

Hackett Community Association
Annual General Meeting
13 September 2017
Maitland House, Hackett

Attendance: As recorded in the General Meeting Attendance Book.

Chris Mobbs (Chair) opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Apologies: Bruce Smith, John Carty, Jill Huntington, Lyn Binns

Minutes: The meeting accepted the minutes from the 2016 AGM.

Treasurer's Report: Terry de Luca reported that the HCA funds were in good shape overall, with over \$2,000 in the bank. The Association had a small deficit over the financial year, which was due to not receiving any funding from the NCCC which would have offset funds spent on activities like the annual Party at the Shops. Terry noted that the key emphasis should be to spend available funds on activities that benefitted the local community such as the Party at the Shops..

Terry acknowledged that assistance of the auditor in preparing the end of year financial performance statement.

Chair's Report: Chris Mobbs used his report to look back over the previous year, and to look ahead at the coming year for the Association. Chris acknowledged the considerable contributions of both James Walker and Greg Haughey as recent Chairs of the Association. He also thanked Neighbourhood Watch, and noted the various activities of the Association in 2016 such as the Party at the Shops, the Community Survey, contact days and representation on issues such as amenity at the Hackett shops, and better recognition for Hackett open spaces. Chris then noted a range of matters to look in to over the next 12 months, including HCA membership, the 50-year history of Hackett, ongoing HCA activity such as contact days. Chris also raised the possibility of developing a bike riding area near the oval, noting the attraction of the local Majura Pines riding area and that many bike riders regularly stop in at the Hackett shops as part of their rides in the local area.

Election of Office Bearers: The following office bearers were elected:

Chair: Chris Mobbs

Treasurer: Terry de Luca

Secretary: Bruce Smith

Deputy Secretary: Kay Murphy

Public Officer: Chris Mobbs

General Business: There was a discussion about the forthcoming Party at the Shops, and an acknowledgement of the need to invite the Folk Dance Society. There was also general agreement that Certificates of Appreciation were a good

idea to acknowledge the assistance of various organisations in supporting the Party.

Speakers: Antonia and Sasa Basic, Canberra Magic Kitchen

Antonia and Sasa talked to the Association about moving to Canberra, and to Hackett in particular, from their home in Croatia. They chose the ACT (even though many people they met in Croatia said it was boring) because Antonia received an ACT visa sponsorship as a travel agent, and when they arrived they found they really liked Hackett.

Antonia and Sasa started to plant their garden with vegetables as they had done in Croatia, and soon found they had surplus which they decided to sell from a stall in their front garden, using an honour system for payment. Some other households from Hackett have also joined in to sell their produce, and the stall has been very successful. Antonia and Sasa also have also developed the Canberra Magic Kitchen where they prepare and sell vegan food, including catering for events, and holding regular crepe stalls in their front garden, which see a crowd of up to 150 people coming by to sample the crepes, listen to music and enjoy one another's company at tables set up in the front garden.

Sasa and Antonia emphasised how important neighbours are in Croatian culture, and that they have been keen to develop a life in Canberra that retains that focus, and that the vegetable stall and the crepe making have been great opportunities for enhancing a sense of community, and that further projects they develop will also look to do this.

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