

**Hackett Community Association  
Annual General Meeting  
15 September 2015  
100 Maitland Street, Hackett**

**Attendance:** as recorded in the General Meeting Attendance book

James opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

**Apologies:** Jill Huntington

**Minutes:** The meeting accepted the minutes

**Treasurers report:** Terry gave the report on behalf of Lorraine. At the end of the 2014-15 financial year the balance in our account was \$2620.31. Terry also reported that our current balance is \$2300, so we are in a good financial position. The money we have spent has been on IT and generally lifting the Association's game and making it more professional. The meeting accepted the Treasurer's report.

**Chairs report:** James thanked a number of people who had made the year a success for the HCA:

- Hackett Neighbourhood Watch, Friends of Mt Majura, and Folk Dance Canberra for their participation in the HCA Contact Days
- local politicians Andrew Leigh, Shane Rattenbury and Steve Doszpot for their support and participation in events
- the outgoing HCA committee for its support during the year, and especially to Greg who has done a great deal

James noted that the HCA Committee meetings have moved to the kitchen of Folkdance Canberra – this works well and fits well.

The website continues to be a success, and has been looked after by Greg.

The contact days have been a success. They attract new members, give out information, and enable the Association to learn about new problems. We have changed the format to include other organisations, including Friends of Mt Majura, National Capital Metro, Neighbourhood Watch, and visits from politicians. The contact days contribute to politicians taking HCA seriously.

We have had success in lobbying for a new footpath near the shops and we have at least got the proposal for a footpath leading from the bus stop on Antill Street to the Church on the waiting list. The toilets at the shop are still on the waiting list, but we are hopeful that they will be approved soon.

The Hackett shops are still going well. We welcome the Orchid and Vine florist. We lost Michael, but the North Canberra Osteopath will shortly be setting up.

The History of Hackett project is progressing. We have got a lot of data but we need to put flesh on bones – we need people's history and soon. We need people to volunteer to provide their memories of the suburb.

The Party at the Shops was a very good day. The weather was good, there was interesting entertainment, a good turn up, and we made some money from it. And we appreciate the sponsors

The Association still needs more support. We need both people and money. Not just on the Committee but also to help out on events. James would like to know that Association will be going strong in future years. He welcomed the new committee and hoped it will be a good year in 2015—16. The Chair's report was accepted.

**Election of honorary life members:** James, on behalf of the Committee, proposed two people for honorary life memberships:

- Annette Wurm – both Annette and her (deceased) husband Wally have made very significant contributions to the suburb over many years, including Neighbourhood Watch
- Jill Huntington – Jill and her (deceased) husband Max . Jill and Max contributed to the community in a number of ways, including in the HCA. They took a lead role in the traffic count and Max was a former deputy-chair of the HCA

Both life memberships were approved by acclamation.

**Special resolution:**

James read out the following special resolution to amend the HCA Constitution:

MOVED that the HCA CONSTITUTION be amended by

1. DELETING Sub-clause 16(2) (e): 16(7); and any and all other references to “the Archives and Historical Officer. AND
2. AMENDING Sub-clause 14(1)(b) to read “no more than five (5) ordinary committee members;...”

NOTE: This motion attempts to provide more flexibility within the committee. Duties such as “Archives and History” or “website administration” or any others can be delegated, as the needs of the time require, to the Ordinary Committee Member most fitted to carry out that task.

Len Crossfield and Jochen Zeil moved and seconded the motion. It was agreed unanimously.

**Election of positions** The following people were elected to the Committee unopposed:

James Walker – Chair

Greg Haughey – Deputy Chair and Public Officer

Terry de Luca – Treasurer

Lorraine Mason, - Deputy Treasurer

Bruce Smith – Secretary

Kay Murphy – Deputy Secretary

General Committee Members – Marian Williams, John Canty, Tylie Hodder and Len Crossfield.

**Speakers**

**Fiona Moore**, who is in charge of administrative support for the ACT Heritage Council, talked about the operations and work of the Council. Issues covered by Fiona included:

- the Council covers archeology, architecture, and cultural management. Its roles are research based and statutory based
- areas of work include Aboriginal culture, architecture, flora, fauna, property ownership, history, and nature conservation
- a key role is administering the ACT heritage register. This includes both places and objects.
- there is a strong focus on Aboriginal heritage – both advice and interpretation
- the development of guidelines is long and detailed
- enforcement and compliance are key aspects of the Council’s work – it can issue orders to stop work, though it is very rare to have to do this

Fiona also reflected on issues relating to the Inner North of Canberra, including:

- the heritage aspects of Reid
- the Starlight Drive-in sign (which will be put back in place soon)
- the Dickson library
- the Northbourne Ave corridor

Fiona also discussed issues related to architecture from the 1960s architecture, particularly in relation to the Northbourne flats. We tend not to promote architecture from this period - people don't understand the significance. It can be a battle to educate the community to see heritage is not just about being old.

**Graeme Barrow**, a local writer and historian, talked about what drew him to write guide books and also books on local history:

- he became interested in bushwalking in his late 20s after he settled in Hobart (from NZ)
- in 1969 he moved to Canberra and undertook bush walks with his young children, as well as solo walks
- he joined the National Parks Association and in 1977 wrote *25 Bushwalks around Canberra* – it ended up selling 5,500 copies
- he has since published 17 books
- what he finds attractive about bushwalking is that it is cheap, silent, with amazing sights. Writing the books gave an outlook for his creative energies.
- his interest in history first developed in Hobart – visting Risdén Cove and Port Arthur
- In Canberra he became editor of the *Canberra History Journal* – he did 17 journals in total. Over time he became more professional, and ended up writing nine historical books.
- He believes the key personal qualities which sustained this work were persistence and determination. He was not trained in history but he was curious and keen to find out.

