

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

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

Apologies: John Carty

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- We need to explain how we will use the information. This could be included in the provisions at end about conditions of use. We need to be clear about whether you can use people's names

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

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

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

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

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

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

Meeting closed at 8.45pm