

**Hackett Community Association  
Committee meeting  
12 May 2015**

**Present** – James Walker, Kay Murphy, Greg Haughey, Marian Williams, Lorraine Mason, Terry de Luca, Bruce Smith

Minutes: Minutes from 14 April accepted

- it was noted that the NCCC brochures went out in the Neighbourhood Watch newsletters.

Treasurer's report: Lorraine reported that the current balance was \$2,620.29

Preparation for the AGM: There was discussion about possible guest speakers. Suggestions included:

- a speaker from the ABC – Kay will follow up
- Graham Downey – Bruce will follow up
- Greg will contact Graham Barrow
- Jack Waterford is another possibility
- Terry will contact David Flannery

Letter on footpaths – the draft text of the letter was approved. Bruce will mail the letter.

Letters to Campbell High and Hackett Preschool – it was agreed to send letters to congratulate them on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries, to thank them for their participation in past Hackett events and to invite them to the contact days.

Contact day organisation - There was discussion about the organisation of the next Contact Day on 13 June:

- James reported that ACTION will not be coming but would like to know when next one is happening.
- Pedal power hasn't got back yet.
- We should send the Mission Statement to Road Ready (Bruce to action)
- We should invite FoMM again (Greg to action), and we should offer to provide assistance to Neighbourhood Watch
- an initial roster was organised
- we could invite a worthy cause – one possibility could be the Food bank run out of Holy Cross - we could promote them
- We could contact RSPCA - James to contact

Hackett history update – discussion included:

- we need to push the questionnaire at the next table. We should ask people if they are willing to do the questionnaire.
- Kay gave an example of the kind of stories we could be collecting – she told a story about Nelson - dog went to little lunch each day to school
- Greg said that we have plenty of material on the Hackett school. How will we bring it together? There is the story of two schools - Rosary and Hackett – and how they came together on art show – an historic first in Canberra

- Scouts and Guides are also a big part of the history of the suburb. Hackett scouts were possibly older than Watson.

Local shopping centres – there was a wide-ranging discussion about Hackett and Dickson shopping centres

- The new chemist in Dickson is progressing and is nearly ready.
- IGA is changing arrangements for notices
- Terry talked about Dickson - redevelopment will destroy the village nature of the shops and destroy a lot of the smaller shops
- Snail and petal at the Hackett shops has closed down
- Michael Beecher has gone

Other business

Parking on Mackenzie Street: Kay raised the issue of parking on Mackenzie street during the Big Rides on Mt Majura. Cars are parked on both sides of the street, making it very hard to pass, while the big boulders in the car park are stopping people from parking off street. We don't want to discourage people from riding but it is inconvenient for residents. The best solution may be to put up signs so people can avoid that stretch at that time.

Party at shops: Greg reported on progress - interest is starting to be generated. People are making short movies - we could show them.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm