

**Hackett Community Association  
Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett  
21 October 2013.**

**Present:** James Walker, Terry de Luca, Lorraine Mason, Kay Murphy, Dorothy Mackenzie, Marian Williams, John Carty, Bruce Smith

**Apologies:** Greg Haughey,

**Treasurers report** – Terry reported that the audit of Committee finances was submitted on time.

Terry also reported on the financial outcomes of the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party:

- \$1300 was raised from the raffle
- \$30 from the jewellery stall
- \$50 from the bookshop
- \$200 from the Coffee stall
- Over 500 sausages (donated by IGA) were sold – Rotary made \$697 gross and \$520 net

**Outcomes and reflections on 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party**

The 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party was a huge success and was a milestone for the suburb. James reported that, at a conservative estimate, approximately 6,500 - 7,500 people attended over the two days. The biggest numbers was 764 at midday Saturday. In addition:

- About 60-70 people dropped into Samaritan House for a cuppa.
- Over 1500 people went to the Pre-school event - a lot of people had come from the bash
- Blue Gum had over 300 people attend its event
- A number of politicians attended, including Chief Minister Katie Gallagher, Senator Kate Lundy, and Andrew Leigh MP
- The shops did well – particularly the cafes

Anything that went wrong was fixed very quickly. People were still talking about the bus driver who stopped the bus for 5 minutes while he and the passengers got off the bus and looked at the party.

It was agreed that we should record things to improve for next time - where things went wrong and what worked really well:

- Katie Gallagher will talk to the ACT Treasurer about insurance for events such as the party;
- We need to get the Government to put in external power points at the shops - one at each end (a special meter can be used)
- We needed additional workers – Greg was full on the whole time
- We should have had a table next to the raffle table

Dorothy reported that the majority of thank you letters and certificates have been written and delivered - about 30 letters.

### **Table at shops**

It was agreed to have a Table at the shops on 30 November from 10am to 1pm. We can have a sausage sizzle and use up some of the sausages left over from the bash. We will need to set up a roster and it would be good to have some ordinary members involved. We can also put up photos from the party.

### **Honorary life members**

It was agreed to recommend to the next AGM that Dorothy and Waltraud be elected honorary life members in recognition of their long and valuable service to the Association.

### **Upcoming events**

- Dorothy reported that there will be a presentation by Dr Barry Price about the history of Watson, but also including Hackett, on 30 October at St Margarets.

Meeting finished 8.45pm