

**Hackett Community Association
Committee Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett:**

Tuesday 18 October 2009.

Present: James Walker (Chair), Max Huntington, Lorraine Mason, Terry de Luca, Bruce Smith

Apologies: Pat McNamara

Minutes of last meeting, accepted Bruce/Lorraine

Working Groups

The main focus of the meeting was the reconstitution of working groups, following the discussion at the AGM that greater use should be made of groups as opposed to doing all business through the main committee.

Traffic: It was agreed to maintain the Traffic and Pedestrian working group (Bruce/Max)

Membership: It was agreed to establish a Membership working group, with a particular focus on implementing the change to the constitution agreed at the AGM (Terry/Max). Membership will consist of the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

Shops: There was discussion about whether it was necessary to establish a working group about facilities at the Hackett Shops - including toilets and seats and a table. It was noted that there are arguments for and against toilets, and that a number of similar shopping centres do not have toilets. It was agreed that, while seats would be desirable, there did not appear to be strong community support for these at this stage, and that a working group on this issue would not be formed. The Association would, however, be willing to endorse work by others.

50 year book: It was agreed to establish a working group to take forward work on a book commemorating the 50th birthday of Hackett. The Chair is willing to do a lot of the work on this, but will need support. Funding will need to be sought for an editor at a latter stage of the process. Issues that will need to be addressed include:

- Gathering material, including statistics that are meaningful (eg. largest number at primary school). Will also need to undertake oral histories. Need to track down the first people, but not only them – later people see it differently.
- Campbell is good example, but perhaps left later than desirable. We've got 4 years
- Lots of material available at Heritage Library. eg. Ainslie Voices, Campbell history, Canberra High School,

It was agreed that an email would be sent out to canvass the names of people who might be interested in being part of the working group.

Other groups: It was agreed to formally close down the Sustainable Hackett group (now merged into North Canberra See-Change) and to leave Healthy Hackett suspended at this stage.

Committee meetings

There was a general discussion about advantages and disadvantages of moving to meetings every 2 months. The general feeling was that it would be better to keep to monthly meetings on the basis that this would be easier for people to remember and keep track of them. We could just make ad hoc decisions that, in addition to the current

arrangements for an informal meeting in December and no January meeting, we could also decided not to have one or two meetings in winter (possibly replacing them with speakers etc).

Car parking

It was noted that some parents at Blue Gum School are driving around back of school to pick up their children – this may not be an appropriate use of that space and may be damaging to the park. Will follow up with email to school to get further information.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.

The next meeting will be held on 17 November.