

Hackett Community Association General meeting 27 March 2018

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

Apologies: Jean Chesson, Dorothy Mackenzie, Lynn Binns

Minutes and matters arising: Chris reported that he had:

- Put a note in the Hackett Neighbourhood Watch about membership
- put brochures in the IGA, the florists and at Wilburs

The minutes were agreed subject to changes.

Constitution: Chris talked to his paper on changes to the Constitution and this was followed by a general discussion. Chris noted:

- that we are incorporated under the Act. Our application said we would adopt the model rules, but we developed our own.
- We can go either way. The key differences are:
 - financial years,
 - meant to table new membership applicants at meetings
 - the model rules allow the Committee to set fees,
 - the terminology of positions is different,
 - Not a different quorum at the AGM (its very difficult to get 20)
 - auditing not required for under \$400,000.

There was a discussion about the auditing requirement, and it was agreed that, despite the fact that the HCA has assets (considerably) less than \$400,000, that it would be desirable to continue to have external audits of the HCA finances (on a volunteer basis). It will also be important for any incoming Committee to make themselves aware of the financial situation of the Association.

Motion: That the Hackett Community Association agrees to adopt a new constitution based on the model rules prescribed under the Associations Incorporation Regulations 1991.

Motion put by Chris and seconded by Terry. Motion agreed by the Meeting.

Treasurer's report: Terry reported that our balance was \$2303.00. It was agreed that Bruce would pick up the cheque from the NCCC for the costs of last year's Party at the Shops.

Contact Day – There was a discussion about trying a new approach to Contact Days, and in particular to test the approach introduced by the Watson Community Association to have an informal contact session one afternoon during the week. In this approach:

- the Association would pay the café for the tea and coffee
- it would happen later in the day on a Friday later in the day
- it would not be like a meeting – more a way for people to meet and have a talk

It was agreed to try it out on Friday 27 April at 4.00pm at Wilbur's. Chris will put a note in HNW and \$150 would be allocated for expenditure.

Party at the shops: It was agreed to hold the party on 27th of October

History of Hackett: Chris reported that he had got a number of stories of Hackett and found a huge amount of information on Trove. He had made the decision not to have crimes in the suburb, but had found a lot from former school students. It will be a big challenge to manage the amount of material.

Chris noted that it could cost \$5,000 to print copies – we will need to consider sponsorships.

Clean Up Australia Day: Terry reported that only one person had turned up. He will keep doing it, but is puzzled about how to promote it. The meeting agreed that the Association will pay tip fees associated with the clean up. The possibility of organizing an additional, Hackett-specific clean up was discussed – we could do it one evening in Summer at around 4.00pm.

Other business

Bike parking at shops: Kay reported that the bike stands at the shops are often full. There was a discussion about how we need additional bike stands in a safe place but not where people are walking, and where its not too crowded.

It was agreed that one possibility would be in the carpark itself, in the place of one or two carparks. Chris will write a letter to the Minister about it.

Painting on wall at shops: There was a discussion about the painting on the wall near Wilbur's. It is looking old and needs rejuvenation. Blue gum may be interested – perhaps in conjunction with HCA and with shopkeepers.

Community garden: There was discussion about the possibility of a community garden in the nature strip near Samaritan House. Would they be interested in initiating and/or maintaining such a garden? Chris will see if they are interested, check out Government approval requirements and willingness .

Library at the shops: There was a discussion about the idea of a community library at the shops. People could come and swap books, similar to the arrangement they have at the Ainslie post office. We could get a cheap or donated bookcase and possibly donate some books ourselves. HCA could put a sign up and rules. Kay will check out possibilities for a bookcase.

Hopscotch at shops: Kay raised the desirability of a hopscotch setup at the shops, which would give kids something to do. We could do temporary thing with gaffer tape and see how it goes.

Notice board at shops: It was noted that the notice board either needs renovation or needs to go – it is currently an eyesore.

Next meeting 8 May

Meeting finished 8.45pm