, please send an email info@hackett.asn.au and we can provide Zoom details.

Annual General Meeting

We are planning to hold our AGM on Tuesday 1 November 2022 7.30-8.30pm. If you would like to participate, please send an email info@hackett.asn.au and we can provide Zoom details. We are always looking for people to join our committee – if you would like to nominate please send an email info@hackett.asn.au - we will send you a form to complete and return before the AGM.

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Annual General Meeting – change of date

In our September newsletter we advised that our AGM would be on Tuesday 1 November 2022 7.30-8.30pm. This has now been rescheduled for **Tuesday 6 December 2022 7.30-8.30pm**. We will have special guest speaker at the start of the meeting – more details nearer the day. If you would like to participate, please send an email info@hackett.asn.au and we can provide Zoom details. We are always looking for people to join our committee – if you would like to nominate please send an email info@hackett.asn.au - we will send you a form to complete and return before the AGM.

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Age Friendly Suburbs Program

The ACT Government Age Friendly Suburbs [Program](#) aims to deliver pathways and pathway related infrastructure (such as road and pram crossings) to provide better access for the aged community as well as other pathway users who may have more specific mobility needs. The Program also aims to create opportunities for a healthier and more active lifestyle among older residents and those with mobility needs. The Program got underway in the 2015-16 financial year, with funding provided over five years with upgrades to 12 suburbs.

Age friendly improvements will continue over the next four years in the suburbs of Reid, Chifley, Scullin and O'Connor. Proposed improvements under this Program are initially identified through community path requests, such as Fix My Street, the condition of existing infrastructure and information sourced from the community including the Council of the Ageing (COTA). The ACT Government is seeking comment to help to prioritise the proposed improvements for each suburb. You can also let them know if there are other improvements you'd like to see including:

- where paths could be made wider
- improved road crossings to help you get from A to B safer
- additional seating to make your journey easier
- a trip hazard needing repair.

Have your say at <https://bit.ly/3Tp1x1y>. Consultation closes 11.59pm 23 November 2022.

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Annual General Meeting – clarification of date

In the November Hackett Neighbourhood Watch newsletter, we advised that our AGM would be on Tuesday 13 December 2022 7.30-8.30pm. This was an HCA error – it is on **Tuesday 6 December 2022, 7.30-8.30pm**. We will have a special guest speaker at the start of the meeting – more details nearer the day. If you would like to participate, please send an email to info@hackett.asn.au and we can provide Zoom details. We are always looking for people to join our committee – if you would like to nominate, please send an email to info@hackett.asn.au - we will send you a form to complete and return before the AGM.

Committee meetings in 2023

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Release of draft District Strategies and new Draft Territory Plan

On the 1 November 2022, the ACT Government launched a consultation stage for the new Draft *Territory Plan* and nine district strategies. Community and industry comments on these documents close 14 February 2023. To assist in providing a 'simple reference tool' for these documents, the Government has developed a series of 'explainer' documents:

- Engagement explainer [link](#)
- Draft Territory Plan – At a glance [link](#)
- Draft district strategies – at a glance [link](#)

There are nine district strategies – Hackett is covered by the Inner North and city strategy:

- Belconnen - see [here](#)
- Gungahlin – see [here](#)
- **Inner North and city** – see [here](#)
- Inner South – see [here](#)
- Molonglo – see [here](#)
- Tuggeranong – see [here](#)
- Weston Creek – see [here](#)
- Woden – see [here](#)
- East Canberra – see [here](#)

The new Draft Territory Plan can be accessed [here](#)

The Government will be holding workshops (in each district) as well as pop-ups at local shopping centres etc. A list of the dates and locations of those activities are in the process of being uploaded to the planning website.

Hackett residents are encouraged to provide comments direct to the [Yoursay.act.gov.au](https://yoursay.act.gov.au) website, or send comments to the HCA email info@hackett.asn.au and we will provide a combined submission.

Hackett – a model suburb

The National Archives of Australia (NAA) has an interesting story about Hackett being used as a model suburb in the 1960s. The NAA notes “Middletown' - one of 6 identical models built for the Department of Immigration in 1965, shows Australian suburban development. 'Middletown' was built by former Dutchman in Canberra, Mr Peter de Vogel. The plan for the neighbourhood contains elements from the Sydney Suburb of Strathfield, the civic buildings and Housing Commission flats were taken from Parramatta and the modern part follows the plan for the Canberra suburb of **Hackett**. The models are intended for display in Britain and Europe.” See the record and photo of the model on the NAA website - Series/Control symbol A12111 1/1965/34/1 Item ID 8114986 - [click here](#)

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- engage and support our local community, businesses and organisations;
- engage with Federal Members and ACT MLAs;
- interact with the North Canberra Community [Council](#) and affiliated suburb associations.

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