

**Hackett Community Association**  
**Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett**  
**Tuesday 15 February 2011**

**Present:** James Walker, Terry de Luca, Greg Haughey, Len Crossfield, Lorraine Mason, Laura Turnbull; Freddie Turnbull; Marian Williams, Barbara Inglis, Bruce Smith,

Visitors: Jolanta Gallagher;

**Apologies:** Waltraud Pix, Max Huntington, Dorothy Mackenzie

**Minutes:** agreed.

**Chairs report** – James noted that the Christmas dinner in December was a success and expressed his thanks to Wilbur's for its support for the event.

**Treasurers Report:** We banked \$150 from last Table. The current balance is \$1,524.79.

**Hackett shops:** There was a general update, including:

- There has been a clean up of the central block
- The shop next to King Ruby is being done up – John Beacher (naturopath) looking to move in
- The HCA has sent a letter to King Ruby asking them to fix up or remove their damaged sign
- Terry noted that it is Clean up Australia Day on 4 March. He volunteered to be site supervisor at the shops and would ring Clean Up Australia to make arrangements.

Len then led a discussion about the future of the shops, including:

- He has spoken to Di Fielding from Downer. She argued that if you want to get anything done don't let go – put proposals forward but don't wait – keep on coming back and actively pursuing. Take advantage of the commitment and requirement to consult.
- We need to develop a realistic plan so we know when we have got there
- We need to look at our own role – how we can support the businesses. And we also need ways to demonstrate to government that the shops can be viable. We need to have something specific in mind. What do we want, what is feasible?
- We need to work with the businesses – what can we work together on? What kind of vision can we develop?
- We could aim for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary – it could be the endpoint – the deadline

**HCA Business Plan:** Greg circulated a draft plan of key issues to be addressed by the Association, including:

- Monash Drive
- Airport
- Shops
- Table at shops
- Survey of members
- Membership

- Weed and clean up island beds near shops
- Place plants in planter boxes
- Remove graffiti from shops
- Web site
- Keep residents informed of HCA's initiatives including traffic lights

We need to look at signing up to activities next meeting.

**Traffic update:** Roads ACT has indicated that a tender for construction of traffic lights at the Majura/Phillip intersection will be let in the next few weeks, with construction to take place in October-November 2011. They are also looking at a proper pedestrian crossing across Antill St and also on Knox St.

**Report back on December table at shops:**

- We signed up a number of new members
- Issues were recorded in the book, including that there are no direct buses to Lyneham - people have to go via Civic or Dickson
- We need instructions for ordinary members to help them operate at the table – “what to do if” instructions – fact sheets – financial arrangements, blank membership forms, places to put everything.
- It was agreed to have the next table on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April - should be advertised in the March newsletter.
- James, Lorraine and Bruce volunteered to help organise the next Table.

**Hackett Birthday Bash:** This is due in 2 years - the same year as the Canberra Centenary. It was agreed to have a working group which would report back to the Committee mid-year - James, Laura, Lorraine and Freddie volunteered. Other points discussed included:

- Should arrange for Heritage Buses – tried last time but didn't happen
- Chase up the people in Qbn who restore fire engines (mostly Canberra fire trucks)
- need to give plenty of notice for people who might be returning – eg. Teachers
- ABC might do a morning show here? Other media outlets. Need to make booking well in advance. Publicity in newspapers in other cities.
- Scope for getting some things done on the coattails of the centenary?

**Administration:**

- Laura reported on the need to submit a report to Registrar General
- Terry will look to see if he can find someone to be our Auditor of Accounts
- Barbara was co-opted onto the Committee (moved Laura, seconded Len)
- Membership is now well over 100
- Greg will follow up non-financial members to give them an opportunity to renew

**Notices**

Music in the Park this coming Saturday – 6.00pm  
NCCC meeting tomorrow evening

Meeting closed at 8.50pm