

Neighbourhood Watch Hackett Newsletter



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HACKETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The HCA is holding its next meeting on *Tuesday 12 June at 7.30pm* in the room behind the hall at the Blue Gum School. We would love to see you.

Party at the Hackett shops

Remember to put in your diary our annual Party at the Hackett shops on *Saturday 27 October*. If you would like to sing, dance, play music, juggle or do magic tricks, or any other entertainment, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Chris Mobbs email mobbs1@grapevine.net.au

Check out the Hackett community website
<http://hackettcommunity.com.au>

BAG SWAP STATION

Hackett IGA is now providing a Bag Swap Station .

Drop your unwanted and excess fabric shopping bags into the station located at the front of the store. All clean and good condition cloth bags are welcome.

Forgot to bring a bag?? Simply grab one of the donated bags from the station and return it next time you shop.

Thank you for your support
Arthur, Steve and the IGA Team.

PRUNING ALONG PATHWAYS

Residents with shrubs abutting a public path in front of their property are urged to check whether these need pruning.

Hackett's paths are generally designed to allow two people to walk comfortably side by side. If the shrubs overhang the pathway, only one can walk along the path; after rain, the dripping leaves discourage even a single pedestrian.

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Deadline for next newsletter
Friday 22 June

HACKETT PROFILE

NANCY CLARKE



Nancy was born in Sydney, but lived in Goulburn for her school years. She came to Canberra to work full-time in the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics and to study part-time, in the evenings, for an Arts degree in English and French at Canberra University College (later incorporated

into the ANU). Living at Mulwala House, she remembers the brown lino floors and the ineffective plug-in heater. She rode on her bike to West Block; there was no lake then – she crossed the Molonglo River over a rattly bridge or at Lennox Crossing. After two years she moved to Narellan House – smaller, warmer, and occupied mainly by university students. When Bruce Hall was built, she moved there for two years, eventually studying full-time for her final Honours year. She married Graeme, a Classics lecturer at the ANU, and became a ‘trailing spouse’ – Canberra, Perth, London (she and her small daughter visited all Wren’s churches there), Melbourne, London again (they bought a London taxi that could fit a family of seven, for shopping and touring), Princeton NJ and Cambridge back in England.

On their return to Australia she decided to return to professional life. First she took a librarian’s course at RMIT then, back in Canberra, a Dip Ed at the Canberra College of Advanced Education so that she could become a teacher-librarian. She worked at the Citizens Advice Bureau, and joined the Volunteer Guide program of the newly-opened National Gallery of Australia – she loved this, and continued as a guide for ten years. A vacancy for three weeks as a teacher-librarian then took her to Signadou in Watson; she stayed for twenty-four years. Soon in charge of the library, she oversaw the change from a card system to a fully electronic one. When she joined, Signadou was a small teacher training college. In 1991 it combined with Catholic Colleges in Sydney, Victoria, Queensland to form the Australian Catholic University. The library at Signadou has grown from two classrooms to a modern high-tech library in the new Veritas building.

Nancy retired in 2007, is a still member of the Australian Catholic University Company.

Nancy came to Hackett 25 years ago. Her property adjoins Mount Majura, and she enjoys her access to the mountain and the feeling of an endless backyard.

Retirement was seen by Nancy as a chance to catch up on the activities she hadn’t had time for earlier. She started playing the recorder again, and joined a Drawing for Beginners class that has evolved into the current weekly art workshop. She studied Spanish with a view to walking the Camino in Spain; she still attends a weekly Spanish conversation group. She became a member of the Australian Garden History Society and is now secretary of the local branch. The Society lobbies for the preservation of significant landscapes, runs a program of interesting talks and visits to significant gardens, and conducts projects such as the digitisation of the hand-written cards of Yarralumla Nursery which go back to 1913 when Charles Weston planned the plantings for Canberra. She helped form a book club 30 years ago, still valuing it as a friendship structure and an intellectual stimulus. She is an enthusiastic cook. A group of friends has formed an art group creating mosaics, papier-mache, whatever takes their fancy. Nancy has been a driver for Samaritan House for many years. She loves travelling, with organized groups and on her own – places like Northern Australia, China, Turkey, Iran, Syria, South America, Mexico, Vietnam and Cambodia. Three of her grandchildren live in Canberra.

MASTERING THE BASICS OF FACEBOOK

Neighbourhood Watch Australasia has made available a Facebook Online Training Video Series for all Neighbourhood Watch members. This series has been developed as part of a NHW Community Funding Program. It consists of 8 short videos, enabling you to watch and learn at your own speed and return for refresher training.

Contact the editor for further information if you are interested in this program.

HACKETT

Cj Shaw

Hear the birds calling in the early morning
Autumnal leaves cascading, collecting
Children tracing pathways on bikes
Knots in the eucalypts
Evening sun illuminates the mountain
Taking time to talk to neighbours
Thankful to call it home

CRIME IN HACKETT AND NEARBY SUBURBS April 2018

	Assault	Burglary dwellings	Motor vehicle theft	Bicycle theft	Shop stealing	Number plate theft	Other theft	Arson	Property damage	Total
Ainslie	2	4	2	4	1	2	7		1	23
Campbell	3	1					1		2	7
Dickson	2			5	4	1	3		2	17
Downer	1	3		1			4	1	1	11
Hackett		1	1			2			1	5
Lyneham	3	2	2	1		1	9		2	20
O'Connor		2	1			1	1		1	6
Reid			2			2	5		4	13
Turner		3		2		1			3	9
Watson	1		1	2		1	2		3	10

Offence	Street	Date	Offence	Street	Date
Property damage	Hackett Place	1 April	Number plate theft	Grayson Street	9 April
Motor vehicle theft	Jukes Street	4 April	Burglary dwelling	Maitland Street	14 April
Number plate theft	Antill Street	5 April			

FRIENDS OF MOUNT MAJURA

Working party on *Sunday 17 June* from *1pm to 4pm*, removing horehound from “sheep camp south”, an old stock camp on the Mt Majura-Mt Ainslie ridge line with a great view over Canberra and the Majura Valley. Meet with FoMM members at *12.30pm* at the Mackenzie St nature park entrance or walk in your own time; the location of the camp is shown on the majura.org website.

Inquiries: projects@majura.org.

Tree walk in *early July* with ecologist Michael Doherty on the slopes of Mt.Majura and Mt Ainslie, learning about local woodland trees. More details will be available in the next newsletter and on the FoMM website majura.org

ANDREW PROWSE RECEIVES AWARD

You may remember when Heidi Prowse was a Hackett Profile in March last year. She had been awarded the 2017 ACT Young Australian of the Year for her work with Cystic Fibrosis ACT. Her husband Andrew has cystic fibrosis; together they were involved in raising over half a million dollars to provide medical equipment needed by cystic fibrosis sufferers.

Last month Andrew received the Profound Influence Award at the 2018 ACT Volunteer of the Year Awards. The citation read: “Andrew has been a dedicated volunteer with Cystic Fibrosis ACT for five years. He selflessly shares his own story of living with cystic fibrosis to inspire and promote the cause and the essential support services needed to change lives. To a community who are socially isolated (because of the high risk of cross infection) Andy became a beacon of hope and continued inspiration by conquering challenge after challenge while remaining focused on a better life for all.”

After Heidi’s award last year, Andrew’s health declined rapidly, and he was listed for a transplant. When Andrew was at his worst he remained focused on improving the lives of local families with cystic fibrosis. He met with members of the legislative assembly to advocate for improvements in health services for these people; this was presented at the 2017 Budget estimates committee. In August Andrew received his life changing phone call; the two dashed up the highway to St Vincent’s Hospital in Sydney where he received a double lung transplant. “I pushed him into the hospital in a wheelchair on oxygen. He walked out by himself, carrying his bags, nine days later. It has changed our lives” said Heidi. For some time he returned to work part-time; he recently had to go back to ongoing treatment with regular nurse visits for the foreseeable future.

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