

**Hackett Community Association
Committee meeting
9 February 2016**

Present – James Walker, Greg Haughey, Marian Williams, Lorraine Mason, Terry de Luca, Chris Mobbs, John Carty, Len Crossfield, Margaret Lawrence and Terry Lawrence.

Apologies: Kay Murphy and Bruce Smith

Minutes: The previous minutes were not considered in the absence of the Secretary.

Treasurer's report – Terry reported that the bank balance is currently \$3,179.24. Terry advised that the BBQ returns were not as high as expected.

Constitution/March Meeting – Greg advised the Committee that the Office of Regulatory Services had confirmed that the Association's had incorrectly ticked that it would be using the Model Rules on formation. This meant that members needed to vote via a Special Resolution to adopt the current Constitution. Greg also advised that 21 days' notice was required and that notices had been placed in the February Hackett Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter and on the Association's website.

Business member certificates/ membership lists – Greg apologised for not being able to finalise the business membership certificates prior to the meeting but would endeavour to do so before the next meeting. He would also update the membership list to identify business members separately.

Community Contact Day – James advised that the next Community Contact Day would be on 30 April and would include a sausage sizzle.

- James suggested following up with usual attendees but would like to see some new attendees as well such as RSPCA, Bush Fires, ACTEW, Red Cross, Action Buses.
- James asked for volunteers to confirm times.
- James asked if anyone knew how to contact Youth for Understanding. John undertook to find contact details.
- John to also follow up with Capital Metro.
- Greg to contact Maureen Hartung and John to follow up with other schools.

Party at the Shops – Greg advised the Committee that the Government will not be funding a Party at the Shops program this year.

- The Committee endorsed the Association holding its own event in late September/early October to maintain momentum in the lead up to the suburbs 55th birthday in 2018.
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Streetscape – Chris expressed concern that the trees adjacent to Hackett Oval are now 50 years old and are progressively dying. He was aware of a pine tree and a eucalypt that had already died.

- James proposed a working group of Chris, Greg and Len to investigate current status of trees and whether they have been included on a government replacement program.

Rubbish Bins – Chris also raised concern that the large waste bins near the scout hall and at the oval were being exploited by illegal dumpers.

- Chris suggested that more green bins should be placed around the oval and will follow up with the Government.
- Chris also advised that it was possible to notify the Government of any illegal dumping through ACT Connect and that any rubbish would normally be taken away within a short period.

Parks – Chris expressed concern that Bragg Street park was not officially named and was somewhat ignored by the Government.

- He suggested that some local residents could act as custodians for the park and oversee improvements to the park such as more play equipment and decorative plants.
- Chris to follow up with Government on the possibility of a custodian group and government funding for improvements.

Committee Membership – Greg advised the committee that Tylie Hodder had resigned from the committee as she had moved suburbs. Chris agreed to fill the committee vacancy.

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Crime – Len drew the committee's attention to a spike in criminal activity in Hackett in December in the latest Hackett Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter.

- The Committee agreed to monitor the next month's statistics before acting.
- Len agreed to contact Patrick McNamara to see if the January statistics are high or not.

Community Projects – Greg advised the Committee that he had received an email from Andrew Leigh's office seeking expression of interest for funding. The Committee endorsed the following projects:

- Power point
- Outdoor furniture
- Bust of Sir John Hackett
- Play equipment and landscaping for parks
- Shop sign similar to the electric sign at Dickson College
- Public toilet
- Footpaths at shops

Greg to prepare and submit paper work.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm