

**Hackett Community Association  
Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett:  
Tuesday 16 February 2010.**

Present: James Walker (Chair), Dorothy Mackenzie, Terry de Luca, Max Huntington, Laura Turnbull, Waltraud Pix, Lorraine Mason, Pat McNamara; Bruce Smith

Apologies: Jochen Zeil

Treasurer's report: Haven't received the January statement but amount in account - \$1,133.21

**General Business:**

Terry's novel: The meeting noted that the launch of Terry's book would be taking place at 11.00am next Saturday at Macquarie shops. The meeting unanimously congratulated Terry on the publication of the novel.

Traffic – It was agreed to have a substantive discussion at the next meeting. James had received a call from Ms Jane Peters from a consultancy looking at options for traffic lights at the corner of Phillip and Majura intersection. They will be attending the next meeting.

Max reported that he had looked at traffic at the intersection and it flowed freely. Most traffic has come from Madigan. Not too much from Stott St. Also not too much coming from Kellaway St.

Others disagreed and said that traffic levels on Maitland St remained heavy. Discussion followed, including:

- Whether we need to undertake another count of traffic
- Whether cars are really speeding or whether it just seems they are going fast
- Whether there should be a school crossing for Blue Gum to operate during school hours

Max agreed to provide details of his observations to the Secretary (Attachment A to minutes).

Hackett 50 Yr Book – it was agreed to leave discussion until the next meeting and wait until people have had a chance to respond to the appeal for volunteers to come forward.

Membership: James said that the formal membership list is out of date and Laura needs to have a list of current members. The Act requires us to keep a physical register. Lorraine, Bruce, Laura and Terry agreed to be part of a working group to look at members over the last two years (financial years). Terry offers his email address if people would like to join. The sub-group will also include the Chair and Deputy-chair as ex-officio members.

HCA desk at Wilburs: The Committee agreed to staff a table at Wilburs where people can join, can ask questions about HCA and learn about HCA. Agreed that 8am to 11.00am, 20 March would be the best time and date and this will be publicised through the Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter.

People will let the Secretary or Chair know which times suit people – Dorothy has offered to make a sign. We will need to have a receipt book and need to have signatory there for taking money.

It was also agreed to send a card of congratulations to Wilbur's from the Committee to mark the success of Wilbur's in becoming a meeting place in the community (Dorothy to get card).

Nature Park Report: Waltraud reported that:

- There will be a working bee next week
- The next Walking with ants session is nearly full
- A Submission on the Canberra Nature Park has been prepared – jointly with other parkcare groups
- Finished the rabbit mapping programme – nearly 50 people participating. This has been a big success story – other groups are taking up – doing data analysis – people lining up to help with analysis
- Just sent letter to Major General Steve Gow about War Memorial – breeding ground for rabbits – juniper bushes near Memorial. They are worried about dead rabbits for aesthetic reasons. So need to approach the Major General to get response. This will be escalated if no satisfactory response – eg. Minister for Vet Affairs.

Neighbourhood Watch newsletter: Still looking for an editor –Pat will do it in immediate future, and looking for someone in longer term. Some tentative offers but need to follow-up with them.

Heritage Village site: Waltraud reported that NCCC would be meeting to decide whether to appeal the decision to approve the development of the site. It is a major infringement of Majura reserve. This will have implications for HCA, including traffic. HCA members can attend meeting tomorrow – will need to make quick decision.

There will also be a major church development in North Watson – City Church development. They have put in an application – it is likely it will be approved. Hall for 700 people, with car parking etc. This will also have major traffic implications.

It was agreed that, if the appeal proceeds, HCA should join and support it if it is able.

Parking behind Blue Gum: General discussion about whether there has been any change in parking on the land behind Blue Gum School.

Meeting closed 9.05pm

**Max's observations about traffic**

Observation Point - Cnr Phillip and Majura Friday 12 Feb 08:15 - 09:00

Traffic in Phillip from Madigan greater than out of Stott by a factor of about five except at about 08:50 when the traffic was much lighter and the Madigan/Stott ratio was more equal.

Traffic in Phillip from the Antill roundabout - a queue of about 100 to 200m sometimes further up to the college crossing.

Traffic turning right into Phillip from Majura is light and is given access by right turning traffic from Phillip when traffic in Phillip from Majura is turning left which is most of the time.

The only time traffic banked up in Majura leaving Hackett was when a busload of college students crossed Majura at the crossing at 08:50.

Generally traffic flowed freely and drivers were polite. Only two drivers tooted when left turning cars from Phillip slowed down to give way to right turning cars which happened occasionally.

Observation Point - Kellaway St Parking Area Tuesday 16 Feb 08:00 - 08:55

Traffic was light. There was slightly more traffic turning right from Mackenzie (probably coming out of Bragg) than turning left. It seems likely that the traffic is no more than Hackett residents leaving .

There were extensive gaps in the flow and no evidence of speeding.

There was a steady stream of traffic flowing freely from Madigan into Phillip heaviest from 08:00 to 08:30

The following is the text of an email from a resident of Kellaway Street

Left for work at 08:25.

Road rules have gone out the window.

Traffic in Stott St is either forcing right of way or being given right of way so the queue to turn left into Majura was backed up to Madigan and again that traffic was forcing right of way from traffic from Kellaway

Large no of NSW drivers and a lot of disregard for traffic rules, especially at the corner.

Majura avenue traffic was held up due to the two pedestrian crossings, the one at Officer Crescent and just the other one past Officer Crescent on Majura. (My note.- Officer is not a pedestrian crossing but a traffic calmer.)

Note

When I left Hackett at about 08:20 one morning there was a considerable holdup of traffic both ways in Phillip and Majura. However, it was probably attributable to the first day back at Dickson college and students trying to find their way into the temporary carpark.

Regards

Max