

**Hackett Community Association  
Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett:  
Tuesday 21 April 2009.**

**Present:** James Walker (Chair), Terry de Luca, Max Huntington, Laura Turnbull, Bruce Smith

**Apologies:** Jochen Zeil, Dorothy Mackenzie, Waltraud Pix, Lorraine Mason, Harriet Spring,

**Minutes of last meeting,** Read by Laura, and accepted

**General Business:**

Attendance at meetings: The issue of non-members attending meetings was discussed. It was agreed that notice to the Committee should be given that there is strong general interest in an issue, and consideration given to whether there should be a general meeting (as opposed to a Committee meeting) to cater for wider discussion.

Traffic update: There was a general discussion about traffic issues and options, and an update on where things stood since the last meeting. It was agreed that a set of questions for ACT Roads would be circulated by Bruce by email and then sent to Roads for their response.

Name tags: Options for titles and icons on name tags were discussed. James thought it would help to have titles so that people at public events and AGMs would know who was who. It was agreed that the Chair should have his title on his card, that this could also be appropriate for the Treasurer and Secretary.

Funding for recovery of hard drive: It was confirmed that a cheque had been provided to Waltraud as a contribution to the costs of recovering data (as previously agreed by the Committee).

Financial records: The need for the current Treasurer (Lorraine) to have a full set of financial records was discussed. Terry will ensure that he has provided Lorraine with past records.

Membership list and policy: HCA's membership policy was discussed, including the issue that there is no provision for members to be taken off the membership list once they join. This means that people who have long since had no contact with the Association are still on the list (including people who may have left the suburb or died). It was agreed that:

- James would give consideration to options for changing the Constitution to specify, for example, that only people who have renewed their membership in the previous two years should be counted as members;
- Members who join in May or June would be counted as financial members for the following financial year.

Sir John Hackett Essay Competition: James provided an update on progress. Options for publicity were discussed, including:

- HNW newsletter
- Canberra Times/Chronicle/City News
- Local radio
- Posters in shops and schools (Bruce will do design/ Terry will print off)
- Church noticeboards
- Website
- Emails

Other aspects of the essay competition discussed were:

- Australian Dictionary of Biography (ADB) representative will attend the AGM in September to announce the winner
- Entries will be numbered to ensure anonymity
- There will be 3 assessors for each paper
- Prizes could include trophies, certificates, movie vouchers (Terry will see if Dendy would be interested in providing these)
- Possibly copy of a volume of the ADB
- Some of the winning entries could also be included in the 50 Year History of Hackett

50 year history of Hackett: James outlined a proposal for the HCA sponsoring the development of a history of Hackett in time for its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2013 (the same time as Canberra's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday). James discussed a number of possible elements of the project, including:

- Getting things going by collecting lists of names of original residents from early phonebooks and electoral rolls
  - This could be sought at Territory Archives (at McArthur House)
  - We could ask for volunteers to undertake this
- An Oral history program including:
  - People recording themselves; or
  - By interviews by volunteers (James is willing to train volunteers)
- It would be particularly important to speak to original residents where possible, including those who came as kids (eg Kate Lundy)
- Another possible source are the ABS books on North Canberra

Hackett Birthday party: The best timing for a small scale event was discussed. It was agreed to hold the party on the first Saturday in September. This will provide time for publicity and people are more willing to come to events like this in Spring.

Community Garden: Terry talked about the need to revisit the concept of a community garden in Hackett. This was proposed last year, but did not receive ACT Government funding support. Terry proposed a meeting with Jon Stanhope to see if there was a chance of getting funding. He will speak to Edwina Richardson first to get a better understanding of why the original application was unsuccessful, and any other learnings from that process. It was agreed that:

- Bruce will send a copy of the proposal to Terry
- He will provide a physical copy for discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

**Date for next meeting:** Tuesday 19 May 2009