



Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

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President: Peter Toet.

VHDPA General Meeting - Minutes.

Meeting date	7:00pm Wednesday, 19 December 2018
Location	Hall School Cottage
Committee Members	Peter Toet, John Starr, Tony Morris, Olga Minion, Margaret Monahan, Peter Howard, Ken Heffernan, George Southwell, Phil Robson, Juanita Caddy, John Burns
Attendees	Peter Toet, John Starr, Tony Morris, Olga Minion, Margaret Monahan, Ken Heffernan, George Southwell, John Burns, Graeme Bryce, Jo Hall, Robert Yallop.
Apologies	Peter Howard, Phil Robson

1. Minutes of previous meeting.

1.1	Minutes of general meeting – 17 October 2018. Accepted
1.2	Minutes of general meeting - 18 July 2018. Accepted. Proposed John Starr, seconded Margaret Monahan. Ken Heffernan again reminded Committee members that he was pleased to contribute freely to the debates and decisions of the Committee, but wished to ensure that it was always understood that he did not speak on behalf of the ACT Heritage Council. To ensure clarity for interested members, Ken also tabled a summary of the requirements relating to conflicts of interest contained in the ACT legislation, the online guide to those provisions, the Committee Members Handbook, and the Rules of the VHDPA.” (See Attached)

2. Correspondence

2.1	E:mails from Ben McHugh re Hall Recreational Trail E:mails were noted and discussed. Peter T has responded to Ben inviting him to
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	the February meeting and earlier to visit Hall, see trail locations and meet with him and others. Committee keen to see that all is above board.
2.2	E:mail re e:way Merchant Trust Initiative. Committee agreed to automatically opt out. Can opt in later if required. Proposed Peter T Seconded Tony.
2.3	E:mail from Brooke Watson of Strategic Development Group re Ginninderry. Strategic Development Group to be invited to the March meeting. Invitation to request information on the group's role in relation to the project and what interests they represent. <u>Action: Ken to draft and e:mail to Strategic Development Group</u>

3. Presidents report

3.1	Peter T stated that he is happy with the way the committee is progressing. There are some little things and some big things happening in Hall but generally things are going along well.
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4. Treasurers report.

4.1	<p>Tabling of financial statements</p> <p>The treasurer tabled ,electronically, the following documents:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transaction report for transactions since the last committee meeting.....All transactions Ratified. Seconded by Peter Toet. 2. P&L FY 19 to date..... Noted 3. Balance sheet to date.....Approved <p>It was resolved that the signatories for the VHDPA Rural Fringe Bank Account with the Commonwealth Bank will be:- (two signatures required) :</p> <p>Joanna Hall</p> <p>John Starr</p> <p>Peter Toet</p> <p>Tony Morris</p> <p>As originally agreed at the meeting of 17 October 2018 the Committee discussed the need for Tony Morris, in his role as Manager of the Pavilion, to continue to be a signatory on the Pavilion Account # 0629190092547 at the Commonwealth Bank. The Public Officer, John Burns was requested to arrange with the bank for this to be done. Proposed Peter T, seconded John Starr. John B to report back on this item at next meeting in Feb.</p>
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5. Agenda Items

5.1	<p>Hall Recreation Trail</p> <p>As Ben McHugh was unable to attend the meeting there was discussion on how to progress this topic. There was some discussion about how the decision to not approve the track came about.</p> <p>John read from an email from Heritage to TCCS regarding the Hall Creek bike track decision - "Council business in relation to this decision was conducted via out of session assessments by members of the Aboriginal Taskforce ; therefore meeting minutes are not applicable on this occasion" John remarked that it was unusual that decisions were made with no details relating to an agenda, minutes, when and where meetings were held, and who attended. Peter T remarked that this often occurred where indigenous matters and cultural sensitivity were involved. John then remarked that this sounded similar to the Hindmarsh bridge issue, involving "secret women's business". Peter T then indicated that the VHDPA had no intention of taking on Heritage or TCCS, and that we should wait until a TCCS representative attended the next committee meeting in February to discuss what options are available. The committee accepted this decision. John then mentioned that a TCCS online survey indicated 90% of Hall residents wanted a children's bike track, and 80% wanted the Gladstone St location - Option E. Ken disputed the accuracy of this survey and said that at a second meeting at the Pavilion, that 46.4% preferred Option E. Peter remarked that in both surveys, the number of actual participants was very low - 68 responses to the TCCS online survey and 56 Hall residents for the second survey- given that there are approx 300 people living in Hall.</p> <p>Following the above discussion it was agreed that as the VHDPA were not the proponents in this case the committee would not take any action in this regard. The committee agreed that it would wait and see the information Ben is able to provide at the meeting in February</p>
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6. Sub-group reports.

6.1	<p>Hall School Museum and Heritage Centre</p> <p>The Museum is currently working with a well-known heritage consultant, Dr Ros Russell, to prepare a national significance assessment of the Gillespie Collection. We are fortunate that Neil Gillespie, son of Lyall Gillespie, will shortly visit the Museum to provide his personal perspective on this.</p> <p>The Hall's Creek Geomorphology Project is well under way. Museum volunteers were given a briefing on 5 December by the consultants as well as representatives of two local Aboriginal organisations, and a report is expected in the New Year.</p>
6.2	<p>Hall Mens Shed</p> <p>Nil Report</p>

6.3	<p>Rotary Club of Hall</p> <p>Nil Report</p>
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7. General business.

7.1	<p>8 Palmer Street</p> <p>A late e:mail was received from Jonathan Palmer offering comments on destruction of heritage property at 8 Palmer Street in 2017.</p> <p>Following discussion on the topic it was agreed that Jonathan be invited to draft a letter for consideration by the committee. However it was requested that the letter contain no inflammatory, emotive or contentious comments.</p> <p>Ken requested that he be allowed to stand aside on this topic given his role with the Heritage Council.</p>
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Next Meeting. 20 February 2018

VHDPA Sect. Olga Minion

No	Current Status	Next Action	Who	When
1	Village Safety			
1.1	<u>Traffic Calming in Victoria Street</u>			
	Problem agreed, Proposed solution needed.	Need traffic lights during fixed period or busses moved to another location. Phil to ask Rotary to send letter about this artificial interchange,	Phil	Feb Mtg
1.2	<u>Street lighting</u>			
	Improved night time lighting	George to follow up. The issue is related to unlit parking area on Loftus/Victoria Streets. Additional light on each side of lampposts in that area directed onto the parked vehicles should work.	George	Feb Mtg
2	Planning			
2.1	<u>ACT Government submission</u>			
	Better suburbs call for submissions. Gavin wrote to ACT Government, out of session, listing the priorities for the development of Hall	Deferred to next meeting. Need to obtain copies of any correspondence on the matter.	Peter T	Feb Mtg
2.2	<u>Extension of Centenary trail to Barton Highway</u>			
	The extension of the Centenary Trail down From Clarrie Hermes/ Barton Highway down Victoria Street to connect with the Hoskins/ Hall Street point is necessary for cyclists/ walkers safety.	Received site plan for trail from Clarrie Hermes Drive to Bridge. Awaiting environmental reports	Peter H	Feb Mtg
2.3	<u>Hall Rugby Club Rooms</u>			
		Peter Howard to ring Nigel Page re article in RiotACT. The Committee discussed the RiotACT article on the Hall showgrounds and possible Clubrooms/Grandstand.The VHDPA applauds the efforts of the Hall Rugby Club and wishes them every success in the future. However the Committee agreed that to have additional Clubrooms/ Grandstand/ whatever erected at the Hall Showgrounds or adjacent sites would be totally out of character for Hall as a Heritage Village.	Peter H	Feb Mtg
3	Strategic Planning			
3.1	Develop a VHDPA Strategic Plan	Juanita has conducted an audit of the website and found a number of documents that she wasn't aware of. The committee agreed to a Planning Day one week prior to the Feb Meeting. Juanita to send out information that she has already collected.	Juanita	Feb Mtg

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