

**Hackett Community Association  
Committee meeting  
20 May 2014**

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

**Minutes** - accepted with amendments to be made. Dorothy would like to receive the Minutes.

**Treasurers report** - Terry reported that since the last meeting \$7.50 has been deposited and that the total balance is now \$3081.33. Terry will investigate whether it will be possible to get a better rate of interest.

**Trees in lanes** - Bruce reported that he had been in contact with TAMS and reported on the emails we had received about the trees and also conveyed the view of the HCA Committee that the Hawthorn trees should be retained and pruned to reduce the danger of the thorns.

**Toilets** - Greg reported that he had followed up with Steve Dozspot. Steve had not received a response to his letter from Shane Rattenbury - he will follow-up.

**Shops update and issues**

- Andrew will be closing cafe for renovations.
- Steve and Arthur have removed graffiti from walls and are also fitting out the deli. This will take some time - it is still in design phase. The deli is going out the side where the entrance used to be
- Anna is worried about the walls around the garden beds - the bricks are falling out. This seems almost like an invitation to throw bricks.
- Vandals have pushed the sign over. Met cash will fit a large notice board - this could have public notices.

There was a discussion about the need to get onto TAMS to upgrade shops. The shops look rundown and tacky. Lyneham has received two upgrades. Greg suggested that we need to find out what the rolling series of shop upgrades is. We should write to the Chief Minister and copy to Shane Rattenbury.

James raised issue of letter to shop keepers becoming members of the HCA - they could have their own informal working group. This would strengthen the association. It would not have to be a formal arrangement but it would get people talking. The working group could choose to have a Spokesperson for shops.

It was noted that there is often praise for the nice manner of the shopkeepers in Hackett. It is regarded as one of the happiest shopping centres in ACT.

**Tables and chairs at the shops** - Greg reported that he received the pro forma application for funding from Andrew Leigh's office. Terry suggested that the public furniture in John Knight Memorial Park provided a good model - it is strong and modern. Terry will take photos and look for who made them.

**Membership motions** - the following motions were passed:

"That HCA memberships taken out in the period January to June be counted as valid for the following financial year" (moved James, seconded Terry)

"That HCA memberships be calculated on a financial year basis and not from the AGM" (moved Terry seconded James)

**Contact table**

- It was agreed that the next table should be held on Saturday 26th July

- Alison Smith has volunteered to make a table apron - but not for a while. James will talk to Alison and bring a design back to the Committee.
- We should also invite FoMM and also NCCC to make it a larger event. Greg will ask the folk-dancers. We should also ask the "ACT embroiderers". James will ask at ACT sports house.

**Committee membership** - there was a discussion about the need for "new blood" on the Committee. We should be thinking about it now leading up to the AGM. We should put a sign up at the shops and put notices in the newsletter. Some specific names were also mentioned to follow-up with. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

**Mrs Jess Taylor** - Mrs Jess Taylor, Secretary of Hackett Primary School, secretary of school, has died. She made a wonderful contribution to Hackett School and the school community appreciated all the work she did. She was also a very supportive member of the Hackett Art Show. Greg has put up notice on the website.

Meeting closed 8.40pm