

**Hackett Community Association
Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett
18 March 2013.**

Present: Marian Williams, James Walker, Terry de Luca, Lorraine Mason, Kaye Murphy, Greg Haughey, Dorothy Mackenzie.

Apologies: Max Huntington, Bruce Smith

Minutes of Meeting of 18 February, 2013 – was accepted as a fair reflection of that meeting. James pointed out that he had long promoted the ideas for a Hackett Book to be started some years ago.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Terry de Luca – He listed the costs incurred by Canberra's birthday parties at the shops. Cakes were \$83 each from Dickson Cake Shop. \$78 spent on face paint. Committee agreed that reimbursement of \$60 to Chris de Luca should be made and a donation of \$18 was accepted from Chris and Terry de Luca. Blue Gum participants will be reimbursed for their cost of clay.

Balance in bank is approximately \$1,100. But on 1st March was \$1,330.

Post Mortem on Canberra Day Party at the Shops: with lessons to be learnt for Hackett's birthday.

- Power supply for PA system. We were reliant on someone else's power supply. Special thanks to The Bike shop "Monkey Wrench" who generously helped out. We need a backstop of access to a generator.
- Insurance matters. Committee agreed to approach NCCC for Public Liability Insurance for Hackett's birthday party in September – There will be a need for insurance for performers, community stalls, use of Fire Truck and Vintage Bus.
- Shop owners were caught by surprise at the success of the day, especially the involvement of the Pre-school and Blue Gum and the evening music program.
- Publicity was crucial to the success of the day. Government provided posters, newspaper ads, radio station coverage with little cost to HCA.
- Complaints that the Folk dancing was boring, Wilburs service was slow, because they were so busy and that some of the music was too reminiscent of our younger days!

Pharmacy- Matters pertaining to Rhonda Warne continuing to operate her pharmacy were discussed. The Agent responsible for her lease would not extend it beyond April. Greg offered to produce a flyer about the imminent closing of the Pharmacy which could be included in the April edition of the Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter.

Community Garden

Terry reported that such a project needs a game plan, will take a lot of effort and will need a lot of support. Facilities such as toilet block, water supply and power would have to be provided. Cost estimated at \$100,000 for the scale that the Government is looking at with Govt supplying perhaps \$20,000. Blocks would be sold to users (6 by 10 sq. metres.) Fencing and security will need to be provided. Watson and Downer are also interested in Community Gardens. Greg and Terry will continue to make enquiries.

Hackett's Birthday Party developments.

- Need an event that draws attention. Best of 3 in a tug of war - Cmmttee challenge MLAs with 6 a side. Or MLAs and ex MLAs.
- Steering group should spend some money to advertise in local papers. Need to send a Press release 6 mths ahead.
- Canberra City Band will play on Saturday at 12.00 John Murray – Saturday night.
- 10 schools may be involved.
- ACTION Bus and Fire Engine.
- Vintage school uniforms.

Meeting closed at 9 pm. Next Meeting on Monday 15 April.