

Hi Hackers,

As President of Hobart Hackerspace Inc., I'm excited to share a wrap-up of what we've been up to over the past year, the wins, the highlights, and the things that keep our community ticking along.

Keeping the Wheels Turning

Our normal activities have kept going strong, with members plunging into projects, conducting workshops, and bartering skills. The space is still alive with creativity and collaboration, and that's all because of the people who attend, contribute, and make it happen.

Our Big New Toy – The CNC Router

Our most significant news for the year was getting our large CNC router through a grant. This massive machine is a giant leap forward for our fab capabilities, and it will enable us to handle precise cuts, advanced designs, and even some large projects. A couple of members have already started having a play around with it, and it's safe to say it'll be one of our leading tools in the future. Thanks to all the people who worked on the grant and set up the new CNC!

A Special Visitor

We also had a visit from Andrew Wilkie MP, which was fantastic. It was great opportunity to present what we do, share our purpose, and illustrate how institutions like ours help drive innovation and hands-on capability in the community.

New Member Badges

We've also introduced custom badges for our members, designed and made right here on our laser cutter. Not only do they look great, but they're a fun way to celebrate being part of the Hackerspace crew.

Membership

Our membership has stayed steady at around 50 people, which keeps us in a great spot, big enough to have lots of energy and ideas, but small enough to stay connected. We've welcomed new faces while keeping plenty of long-time members who really shape the culture here.

Looking Ahead

Next year, we'll just keep on doing what we do best, giving people tools, space, and community to learn, make, and create. With the CNC router up and running, new member badges, local leader backing, and such a strong base of members, we've got an awesome year ahead.

Thanks to all of our members, volunteers, and supporters. You're what make Hobart Hackerspace such a wonderful, inspiring, and welcoming place to be. Can't wait to see what we come up with together next year!

Cheers,
Jason Hammond
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