

**Hackett Community Association
Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett:
Tuesday 17 February 2009.**

Present: James Walker (Chair), Terry de Luca, Max Huntington, Laura Turnbull, Waltraud Pix, Lorraine Mason, Harriet Spring, Pat McNamara; Peter Kelly; A. Martin, Bruce Smith

Apologies: Jochen Zeil, Dorothy Mackenzie

Minutes of last meeting, accepted with amendment to reflect attendance of Terry de Luca

Treasurer's report: No change

General Business:

Clean Up Australia day: It was agreed that HCA would support the Clean Up Australia day on 1 March.

Moved: Waltraud; Seconded: Terry.

Notice of future financial issues for Committee to consider: James foreshadowed three issues he will be raising in future which have financial implications for the Association:

1. Committee member name tags: plastic sleeves with the HCA logo - would help to identify Committee members at functions
2. Essay competition for kids - topic could be on people who streets were named after. This would involve research and writing - prizes could be book vouchers (we could approach Dymocks and/or Borders for sponsorship). Australian Dictionary of Biography may assist us to publicise.
3. Annual birthday event in May: a low key event (not full-scale birthday party) which could include a sausage sizzle/BBQ. People could also have their own craft stalls etc.

Terry also foreshadowed a motion to provide financial support (\$273.75) to assist in the recovery of data from a damaged hard drive belonging to Waltraud and Jochen. This hard drive has a large amount of community information and photographs on it and would be an important resource to retain. Waltraud will also be seeking funding from other sources. The Committee indicated a general disposition to support the proposal.

Traffic: Bruce set out a new proposal from ACT Roads to address the problem of vehicles using Hackett as a short-cut to Majura Ave:

- Option One involved preventing left hand turns from Antill St into Hackett between 7.00am and 9.30am on weekdays
- Option Two also prevents right hand turns into Hackett from Antill Street during that period.

The Committee noted the advantages of the proposal but also noted that it could disadvantage some drivers wishing to enter the suburb during that period (who would have to do so from Philip Ave). The Committee agreed that, on balance, the advantages would outweigh the disadvantages and that the Association should notify ACT Roads that they supported Option 2 being trialled for 6 months on the basis that:

- Residents were given advance notice of the trial;
- The period would end at 9.00am (allowing parents who were dropping kids off at school to return to the suburb).

Majura Parkway: Waltraud informed the Committee of proposals being developed to build Majura Parkway, which would be dual carriage. The plan at this stage involves moving the road significantly to the west of the existing road. There has been limited consultation - NCCC has not been approached. This will be something the HCA will need to watch as the proposals are further developed.

NCCC Website: Bruce reported that the NCCC website has been redeveloped and that there is scope for material about and from the HCA. The meeting agreed that material from the HCA should be put onto the web, subject to usual provisions about privacy. The NCCC should also be cautious about allowing advertising on the site.

Community Garden: Harriet reported that the grant application to develop an organic community garden in Hackett had been unsuccessful. It was seen to be too large in scope. A smaller scale approach may be attempted in future, but there are no immediate plans to do this.

Camping on Kellaway St car park: A(?) told the meeting that there has been camping at the car part on Kellaway St, leading to rubbish being left at and near the site, and also open flame BBQs being used. It was agreed that HCA would write to the City Rangers to see if "no camping" signs could be installed.

Clean up Australia Day in Hackett: Further to the item above, Waltraud asked for volunteers to help manage the clean up activities on the reserve near Kellaway St on 1 March. Particularly needed for the 2.30-4.00pm period.

Date for next meeting: Tuesday 16 December 2008