

**Hackett Community Association  
Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett:  
Tuesday 19 May 2009.**

**Present:** James Walker (Chair), Max Huntington, Laura Turnbull, Dorothy Mackenzie Lorraine Mason, Harriet Spring, Pat McNamara, Ray Prowse, Jan Prowse, Bruce Smith

**Apologies:** Jochen Zeil, Waltraud Pix, Terry de Luca,

**Minutes of last meeting,** accepted

**General Business:**

National Tree Day: National Tree Day will be on 2 August. Waltraud has passed on her request that the HCA provide moral support for the Day (no funding needed) and help to spread the word that its on. Waltraud will also be arranging for an article in the Newsletter to advertise activities.

50 Year Book: James talked about the need to find someone who can handle historical statistics to start compiling information in preparation for the book. While we do have 4 years to prepare the book, we should start thinking about it now. In regard to oral history, it would also be desirable to identify long-term and former residents who might be willing to be interviewed. It is important, however, to ensure that people are willing to take part first.

Essay competition: James provided an update on progress. Letters have been sent to schools and support secured from the Australian Dictionary of Biography. We will need to put posters up, and provide appropriate text to schools. Could also provide more information on an appropriately designed web page. It was agreed to extend an invitation to local politicians to attend the AGM in September to present prizes to winners of the competition.

Hackett website: Bruce provided an update on the content of the Hackett website (part of the North Canberra Community Council website). We should put very brief biographies of committee members on the site, including possibly work, when came to suburb, how long on committee and particular interests (possibly also qualifications if thought desirable). It was agreed that the Minutes of meetings should be put onto the website once they have been approved by the Committee.

Traffic: There was a wide-ranging discussion about traffic, which included consideration of:

- Questions to be put to ACT Roads (which have previously been circulated). It was suggested that an additional question could address whether it would be feasible to have traffic lights operating part-time
- Update on Majura Parkway redevelopment, and whether funding will be included in the next ACT Budget
- Merits of traffic lights versus roundabout at Majura/Philip intersection

Community garden: There was discussion about the reasons for the rejection of last year's application to the ACT Government for funding for a community garden in Hackett. It is not entirely clear, but one element could have been the level of funding requested. Discussion then turned to whether it would be feasible to re-start the process, and particularly whether it would be worth undertaking a community consultation process about the desirability of a garden, its location and possible uses. Jan and Ray also discussed their plans to develop a garden off Grayson St, and there was discussion about possible support for this, particularly from the Canberra Organic Gardens Society (COGS).

The meeting closed at 8.40pm. The next meeting will be held on 16 June.