

**Hackett Community Association
Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett
Monday 20 February 2012**

Present: Greg Haughey, Max Huntington, Marian Williams, Lorraine Mason, Laura Turnbull; Freddie Turnbull, Terry de Luca; Dorothy Mackenzie, James Walker, Waltraud Pix, Bruce Smith

Visitor: Rhonda Warne

Apologies: Barbara Inglis,

Treasurer's report

- Terry reported that the account balance was \$1424.01 at end January

HCA Website

- Greg reported that he is progressing with enabling members to renew and donate using PayPal
- Do do this, we need to provide PayPal with our Certificate of Incorporation and Constitution
- Greg will file a copy of the updated Constitution with the Office of Regulatory Services and Bruce and Greg will try to chase down the Certificate of Incorporation
- We will also need to provide PayPal with a copy of our Mission Statement

Mission Statement

- The Committee discussed wording for a mission statement, and agreed on:

“Promoting the well-being of the Hackett community by protecting and enhancing the social, cultural and physical environment in Hackett”
- It was agreed that these words would be circulated for further comment.

Involvement of community in HCA

James led a wide-ranging discussion about ideas for getting a wider and more active membership of HCA in response to a paper he circulated to the Committee. Points raised in the discussion included:

- Lack of time is a key constraint for people
- But its also about priorities – if people could only put in one hour a year
- This is a problem with other groups like FoMM – not just HCA
- We should aim for a 10% membership – there are 2,500 people in the suburb, so we are not doing too badly
- We need to look at how we can spend our money with more visibility – people need to see demonstrable benefits – no point keeping it in the bank

- Putting money towards table and chairs at the shops would be one way to do this
- Other ideas for public expenditure included:
 - a better sign,
 - a bust of Sir John Hackett (could be launched at Birthday party), – Hackett family might like to contribute
 - a relief or plaque about Hackett's past and local families (look at Ainslie shops as a model)
 - a mosaic similar to Watson shops

Hackett pharmacy

Rhonda Warne attended for this item and spoke about her efforts to get an approved pharmacy in Hackett:

- initial application was rejected because 150 metres too close to existing Watson pharmacy
- an appeal lodged last Friday
- local members supportive – Andrew Leigh and Kate Lundy – Gary Humphries not yet contacted
- Rhonda would like the HCA to lobby as well – focussing on local members, ACT Government and the Commonwealth Minister for Health
- Rhonda has also put a lot of effort into getting a petition to Parliament – this has received widespread support in the suburb. Petition will be lodged soon with a potential second petition lodged in March
- Rhonda's main arguments in her submission were:
 - Hackett has higher population density than other SLAs in North Canberra which have PBS approval
 - No bus service between Hackett and Watson
 - People of Hackett do not have timely access to PBS
 - Ageing population in Hackett needs a pharmacy

It was agreed:

- Bruce to draft letters to Ministers
- Greg to put letter on website and do article for Neighbourhood Watch newsletter

Birthday celebrations

James circulated a detailed paper prior to the meeting setting out a range of issues and suggestions for the birthday party. He proposed that people take it home to look at it, confirm that its OK or needs to be changed and bring forward any additional suggestions. Discussion included:

- Possibility of Arts and Crafts Show being linked with or incorporate in the Birthday celebrations
- Confirming that 21 September would be appropriate date – that way we miss the school holidays
- We should form a working group for this – it would be more flexible than trying to do it through Committee meetings. A lot of the work could be done through emails
- Need to make bookings early

- We could get 666 to do a live broadcast from the celebrations
- It would be good to do a Welcome to Country – perhaps Indigenous dancers
- Greg will put a timeline together for the next meeting

40 km signs near Blue Gum school

- The issue was raised about the 40 km signs near Blue Gum school not being changed during school holidays
- Greg will write a letter to Blue Gum school raising the issue

Traffic and lighting

- It was reported that there are slightly fewer vehicles using Madigan Street since the traffic lights were put in – this was expected
- The street lights in some parts of Hackett have been out for a number of nights – possibly due to a sub-station being affected by rain

Events

- Clean up Australia – 4 March 10am to 1 pm
- Music in the Park – 24 March

The next meeting will be held on 19 March

Actions

Action	Responsibility
Progress PayPal for website	Greg
Circulate Mission Statement for further comment	Greg/Bruce
Draft letters for Pharmacy	Bruce
Letters for HNW and website	Greg
Letter to Blue Gum School	Greg
Consider additional activities for birthday	All committee