

**Hackett Community Association
Committee meeting
11 April 2017**

Present –

Committee: Chris Mobbs, Marian Williams, Kay Murphy, and Bruce Smith
Members: James Walker
Visitors: Grant Walton

Apologies: Terry de Luca, Jean Chesson

The meeting was inquorate but proceeded for the purposes of planning and discussion.

Chris welcomed Grant.

Updates – as per table below. In addition:

- Chris reported that, regard to the protection of trees on Philip Avenue, the pink tape has worked – the new trees have not been mowed down and the ACT Government has acknowledged that trees can grow subject to the provision that there is an appropriate gap from the houses;
- the tree pruning in Mills St has been done
- we also need to report the pruning that needs to be done for some of the lanes (Chris will make the report)
- Chris will also put in a general note in Hackett Neighbourhood Watch about how people can use Fix My Street
- There have been two requests for the creation of new pedestrian crossing: on Phillip ave near the Madigan St intersection; and on Madigan Street, near the school. Chris will put in a request on Fix My Street.
- the bushes in the median strip near the shops are too high – drivers don't see people crossing – they need to be trimmed. Chris will put in a request.

50 year book

There was a general discussion about how to make progress on the 50 year book. Points included:

- We need to collect more oral history - James has offered to run short oral history course
- We need to get back in touch with the author of the Downer history
- James has two cartons and three draw folders - at least some needs to be digitised
- Chris has some time – he offered to look at what is there, and the previous questionnaire
- We can use the contact days to share ideas. We could have sheets to hand out with invitation to fill out.
- The previous template may have been too complicated – we may need something simpler
- If we can get out a first edition, then it can be enhanced from there.

Planning for Contact Day

There was a general planning discussion about preparations for the Contact Day on Saturday 20 April. Points included:

- there has already been interest generated by the poster
- Chris has contacted a number of people and handed out sheets summarising the results
- We need to see what power is available - Chris will check out with Andrew whether we can access the points in the toilets
- James suggested that a poster go up 2 weeks before with names of politicians who will come, and advertising that there will be pancakes etc
- We should have posters up with the results of the Survey – eg. toilets, Hackett Oval;
- Chris will create posters at Officeworks and make name tags with logos and surnames
- We should run a Quiz - first correct entries will win prizes. Kay will talk to IGA about prizes
- a preliminary roster was agreed for the Contact Day.

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New bin at shops: James raised the issue of the relocation of the bin to the Square at the shops. It is poorly located. It is right in the middle of where the bands play at the Party at the Shops, and also where kids play. It needs to be near the square but more accessible. Bruce to write a letter to the ACT Government asking for the location to change.

Empty shop: Grant raised the issue of the long-term empty shop at the Shops- has there been any thought about putting artists there? It would be much better than nothing. The point was made that the building is owned by a consortium – and there would be a substantial cost (\$27,000?) for a variation of lease.

Meeting closed 8.40

New agreed actions	
Chris to report on Fix My Street: lanes; pedestrian crossings; Madigan St median strip	
Chris to put article in HNW on Fix My Streets	
Chris to look at oral history template	
Bruce to write letter to ACT Govt about bin at shops	
Chris to continue preparations for Contact Day, including printing posters, following up invitees; talking to Andrew about power point.	

Previous agreed actions	Status
Chris to replace Greg as a co-signatory of the bank account	In progress
Chris to notify shops and politicians of dates for Community Contact Days	On agenda
Greg to forward email addresses of political parties to Chris	Done
James to provide contact details of SES, Scouts etc.	In progress
Chris to invite local organisations to 29 April Contact Day	On agenda
Chris to submit a list of dumping hot spots to the Government via Fix My streets	Nothing further
Bruce to add next year's 55 th birthday as a standing agenda item.	Yes – from now on
Chris to develop draft roster for 29 April Community Contact Day	In progress
Greg to add list of Honorary Life Members to HCA website	To be clarified with Greg
Chris to follow up on pedestrian crossing for bus stops on Phillip Ave and Madigan St.	On agenda
Chris to submit change of Public Officer details to ORS	In progress – will incur \$41 fee
Terry to invite potential new Committee Member to join the Committee	Done