

**Hackett Community Association
Annual General Meeting
19 August 2013
ACT Sports House, Hackett**

Attendance: as recorded in the General Meeting Attendance book

Greg opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes: Minutes of the 2012 AGM were accepted – (Kay/ Waltraud)

Treasurer's report. Terry reported that there has been an increase in membership numbers, due in part to the operation of the website (including the capacity to pay through Pay Pal) and the contact tables at the shops. Terry also acknowledged the contribution (\$1,000) of the North Canberra Community Council to meeting costs associated with the Hackett 50th birthday party.

The major expenditure, beyond the projected expenditure on the party, was \$1000 on the design and production of the HCA Brochure. Terry reported that the end of year balance in the account was \$2019.27. It is expected that costs from the party will be a major call on those funds.

The report was accepted (Len/ Lorraine)

Chairs report - Greg reported that 2012-13 had been an active and productive year. He felt that the activities of the Association were leading to a more inclusive community.

Greg noted that the Hackett Pharmacy, despite a strong lobbying effort by many people, did not get a PBS number.

The Association's Website, which was designed and launched during the year, has been a key means of communicating with the community. It is working well. It is also linking to other resources, such as the Neighbourhood Watch newsletter.

The revitalisation of the shopping centre continued during the year. This was due to the vision of some shopkeepers who decided that there were commercial possibilities. There is now a sense of pride in the shops - a big turn around.

Greg reported that other projects are moving slowly but the Association will be continuing its efforts. The toilet block is on the back burner but we still pursuing it. We are also still pursuing the tables and chairs at the shops and the plaque for Sir John Hackett.

Greg noted that the Party at the shops on 12 March 2013 went well and that the 50th birthday celebrations should be bigger and better. It will be held over two days and we are expecting thousands to come along.

Greg turned finally to the Association itself and paid tribute to some of the key individuals who have made a significant contribution to the community including through their work in the HCA. He talked about Laura Turnbull, who died during the year. Laura was one of the founding members of the Association and Laura and Freddie were key contributors.

Greg also acknowledged the work of Max Huntington, who was a pivotal member of the Committee right up to his illness.

Greg also paid tribute to the contributions of Waltraud Pix and Dorothy Mackenzie - who have both been so generous with their time over many years. Flowers were presented to Dorothy and Waltraud.

Election of office bearers

Len Crossfield was the Returning Officer and the following people were elected to the Committee:

Chair - Greg Haughey

Deputy Chair - James Walker

Treasurer Terry de Luca

Assistant Treasurer - Lorraine Mason

Secretary - Bruce Smith

Assistant Secretary - Kay Murphy

General Committee members

Marian Williams

John Carty

Erika Alacs

Jennifer Pierson

Guest Speakers

Mr John Widdup, from Pedal Power, spoke about the work Pedal Power does to increase the number of people on bikes. Key points included:

- Pedal Power has 3,500 members - courses, rides, advocacy path
- A key campaign is to push for more off-road paths, including a path to Hackett.
- Also pushing on quiet roads paths - so people don't need to ride on paths
- We need to increase bike share and cut car congestion
- Altruistic as well as for ourselves. 4-5 % now on bikes - needs to be higher, especially for schools.
- Lot of people say too far to ride to work - will ride up to 5/6/7 kms - but many are longer.
- We need to integrate different forms of transport - especially bikes and buses. Should be able to use all forms of transport. Bike cages at interchanges and "park and ride" could make a key contribution.
- Hackett should look at the quiet streets strategy - lower speed limits - traffic calming - humps, connect them up - making it physically unpleasant to speed.

Mr Leon Arundell, Chair of the North Canberra Community Council, spoke about the work of the Council. Key points included:

- Aims are to be a local forum - promote communication - inform the community - ensure that the interests of community groups are represented. A key function is to support local associations.
- Also important to communicate to the ACT Government the views of local community members
- The NCCC participates in key ongoing forums, including those relating to planning, the airport and the combined community councils.

- A major objective is to get better planning procedures - too often people are being told afterwards about developments. There are 130 technical amendments to Act, more than 300 draft variations - an incredible speed of change.
- Recent issues have included: the redevelopment of the Braddon Club, the use of precinct codes, the redevelopment of the ABC flats in Civic, the development of the Strategic cycling network, the Centenary trail, the deconcessionalisation of the Hellenic club in Civic, the change of location for the Bus layover, the City to lake development, changes to Heritage legislation, the draft ACT water strategy, the section 64 conservation assessment in Watson, the roll out of the national broadband network in North Canberra and Canberra Health Centres.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm