

**Hackett Community Association  
Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett  
Tuesday 16 November 2010**

**Present:** James Walker, Max Huntington, Greg Haughey, Len Crossfield, Waltraud Pix, Laura Turnbull; Freddie Turnbull; Jan Loveday; Bruce Smith,

Vistors: Peter Carew; Barbara Inglis

**Apologies:** Lorraine Mason

**Minutes:** agreed, with the revision that James said at the last meeting that he would talk to the shop owners and then talk to Greg and Len - not get back to the Committee directly.

**Committee membership:** Laura was elected to the position of public officer.

**Chairs report** – James reported on correspondence relating to the request for information on the history of Hackett:

- one from a distant relative of Sir John Hackett. James got in touch – person is keen to help get us information, including a better portrait of Sir John. She will get back to James with further information
- 2<sup>nd</sup> email from a person who now lives in Brisbane
- third email from someone who grew up in Haddon Street.

**Hackett Shops:** There has been a change in the ownership of the consortium which owns the central block of shops. They are intending to clean up the shops. They intend to write to King Ruby to ask them to fix the sign, and would like the HCA to write as well. It was agreed that the Secretary would write.

The Pharmacist is still hoping to set up at the shops – perhaps where the Friends Lounge was. The pharmacy may combine with a dry-cleaning agency and newsagency.

Len and Greg led a general discussion about the future of the shops. The shopping centre has always been an issue for the HCA but limited things it can do. Key aim is to make shopping centre vibrant – if Wilbur's closed we would be back to where we began

Greg contacted ACTPLA – the 2004 study Neighbourhood plan is now virtually dead. ACTPLA did say that they would undertake study if they were requested – they are currently doing one on Downer shops at request of local association. One idea is to approach Downer people and see what they have done and plan to do.

It was agreed that Greg and Len would approach the Downer people and find out what they are doing. See what their expectations are and what they have been told. Also have a look at the recent renovation of the Ainslie shops.

There was also a discussion about tables and seats at the shops – Ainslie has seats but not tables. In Brisbane they put up board with sponsors names. A survey might be able to give us information relevant for this.

Would still need permission from Parks and Gardens. It was agreed that Len and Greg will approach Parks and Gardens to find out more.

**HCA Business Plan:** There was a general discussion of the future focus of the HCA over the coming year. It was agreed that we should use the Tables at the shops to identify the issues of most concern to residents. Issues identified at this meeting were:

- Hackett shopping centre (what we can do ourselves and pursuing ACTPLA).
- Traffic and watching brief on establishment of traffic lights
- removal of Monash Drive from Territory plan
- increasing the size of HCA membership. Greg raised the possibility of tapping into some existing research capacity to find out what Hackett residents want - two social work students may be available for a month. This would also be able to be presented at the AGM. The Dickson group has also done a survey so we can find out what they have done.

**December table at shops and Christmas dinner:** Arrangements were discussed and agreed.

**Traffic:** It was agreed that the Secretary would contact Roads ACT to get an update on the installation of the Majura/Phillip Ave traffic lights.

Meeting closed – 9.10pm