

## **Hackett Community Association Committee meeting 13 February 2018**

**Present:** Chris Mobbs, Kay Murphy, Terry de Luca, Bruce Smith, Len Crossfield

**Minutes and matters arising** from the meeting held on 21 November 2017 were accepted. The matters arising in relation to history and constitution would be considered under items in this February meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** – Terry reported that the balance in the account was \$2,303.

**50 year history of Hackett** - Chris reported the following actions had been taken with development of the proposed book:

- Recollections - Greg sent the recollections questionnaire to people on the HCA register. Questionnaire also sent to people on Hackett Primary school facebook page by James Yeo. Chris has received 3 responses to date
- Article included in the December 2017 and February edition of the Hackett Neighbourhood Watch newsletter. Chris invited people to wanting to contribute to contact him via his email or phone and has received two responses to date
- Chris has accessed documents at the ACT Heritage Library and National Archives of Australia. He has also been searching online copies of the Canberra Times held on the National Library of Australia Trove system. To date, Trove has been the most valuable source of material.
- Chris sent requests to other organisations including:
  - Scouts
  - Friends of Mt Majura – Waltrud Prix has agreed to prepare section
  - Neighbourhood Watch – Barbara Inglis has agreed to prepare section about NHW
  - Samaritan House but as yet to receive reply.

Chris is aiming to have final draft of text completed by end of March. We may be able to apply for ACT Heritage grant to assist with publication of the book. Applications open in mid March, close mid May and announced September. Given this timeframe, the book could be launched at Party at shops in October at a day to be confirmed.

**Membership** - The Committee noted that membership had dropped to around 135 which was comparable to other northside community bodies like Watson and Lyneham, when compared to number of dwellings and population above 20 years age. For Hackett with a total population 2,991, 2,242 were above 20 years age and live in 1,144 dwellings. The membership represents almost 12% of dwellings or 6 % above 20 years. So while this was considered a reasonable representation, the Committee agreed to take the following action aimed at increasing membership:

- Chris to include a note in Hackett Neighbourhood Watch March edition.
- Brochures at the Hackett shops – Chris to talk with Arthur and Andrew and see if they would be willing to include the brochure in their shop. Kay to approach other shops seeking their support to offer the brochure on display or give to customers.
- We will need to cover the fees in the brochure and amend to say membership is free.

**HCA Constitution** - The Committee noted Chris's paper and agreed that we would hold a special meeting on Tuesday 13 March to adopt a new constitution based on the 'model rules as prescribed under *Associations Incorporation Regulation 1991*. The rules require we give HCA members notice at least 21 days before this meeting. This would require a paper and new constitution sent out by 20 February 2018.

- Chris agreed to prepare a paper that he will ask Greg to send out to members on the register, along with a copy of the new constitution.
- Chris to book meeting room in Maitland House.

**Priorities for 2018:** Following a general discussion about priorities, it was agreed that the key priorities for 2018 would be:

- progressing and completing the 50th birthday book
- holding the Party at the Shop in October (possibly 20 October or the next weekend – the history book could be launched at the Party)
- Holding a Contact Day in April (probably 7 April)
  - The Committee discussed the possibility of linking the Contact Day in April with 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations Len Crossfield and Dorothy Mackenzie. It was agreed that Chris and Len would discuss this further over coffee

### **Other business**

- It was agreed to put the AGM minutes on the website.
- Terry reported that Clean up Australia in Hackett would be held on 4 March from 10am to 1pm. There was a discussion about how to publicise it, including putting up billboards and laminated signs (some date specific, others with “next Saturday”)
- Kay reported that Holy Cross Anglican Church is looking for assistance on a Saturday morning from 6.30-7.00am to help set up tables for the weekly white elephant stall. Money raised from this stall goes towards providing a permanent building for the Tuckerbox. It was agreed to put a notice in our bulletins to see if there is any interest.

The meeting finished 9.10pm.