

Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

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President: Peter Toet.

VHDPA Committee Meeting - Minutes.

Meeting date	7:00pm Wednesday, 15 May 2019		
Location	Hall School Cottage		
Committee Members	Peter Toet, John Starr, Tony Morris, Olga Minion, Margaret Monahan, Peter Howard, George Southwell, Phil Robson, John Burns, Robert Yallop, Heather Wilford		
Attendees	Peter Toet, John Starr, Tony Morris, Olga Minion, Margaret Monahan, John Burns, Robert Yallop, Heather Wilford		
Apologies	Peter Howard, George Southwell, Phil Robson		

1. Minutes of previous meeting.

1.1 Minutes of committee meeting – 18 April 2019. Accepted by Peter Toet, seconded John Burns.

2. Correspondence

2.1 **Tennis Coaching.**

An e:mail was received from Myles Emery who operates a tennis coaching business in Canberra, requesting the right to operate coaching clinics from either of the tennis courts in Hall.

The committee agreed that it was prepared to promote tennis as an activity for the residents of Hall. However there was agreement that we need to obtain more information.

Myles will be asked to provide a submission showing:

- . what is the scope of his proposal?
- . what hours will he operate?
- . what days of the week will the court be required?

- . will this increase if the business expands?
- . who will be responsible for maintenance?

This information will be relevant for the Hall school tennis court only as it is the only usable court. As the school tennis court is a community asset and regularly used by other residents the proposal, if approved it would be subject to review after 12 months.

The VHDPA committee will apply for a grant next year to enable refurbishment of the tennis court at the pavilion.

2.2

Caravan Parking in Hall

An e:mail was received on the Hall website requesting approval to park a caravan in Hall overnight.

The committee heard that the history in regards to this topic is long and involved. ACT Sport and Recreation will NOT allow parking in Hall as there are no facilities. Rangers move on any people found camping in Hall.

Peter Toet moved a motion that given the prior precedent and the fact that there are no facilities, the village will not be promoted as being available to caravans. Any requests will be advised that the government does not allow caravans and camping.

2.3

Hall Park Upgrade

The e:mail that was received from Naomi Lee from TCCS was discussed. All seems to be on track with this project. Everyone was generally supportive of the design as provided by Naomi.

There will be a pop up display and map set up at the Hall Voting Booth on election day so that TCCS can gauge feedback from the community. It was agreed that the committee would not undertake any further action until we hear from Naomi on how the upgrade would progress following this feedback.

3. Presidents report

3.1 The president reported that all appears to be running smoothly with a strong committee working well.

4. Treasurers report.

4.1 **Tabling of financial statements**

The treasurer tabled ,electronically, the following documents:-

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

The Term Deposit was rolled over with an interest rate of 2.3%, interest paid monthly.

The Hall Pavilion Business Management plan had requested quarterly financial reports from the treasurer. Following discussion it was agreed to discontinue these as all information required is included in the VHDPA P&L report to each meeting.

5. Agenda Items

5.1 VHDPA AGM.

The date for 2019 AGM was agreed as 21 August 2019.

There was discussion on what actions needed to be taken as per the constitution, prior to the AGM. This will include:

- . Advice in Rural Fringe
- . Information on Website
- . E:mail to all members
- . Public notice to all members 14 days prior to meeting.

All information will go out to members with agenda. Nomination forms will be available on the website.

6. Sub-group reports.

6.1

Hall School Museum and Heritage Centre

'Selected Spaces' exhibition

This exhibition, launched by Dr Barbara Dawson on 14th April, was the Centre's contribution to the ACT and Region Heritage Festival. Around 100 visitors attended the launch and more came later in the day. A great response. The exhibition makes extensive use of early maps and plans to help tell the settlement story of the district that we now know as Belconnen. Four large scale maps of the Belconnen district - from 1863, 1914, 1940 and 1971 - paint the big picture of the district's development, while other maps detail the locations of the various homesteads and their relationships to the wider landscape.

'Heritage Art'

	In October 'Selected Spaces' will be replaced by a new display featuring paintings by well-known water-colourist Isla Patterson. Isla has been working with a group of our volunteers to identify and then paint a number of early district properties. While the paintings of course will have life and meaning of their own, in this forthcoming exhibition they will be supplemented by accounts of the heritage of the buildings represented.
	A Southwell Family Archive Twelve months ago we welcomed the Southwell Family Society, being pleased to help with desk space and storage at the Centre. A further step in our collaboration is now in the offing, with active planning to establish a Southwell Family Archive.
	Volunteer force Towards the end of the year we have sixty-five paid up 'Friends of the Centre' of whom about under half are 'active service' volunteers.
	Popular schools program The latest school to visit was Farrer Primary, and visits are scheduled from Gold Creek and Majura Primary schools. Pupils enjoys a variety of structured experiences designed to give them awareness and understanding of 'then and now'.
6.2	Hall Mens Shed Nil Report
6.3	Rotary Club of Hall Nil Report

7. General business.

7.1	Tidying up of web site. Margaret Monahan			
	Margaret would like to re-organise all the documents on the VDDPA website into a chronological order to make them easier to locate. Margaret will work with Alastair Crombie on this.			
	Grassy Woodlands			
7.2	An e:mail from John Starr was sent out with the agenda. This showed the minutes from the Grassy Woodlands group. As the minutes were for information only it was agreed that a hard copy would be stored with the minutes and available for review.			

8. Action Items

VHDPA Action item register – Meeting 15 May 2019

No	Current Status	Next Action	Who	When
1	Village Safety			
1.1	Traffic Calming in Victoria Street	Need traffic lights during fixed period or buses moved to another location. Phil to ask Rotary to send letter about this artificial interchange,	Phil	June Mtg
1.2	Street Lighting	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	June Mtg
2	Planning			
2.1	Extension of Centenary trail to Barton Highway	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 Heritage are working on the project and have given Tony a verbal ok. They are expected to commence work within 2 weeks. Are awaiting a final approval. The trail will be an earth track with grass and some fencing removed. The bridge will be the last thing done.	Peter H	June Mtg

Next Meeting. 19 June 2019

VHDPA Sect. Olga Minion