

**Hackett Community Association  
Committee meeting  
17 November 2014**

**Present –**

Committee: James Walker, Kay Murphy, Marian Williams, John Carty, Lorraine Mason, Terry de Luca, Bruce Smith

Members: John O'Brien, Marjorie O'Brien, Dorothy Mackenzie, John Lee,

Visitors: Steven Bailey

**Minutes** - Minutes - accepted

**Treasurers report** - Terry reported that there was no change since the AGM. We had received \$37 from membership fees, and the current balance was \$2,982.20

**AGM follow-up**: There was general agreement that the AGM was one of the best for some time, with very good speakers. In terms of getting more people to the meeting, suggestions made were:

- we need to get the news out faster – we could put notices in the shops
- we can't just rely on newsletter – some people don't get it
- Signs at shops would be a good idea – a couple of weeks before the meeting
- Let people know that we need a quorum
- Need to make people aware that numbers make the Association credible

James raised the need to make a decision now if we would like to have films for next year's AGM – an evening of historic film watching to be associated with AGM. The films could feature Canberra in the 30s or 60s – this could be a draw card.

**Chair's priorities**: James spoke briefly about his priorities for the coming year, including the production of the 50 year book and the organisation and location of Committee meetings. He circulated a printed list of his key priorities.

**50 year book**: The 4th draft structure of the history was circulated. It has two colours - Green for instructions and reminders, and Red for background materials. Committee members should contact James or Greg if there is anything missing.

The Questionnaire will be circulated to Committee members. If we can all do it, it will serve as an example, and also be a way to identify improvements.

**Location and frequency of committee meetings**: Greg and Jochen have checked out other buildings to see if there are any possibilities. They have contacted Maureen Hartung to see what is available connected with Blue Gum. It is fairly packed, but there may be possibilities. If we can't find anything suitable, we should write to Katy Gallagher to protest. She can explain why the ACT Govt can't provide anything face to face. This is meant to be a community facility for the community.

It was decided that we would decide on frequency when we have location.

**Association membership:** A number of matters were discussed in relation to membership:

- we need to address membership records – we are currently using a number of ways of recording membership – we need to bring it together.
- we also need to address the large number of members who are not financial
- It would be possible to do another letterbox drop through Neighbourhood Watch.

It was agreed to have an informal Working group – the Treasurer, Secretary and public officer to work on these matters.

**Contact Table at shops:** It was agreed to have the first contact table for 2015 in March. We will need to get notices out about the table as early as possible given there is no newsletter in January.

**Christmas dinner:** It was agreed to have the Christmas dinner on Wednesday 17 December at Siam Twist.

**Music in the park:** There was a discussion about how to pay for the toilets for Music in the Park (around \$220). It was agreed to ask NCCC to pay at its meeting on Wednesday.

**Development in Dickson:** There was a general discussion about development in North Canberra, and particularly in the Dickson precinct near the Tennis courts. In particular there was concern that development was happening without considered community consultation and regardless of long-term community planning. It was agreed, however, that the NCCC was probably the best place to have those discussions given they are wider than what is happening in Hackett.

Meeting finished 9.05pm