

**Hackett Community Association
Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett
Tuesday 19 April 2011**

Present: James Walker, Terry de Luca, Greg Haughey, Len Crossfield, Lorraine Mason, Laura Turnbull; Freddie Turnbull; Marian Williams, Barbara Inglis, Bruce Smith,

Visitors: Dan Watters (Centenary of Canberra)

Apologies: Waltraud Pix, Max Huntington, Dorothy Mackenzie

Hackett 50th Birthday and Centenary of Canberra

The meeting was addressed by Mr Dan Watters, Project Officer, Community Engagement, Centenary of Canberra, Chief Minister's Department.

Dan gave an overview of early planning for the Centenary of Canberra in 2013. This included:

- planning started in 2005 – it was bipartisan, with all previous Chief Ministers getting together
- Ms Robyn Archer was appointed creative director
- They were looking for ideas – and came up with portrait of a nation project - asking people to research the person their street is named after
- Project is now at preliminary scoping stage – building information so the project can be launched on 12 March next year (Canberra Day)
- People can research their street or suburb – getting in contact with relatives of the person – paint their portrait – write a poem – research who has lived in the street –
- There will be a web portal where information can be uploaded - it may take the shape of a family tree – branching out to suburbs and then streets. Not sure what to do with content at this stage
- looking to tie in other institutions – eg. National Library.
- Purpose is not to have a research tool – its about getting people to talk over their fence to share information
- High Court has expressed interest in looking at judges who had streets named after them.
- There are also plans to celebrate the traditional owners of the land
- There will be activities all year long – 70 or 80 projects – and the community will come forward with their own projects.
- One of the projects involves raising \$1 from every Canberran to help build sanitary facilities in Dili
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Dan has been trying to find groups who are keen on these celebrations – so he was very pleased to make contact with Hackett Community Association.

James talked about the things which had already been done in Hackett:

- we have made contact with Sir John Hackett's family
- Except for Stott, every primary name is in the ADB
- Each article in the ADB has references to other material

There was a general discussion about options for how to link the Centenary of Canberra ideas into the Hackett 50th Birthday, also in 2013:

- Lorraine said that her daughter was involved with an ABC radio production that presented information about suburbs.
- Street parties could be a possibility
- At the main Hackett party we could introduce people who have been descended from people who streets are named after
- The party could also have a strong theme around “Back to Hackett”
- In some cases streets are named after more than one person (eg. father and son)
- Len noted that some Hackett streets may be too long to generate a coherent single project or be the scene for a single party
- Len also noted that the focus on who the streets are named after (mostly dead white men) could take the focus away from Hackett in the last 50 years. Should focus instead on how did Hackett develop? Who were the key people?

There was also discussion about the date for the main Hackett birthday celebration. A time needs to be found which avoids clashes with the main Canberra celebrations and also avoid school holidays etc. It was agreed that 21 September 2013 should be tentatively agreed as the date of the party.

Minutes: agreed, with the change that Terry, not Lorraine, gave the Treasurer’s report

Table at shops: James reported on the table held on 9 April

- 14 new members joined
- 2 people responded to Greg’s email and updated their membership

James reported on the survey which was conducted at the Table:

- equal first priorities were tables under trees, and public toilets at the shops
- then bus shelters and footpaths.
- Speed controls on Madigan St got 5 votes.
- 3 people nominated the parking areas at the shops
- Lowest was polling places.

It was suggested that toilets at the shops could be a birthday present for the suburb.

Suggestions for future tables included:

- We could do the Table for 2 hours in the afternoon - 10 to 2?
- should encourage non-committee members – meeting your association.
- The book seemed to work well. We could send out pages on what to do for volunteers a couple of days earlier. So they have a chance to read them
- Need to have ID visible so people can see who we are. Big letters. Greg will check out John – has sign business.
- Could we have survey in larger letters so it can be easier to read
- The Survey results should be published in HNW

Membership: There were ideas put forward for streamlining membership procedures and information:

- Greg suggested sending emails, rather than letters, as receipts for membership fees - this was agreed.
- It was also agreed that we could send an email at the out at end of financial year asking people to renew. Also put notice in HNW.
- Could put note in minutes asking people to pass on minutes to those who don't have email addresses
- It was agreed that the Assistant Secretary had the authority to clean up the membership list for people who had not been members for more than 2 years (after having attempted to contact those people).

Hackett shops: James reported that there is progress in filling the vacant shops. The shop across from Wilbur's looks like it will be the next shop to open.

Len noted that the Hackett Central Area urban design guidelines were a key official document, so provide a useful reference point. Greg will send to Bruce for distribution.

Traffic: The plan for traffic lights at Phillip/Majura also includes 4 crossings – upgrading of school crossing, traffic lights crossing, across Madigan, and one further up Antill to help kids cross.

The blocking of Aspinall St has caused traffic changes. The traffic peak is 15 minutes later than it was.

Work Plan: There was a discussion about Monash Drive. It was agreed that Len and Greg would talk to the Greens in the Legislative Assembly and find out where things are up to

Auditor of accounts – Terry is arranging and then will send on to Auditor - Roger Paul.

Other business

Waltraud requested that HCA pay the membership fees for FoMM membership of the Molonglo Catchment Group - \$25 (as in previous years). This would demonstrate tangible support from HCA for FoMM. It was agreed to pay this, and also that it become a permanent payment (Max/Len)

The question was raised about who was responsible for taking down the 40 km signs outside Blue Gum school during school holidays. Secretary to send email to follow-up.

Forthcoming

Greg said that there will be a Music in the Park event on Saturday May 7.