

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

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

Visitors: Ben McHugh, Jane Peters, M.Cosgrave, M.Brady

Apologies: Jochen Zeil

Treasurer's report: \$1,187.71 as on 15 Feb – plus 5 additional deposits

Proposal for Traffic lights at Majura Ave/ Phillip Ave intersection

Ben McHugh (Roads ACT) and Jane Peters from (ACOM Consulting engineers) presented a proposed plan for the construction of traffic lights at the intersection of Phillip and Majura Avenues. Key features of the proposal included:

- Widening of road to incorporate turning lanes (left from Phillip into Majura, and left, from Majura into Phillip)
- Pedestrian crossing included
- 5 trees would need to be removed
- cables to be relocated
- reduced queue length from 400 to 60 metres
- The lights will be able to recalculate cycles – every 2.5 minutes – and will be sensitive to cars outside peaks

A funding bid has been made for forward design and construction. If funding is approved, the best case would be for construction to start next year – before June 2011.

Issues discussed were

- why couldn't we have traffic lights only operating sometimes? Ben said he would go back and check - he thought there may be safety issues
- on what basis were projections about queues etc done? They were based on current traffic flows, but consultants confident that the design could cope with different traffic flows in future
- Was Dickson College consulted? – they are happy – wanted extra pathway

General Business:

Minutes – accepted

Membership – list presented by Bruce, prepared on information provided by Lorraine and James – accepted

James reported on regularising membership for Wilbur's – so membership covered all staff – joint membership of staff for \$40. This was noted and agreed.

Table at Wilburs: A roster was agreed for staffing the table the following Saturday. The aim is to listen to any issues/concerns people have and facilitate membership applications

Citizen of the Year for Hackett: James proposed that each year Hackett runs a Citizen of the Year – committee members would be excluded. It is scheme often used in country towns to promote civic pride.

There was extensive discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of the proposal. Issues raised included: how would we know about what people had done; it could be divisive by highlighting some achievements and not others; could be difficult to judge the merits of different kinds of activities; and it may compromise the privacy of some people. In the end the Committee decided not to proceed with it at this time.

Hackett 50 year book: James noted that almost no offers of assistance had been received to help with the production of this book (some people had volunteered to provide their memories but no one had come forward to do the work). He proposed that the Committee needed to make a decision about whether to proceed on that basis.

Discussion included:

- such a book would need to have one person who could drive it forward - one author with perhaps a grant
- If we put it on backburner, it will be too late to have done for 2013. (but does that matter if it is late?)
- Could it be a smaller product? Pamphlet? But still time-consuming and energy consuming

It was agreed to put the list of activities into the Hackett newsletter and ask if there is any interest. A decision to be made at the May meeting so people would have a chance to consider the idea.

Notifications were given about

- NCCC meeting on traffic – 7.30pm Wednesday 1 March ACT Sports House
- 27 March – Downer 50 year bash 10-3.

Meeting finished 9.00pm. Next meeting on 20 April.