Super success

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Members of the newly formed Hackett Community Association at the Hackett shopping centre . . . the group is leading the way in neighbourhood planning in North Canberra.

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HACKETT Community Association members have welcomed news that another supermarket owner will replace the Hackett IGA, due to relocate to Watson in September.

Building owner Peter Lionis hoped the new Hackett IGA would be open for business before Christmas.

"The lease for the existing Hackett IGA expires on October 31, but I'm unsure if the owner wants to exercise his option," he said. "I should know by August 15."

Hackett Community Association chairman Terry de Luca said the new supermarket was evidence of business confidence in the Hackett shopping centre and would form part of the association's campaign to build the profile of the suburb.

"Braddon and Ainslie are going through massive changes, and it has to come," Mr de Luca said. "So we're here to meet that challenge and make sure what plans and developments happen in this suburb are what the residents require."

Hackett IGA owner Andy Haridemos, who has operated the store for 10 years, said he was moving to Watson because of its variety of shops and a community awareness that the shops could service its needs.

"It wasn't an easy decision for me to make, but you have to look at the the long-term viability of the Hackett shops," Mr Haridemos said.

He is refurbishing and extending shop space he has bought at the Watson shops.

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