

**Hackett Community Association
Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett
Tuesday 16 August 2011**

Present: James Walker, Max Huntington, Laura Turnbull; Dorothy Mackenzie, Freddie Turnbull; Marion Williams, Barbara Inglis, Chris Hallett, Bruce Smith,

Apologies: Terry de Luca Greg Haughey, Lorraine Mason

Chair's Report: James reported back on the Table at the shops, which was held on the afternoon of Saturday 30 July. The table was reasonably successful. We recruited some new members, including a new business member. It also provided another opportunity to explain the new traffic lights (a number of residents still seem to think it is a roundabout) - people were happy with it when it was explained to them.

James thought that, on balance, future tables should mainly be held in the mornings with perhaps one a year in the afternoon.

Hackett shops update: The new pharmacist has signed the lease but it could take some time to open. There is a possibility of a link to dry-cleaning and newsagent services in the long run.

The new coffee shop is almost ready to open – waiting for final approvals.

Traffic: – There has been rapid progress at the Majura/Phillip intersection, and the Majura school crossing is almost complete on Knox Street in Watson. There are two new crossings being installed in Antill Street, with holes near sites for piping. The construction of the new crossing in Madigan Street is underway - buses are being diverted on Mills St. Lights have been put in on the North Canberra bike path, and this path will now run up to the bridge at the top of Majura Ave, and then a footpath will go up to lights

Honorary life membership: Greg has written a paper on this issue, which argues that while honorary life membership is probably consistent with the current constitution, it would be safer to have an amendment. James suggested three possible sentences for an amendment. After discussion it was agreed that the following amendment should be put to the AGM:

“The Committee of the HCA may recommend honorary life members of the association to the AGM and fees for such members will be waived.

Such Honorary Life Members shall be full members of the Association.

No more than two may be appointed in any financial or calendar year.”

Moved Laura/ seconded Barbara

It was also agreed that, if the amendment was endorsed by the AGM, it should be placed at the end of the constitution.

Table at Majura Spring Fair: There was discussion about arrangements for the table at the Majura School Spring Fair on 10 September. It was agreed that there should be display plans of intersection. It was also agreed that the table was a chance to push the birthday bash and also Hackett history.

Purchase of equipment: It was agreed to request funding from the NCCC for a new table, with additional things, such as a tablecloth, to be requested later.

AGM: There was discussion about logistics and speakers for the forthcoming AGM on 20 September. Possibilities included the local SES, Andrew Leigh (possible clash with parliamentary sittings) and Rhonda (the new pharmacist).

Registration of HCA: The Association is overdue with its official registration. It was agreed that Laura will pay the late fee and be refunded for the amount of the late fee for the registration of the Association.

National Tree Day: It was reported that it was a great success - 450 trees were planted and the Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher, attended

Meeting closed 9.10pm