

**Hackett Community Association
Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett
16 April 2012**

Present: Greg Haughey, Max Huntington, Waltraud Pix, Dorothy Mackenzie, Terry de Luca, Lorraine Mason, Marian Williams, Kay Murphy, James Walker, Bruce Smith

Visitors: Angie Drake, Karen Schembri, Mark Kulasingham

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 19 March were accepted.

Treasurer's report: Terry reported that the balance in the HCA account is: \$1397

Hackett shops: Items discussed included:

- It is now confirmed that the new toilets are going in – the surveyors will be back on Friday
- The letters relating to the proposed Pharmacy were sent off some time ago and we have received some responses, including from Senator Humphries and Andrew Leigh. Katy Gallagher said that she had no jurisdiction but would write to the Federal Minister (it was agreed to seek to get a copy of that letter).

HCA Website: - Greg reported that this is now up and running. It will include minutes of meetings, photos and the constitution. Greg reported that the best way forward will be to pull down the old one (a sub-section of the NCCC website) and re-route traffic to new one. Pay Pal has now come through and links to membership records. Greg will also set up a free newsletter and a database of email addresses.

Greg has also suggested to Barbara that the HNW go online. This would be a useful resource.

Tables at shops: Greg reported that he had rung the ACT Government about tables, noticeboards and community gardens. He was asked by them to send an email to set out what we are looking for. The ACT Government is now reviewing all community facilities- and this may result in makeovers, upgrades, or renovations. We should keep a sharp eye on outcomes of review

Sausage sizzle (19 May): Terry has worked out we need about 10 kilos of sausages - around \$150 to be requested from NCCC. Bruce to set up roster for staffing the sizzle. It will be held from 11.30 to 1.30. He will send an email to the committee and also a general email to membership. We need to set up presentations.

HCA Brochure: Greg offered to have a go with a tri-fold template, which will include an application for membership. He will aim to have a draft by May 19th, and plans to have it designed in Hackett – including photos (Fiona). Discussion included the possibility of it including information about other organisations (eg. FoMM, NCCC, HNW, Watson, etc). It could also include an aerial photo of Hackett, and a focus on the natural ecology of Hackett.

Hackett Birthday celebration. There was a substantial discussion about planning for the birthday celebration. Key points were:

- Greg has done a plan. He argued that it can't be done by the Committee - its too big. We need to involve a much wider population. It has been advertised on the website, and in the HNW - but no bites so far.
- James argued that we need to have a working group - not the committee as a whole. That working group should approach people to undertake tasks. The priorities should be set by the lead times. Long lead times will need to go first.
- Lorraine has already approached ABC 666.
- Kay asked about whether there will be a central product of theme of the part. Rosary School is coming up for an anniversary and in planning a cook book. What kind of activities will we undertake? Back to Hackett? If so we need to use word of mouth - its the most effective method.
- Max said he thought we needed to get a plan onto a page so its simple and easy to communicate.
- Discussion focussed on the need to have evidence that something is already happening. We should have a noticeboard at the shops. Kay can put photos up of early Hackett. This could generate interest.
- James argued that the history side of the event needs to start early – we should look at material from earlier birthday bashes.
- Waltraud said that we need to form a committee and form a programme – focus on what is going to happen on the day. Media coverage will feed off the programme. The program needs to set out the big activities - advertising them early. Posters can be effective, and also advertising in the Chronicle. NCCC could possibly pay for advertisements.
- It was agreed to hand planning over to a working group. It would oversight other working group to get things going. They need to contact the people who would then do the things. We also need to learn from what we did last time. What worked and what didn't.
- Dorothy said that it would be good to have a meeting in April so it can be reported in May HNW newsletters.
- It was agreed that the initial meeting would be held with James, Greg, Dorothy, and Terry.
- James argued that the committee should be setting the example and reporting their time in the suburb as a basis for developing an oral history of Hackett. There was discussion about whether this was possible and realistic. It was agreed that it would be desirable to do this, and the birthday party was a key opportunity to get it going, but that it was a lower priority than organising the party itself. James said that people should start jotting things down. James has started doing his.

- There was some discussion about who could do what:
 - Kay offered to help on an Arts and Crafts display for the birthday party. She also offered to assist in developing a display on pictorial history.
 - Terry and Tony could lead on visual arts. Terry's son can also help on art.
 - John Murray to be approached about music
 - Lorraine would be happy to lead on media and will follow-up on possible opportunities. She will make a list of possibilities.
 - We need to get something off to the Canberra City Band soon
 - We could get Hackett on FaceBook - could be a way of advertising - particularly for the younger demographic. Twitter could also be used.
 - Kay, Jill and James will work on a historic display

Upcoming events

- Waltaud reported about National Tree Day on 29 July. This will involve tree planting and she hopes to get key politicians attending. FoMM will be asking for help on the day with registrations and photos etc. The plan is to plant behind the new Watson development using the money from the Village Building Company. It will be a mixture of native trees. It is a fairly degraded site – there used to be car racing there. It will be a long-term project, over a number of years.
- There will be a meeting with the Chief Minister on 11 May about the proposed Centenary Trail. There has already been a meeting with TAMS about the Trail. Environmental approval is required, but they are keen on launch soon.

Other business

- Max raised the issue of the speed signs in front of Blue Gum school – they should put the signs up during school holidays - they are still down.
- The story in the Canberra Times about a tax shift to hit inner suburbs was also discussed. There are a lot of retirees in suburb and people don't want to move when they are older. We should keep an eye on this issue.