

**Hackett Community Association
Annual General Meeting
20 September 2011
ACT Sports House, Hackett**

Attendance: as recorded in the General Meeting Attendance book

Minutes: Minutes of the 2010 AGM were accepted – (Bruce/Dorothy)

Treasurers report: Terry reported that the HCA account now had \$1538.26, partly due to an increase in membership. There had been a late submission of the audit for 2010 – it had not been properly audited last AGM. The advice of the Office of Regulatory Services was to put both last year and this year's audits together. Will incur a small fee. Terry has asked Roger Carty to undertake the audit.

Acceptance of the 2009-10 report (Terry/Jochen)

Acceptance of the 2010-11 report (Terry/Laura).

Chair's report: James reported on range of activities of the Association and developments in the suburb. Key points included:

- **Hackett Shops** – welcome to Rhonda (who is planning to establish a new pharmacy), Dr and Devo, and to the Little Bean. These are very promising developments for the shops
- **Traffic:** establishment of the new crossings is running behind, but are close to finishing. Traffic lights at Majura/Phillip are also running behind, but good progress is being made. The traffic problem will not be solved, but good progress is being made – we need to minimise the problem and keep it as safe as possible.
- **Birthday bash** – looking for former residents to come back for the party. A key focus will be documenting and recording Hackett history where we can. We are looking for any photos from the last 50 years, and also looking for people to record their memories of the suburb – from all stages of the history. We are still looking for the Hackett Primary School memorabilia – this has been missing for 8 years.
- **General developments:** The Association has achieved quite a lot and now has more than 150 financial members. We have kept in touch with the community through the tables at the shops – they have been an important opportunity to explain what is going on. Eight Committee meetings were held over the last year and, on average, attendance averaged 7 committee members and 2 other members.
- **Survey of opinion** - We also undertook an opinion survey. It showed that key priorities include: public toilets, bus shelters and services, footpaths, and tables and seats under trees at the shops. Very few people were interested in having a polling place in Hackett.

James concluded by saying that it had been a good year – there used to be promises, now people are talking about construction. He thanked the NCCC for its moral and financial support, Neighbourhood Watch, Friends of Mt Majura and Wilbur's. He also expressed his thanks to the Committee.

Report accepted (Terry/Max)

SPEAKERS

Jenny and Michael McReynolds (local Real Estate Agents). Jenny and Michael talked about:

- house prices are coming off the boil, but still very strong
- the area is starting to regenerate.
- Not predicting a significant rate increase over next couple of years
- There is an amount of building going on, with people doing extensions, though it is often cheaper to do a knockdown than to do an extension.
- One possible issue is traffic flow, and there is some uncertainty about the possibility of Monash Drive.

They said that they would draw people's attention to HCA when new people move into the suburb.

Rhonda Warne (Pharmacist): Rhonda talked about:

- She is hoping to hoping to relocate in Canberra from Sydney and to establish a pharmacy in Hackett
- A key issue will be that the Hackett shops fall within 1.5 km of the nearest existing pharmacy at the Watson shops. She will need to make the case about filling a community need. She is in the process of doing community maps.
- It would be good to have doctor, but they are moving into community centres.
- We will need to go to the Minister – get also a petition going. We will also need to have a letter going to the Minister – Rhonda will do a standard letter.
- In the meantime the pharmacy will not be able to do certain kinds of prescriptions - it may take 10 months to get approval. Kate Lundy has agreed to help. She will ask HCA to lobby ACT Minister.
- Rhonda finished by saying that what she gets out of community, she will return.

Elections

Chair – Greg Haughey (written nomination)

Committee members – Barbara and Marion (written nominations)

Deputy Chair – Max (Jochen and Len)

Secretary – Bruce (Jenny/ Laura)

Public Officer – Laura (Kate/Max)

Assistant Secretary – Dorothy (Laura/Bruce)

Treasurer – Terry (Waltraud/Kate)

Committee members – Waltraud (Bruce and Greg)

Greg thanked the meeting for its support and said he was pleased to be elected. He was particularly pleased to get continuity with old committee. On behalf of the Association he thanked James for his work over the last year.

Adoption of amendment to constitution:

“The Committee of the Hackett Community Association may recommend honorary life members of the Association to the Annual General Meeting and fees for such members will be waived.

Such Honorary Life Members shall be full members of the Association.

No more than two may be appointed in any financial or calendar year.”

(Greg/Volker Hillig) - carried unanimously.

General business

- Waltraud asked about whether there should be a required quorum below 20.
 - James responded that the Committee did not recommend this. It can be self-defeating – we should be able to produce 20 people once a year.
- Jenny asked about extreme fire danger being talked about in media. Is there a sufficiently cleared area behind the last row of houses?
 - Waltraud responded that there is a fire management plan – clearing is done on a regular basis. This was discussed at a meeting with rangers today. There is concern that garden extensions and other structures over fences make clearance very difficult. There will be controlled fires in a patchwork arrangement. People who have extended their gardens will be asked to remove them.
 - Jenny – thanked Waltraud for the comprehensive answer.

Greg closed the meeting at 9.10pm.