

**Hackett Community Association  
Committee meeting  
22 April 2014**

**Present** - Greg Haughey, James Walker, Kay Murphy, John Carty, Lorraine Mason, Marian Williams, Terry de Luca

**Minutes** - accepted

**Treasurers report** Terry reported that the account balance is \$3073.80. The Canberra Day party cost around \$1,100. We received \$850 from the Government.

**Contact Table at shops** - there was a discussion about the Table at the Shops held on Saturday 5 April:

- It was quite busy at its peak - there were people coming and going the whole time asking questions and looking at photos. There were about a dozen renewals
- Overall it went pretty well and raised the profile of the HCA.
- Suggestions for the future included:
  - There are still people shying away because they are not sure who we are.
  - We need to get a table apron
  - We should get the A frame closer.
  - It was also good to have the FoMM table nearby - created synergies.
  - We should get HCA, FoMM and NCCC together to have a Community information day.
  - We could have a table at Woolworths at Dickson? Lot of people go there to shop.
  - We should do another table in couple of months time - one each season - 4 times a year.

**Canberra Day party at shops** - it was reported that the Canberra Day Party at Lyneham shops went very well. It was held a week after Canberra Day and benefitted from not having clashed with other events.

**Trees in laneways** - Bruce reported that there had been 7 responses to the article in Neighbourhood Watch on the Hawthorn trees in laneways. The majority were strongly in favour of keeping the trees and asking TAMS to prune them. It was agreed that Bruce would report the views back to TAMS and would convey the Association's support for that position. Bruce will also write a follow-up piece in Neighbourhood Watch reporting on the response and the outcome with TAMS.

**Toilets at shops** - There was discussion about the email from Andrew Savouldis about restricting access to the toilets owned by the shops to customers. The Committee noted the email and supported the approach. Greg will follow up about letter from Steve Doszpot to Shane Rattenbury about progress on building public toilets at the shops.

**Membership rates** - there was a discussion about whether to move to a flat fee rate for memberships (say, \$2). The general feeling was to stay with the current fees. A flat fee would not lead to increased membership, and would also remove the recognition of concession status. It was also agreed that we should not automatically make all residents of the suburb into members - it would become meaningless.

It was agreed that there should be a motion next meeting that people who sign up as members between January and June should be members for the following financial year (effectively up to 18 months).

**Other business**

The Committee noted the invitation to the Watson preschool fete.

HCA notice board at shops - it was agreed that we should ask for that as part of the table at shops. It could be located near the IGA. We will need to ask Steve and Arthur and see if they agree to have it put there.

NCCC - Greg and Bruce gave a brief summary of key activities being undertaken by the North Canberra Community Council. The main focus has been the campaign to reverse the deconsecration of the Raiders Club in Braddon.

Table and chairs at shops - Greg reported back about funding for a table, chairs and a memorial at the shops. Andrew Leigh has confirmed that he is happy for part of the money he has for Veterans (\$125,000) to be used with acknowledgement of veterans. Greg will look at different models for memorials etc and different costs. There are possible examples in O'Connor and Lyons. We should look at ideas and take some photos?

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.