



Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

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President: Peter Toet.

VHDPA Committee Meeting - Minutes.

Meeting date	7:00pm Wednesday, 17 July 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, Olga Minion, Margaret Monahan, George Southwell, John Burns, Robert Yallop, Heather Wilford
Apologies	Peter Howard, Tony Morris, George Southwell, Phil Robson

Hall Village as a Bee Friendly Community - Presentation by Jonathan Palmer

Jonathan Palmer attended the meeting representing the “Hall Honeys” - a group of local bee keepers and people keen to promote the health of bees and other pollinators. They want to enlist the support of the VHDPA to establish Hall as Australia’s first “Bee Friendly Village”.

They are doing two things:

- Developing a “Charter for Bee Friendly Communities” that sets out what communities can do to promote the health of bees and other pollinators. Their aim is to have this charter embraced by other communities.
- Implementing that charter here in the Hall Village

The group is very passionate about the health of European Bees and Native Bees both of which play a vital role.

The group have made good progress with their initiative:

- A Charter has been drafted and shared with the ACT Beekeepers Association and ACT for Bees who have expressed strong support
- They also have support locally from the Hall Men’s Shed (who will make signs and Bee Hotels) and Trudy Mansfield who has secured a \$500 grant. They have a meeting

arranged with Hall Rotary who they are requesting to provide support (which may include leveraging their contacts with several embassies who are advocates for bees). They also have volunteers who will assist with the watering and maintenance of gardens in public spaces.

The Charter is designed to promote the health of bees (European and native) in the Hall community. It specifies that the group will:

- establish and maintain plantings of pollinator safe habitat in public spaces and gardens
- have an active beekeeping community that collaborates to promote bee health in the community.
- promote awareness of the importance of bees (European and Native) and encourage ‘bee friendly’ practices, including:
 - responsible beekeeping
 - ‘bee friendly’ gardens
 - ‘bee friendly’ pest management
 - timely reporting of problems and issues that might impact on bee health

They already have, with the Hall Honeys’, a community of collaborative and responsible beekeepers. So, their next steps are to promote establishment of Bee Friendly gardens in both public spaces and private gardens as well as promote awareness and “bee friendly” practices – particularly use of pesticides.

While their vision is for Hall to have several areas providing extensive and diverse bee forage plants, they propose to start with the streetscape in the centre of the Hall Village (Victoria St between Gladstone and Loftus Streets) as planting in this high traffic area will have most impact on both the visual amenity of the Village and public awareness of the Village as a “Bee Friendly Community”.

Their key objective for a “Bee Friendly” streetscape in the centre of Hall Village is that it be great for pollinators and a visual delight for residents and visitors. The planting should be:

- large in scale so as to provide a significant source of pollinator forage
- of “bee friendly” plants - attractive to pollinators and rich sources of pollen and nectar
- Australian native plants
- providing a continuous floral sequence through the seasons
- very low maintenance
- visually attractive and consistent with the rural heritage character of the Village
- pedestrian friendly

They are seeking VHDPA support, in their request for the assistance of the ACT Government with this initiative. This assistance could be in the form of any/all of the following:

- permission for plantings
- design of the landscape and gardens
- provision of garden infrastructure (beds, wall, pots)
- provision of plants and soil
- provision of signage
- planting

The first step should be to work with a landscape architect, nominated by the ACT Government, to develop a notional long term plan, and a specific plan for the Stage 1 area. They envisage that plan will:

- meet their objectives for a bee friendly streetscape as set out above, including planting lists, signage and any structures that may be required (e.g planting boxes)
- create an entrance feature for Hall;
- consider the possibility of wider scope in future stages
- include consultation with the Hall community in the development of the plan

What they seek from the VHDPA is support for the initiative to establish Hall as a “Bee Friendly Village” including:

- support for their submission to ACT Government seeking their approval and assistance with Bee Friendly native plant plantings along Victoria Street and signage denoting Hall as a “Bee Friendly Village - with VHDAP acting as the focal point for any community consultation
- information on the Hall Village Website
- use of the Hall Village logo on ‘Bee Friendly Hall’ materials
- contribution of funds towards Bee Friendly plantings in public space

The committee discussed the presentation and the information provided. Concerns were expressed about possible conflict with future landscaping and parking issues in Hall CBD. It was felt that the proposal required the agreement and acceptance of the people of Hall and the ACT Government.

The committee agreed to place the information in the next Rural Fringe and the Hall website with a link to Hall Honeys . In terms of the use of the Hall Logo Jonathan was advised to speak to Nancey Tingey the owner of the logo.

The committee agreed to “in principle” support of the proposal subject to the above agreements.

1. Minutes of previous meeting.

1.1	Minutes of committee meeting – 19 June 2019. Accepted by Heather Wilford, seconded Margaret Monahan. Passed.
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2. Correspondence

2.1	Victoria Street Parking The correspondence sent to ACT Roads by VHDPA Secretary was discussed.
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	See item 5.2 below.
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3. Presidents report

3.1	The president has provided an article for the Rural Fringe giving an overview of all the work and activities of the VHDPA over the last year. This year has been busy with a large number of topics successfully dealt with. He thanked the committee for the support he had received over the year and thanked them all for their good work on all of the topics that have been addressed by the committee during that time.
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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. 2. Accepted by Tony Morris. Seconded by Peter Toet. <p>A discussion was held on the Workers Compensation policy recently received. Following discussion Peter Toet moved that we pay the policy. Seconded by John Burns.</p> <p>A bill has been received for the security firm attending to lock an opened door. John S to follow up on details.</p>
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5. Agenda Items

5.1	<p>Update on Hall Park Upgrade.</p> <p>Olga and Phil attended the recent Hall Park Upgrade group meeting. Everything is progressing well. The Pop Up activity in front of the Post Office on 3 July went well with about 60 people providing feedback. All attendees supported the upgrade.</p> <p>The process for approval with the ACT Government has begun. This is expected to take 6 weeks. The date for commencement of building the track is expected to commence in the October school holidays and take some weeks to complete. Work on tidying up dead trees and dead limbs has begun and the entire park has been</p>
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	tidied up with old tree roots and dead trees on the ground being removed prior to work commencing.
5.2	<p>Victoria Street Parking</p> <p>A meeting was held with three representatives of ACT Roads on 25 June 2019. Attendees were Olga Minion and Tony Morris from VHDPA, Nicki Lo Ro and Shaun O'Connor from the Hall Traders, Ledecca Gillies, Martin Gillies and Nancy Russell from 12 Victoria Street and Kim Gannis, Gilbert Ortiz and Anthony Webb from ACT Roads. The meeting discussed a number of issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking in Victoria Street • Lighting in Loftus Street and Victoria Street • Condition of lanes in Hall • Condition of footpath in Victoria Street • Location of garbage bins from 12 Victoria Street • Parking signs. <p>The three ACT Government representatives advised that they were not responsible for all of the areas under discussion and recommended that the VHDPA forward a list of issues in writing to them and they would distribute them to the appropriate contacts in the ACT Government. A spreadsheet listing all issues discussed was sent to the three representatives on 4 July 2019. A response requesting a map has now been received. The secretary to follow up on this.</p> <p>The committee discussed some of the issues raised, in particular the paving in Victoria Street and the suggestion of removing the large plane trees. The committee felt that the whole street needed maintenance and upgrading, including the paving and other plantings.</p> <p>The committee was against the removal of the plane trees in Victoria Street given their shade, and supported their current location as it also provided some safety for pedestrians. The issue of the mess from the leaves etc could be addressed with maintenance.</p>

6. Sub-group reports.

6.1	<p>Hall School Museum</p> <p>The Hall School Museum AGM will be held at the Museum on Thurs 8 August. Members are encouraged to attend.</p> <p>Annual report</p>
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	<p>Work on the annual report is well underway and volunteers have been asked to nominate individuals and organisations that should be included in this year's report for acknowledgement.</p> <p>Recycling</p> <p>The Museum now has an operating recycling project underway thanks to Heather and Phil. Heather's project makes the Museum \$\$\$\$ and Phil's makes plastic prostheses for those in need.</p>
6.2	<p>Hall Mens Shed</p> <p>The membership of the Shed has increased in numbers with around 50 registered members. During the past year the group has been entertained by several guest speakers giving talks on their individual subjects.</p> <p>The 2019 AGM was held on 4 July with the following members elected to positions.</p> <p>Foreman: Alan Boyd Treasurer: John Palmer (Graham Moss to assist) Secretary: Garth Chamberlain Catering Officers: Eric Detheridge, Doug Anstess (Rob Durie to assist) Equipment Officer: Graham Smith</p> <p>The meeting expressed thanks to John Gerstenberg, retiring as Equipment Officer, and Graham Moss, retiring as Treasurer, for their major contributions to the Hall Men's Shed.</p> <p>The Foreman noted that overall the Hall Men's Shed is in a sound financial position.</p> <p>The meeting was advised that the lease is expected to be rubber stamped for a further 5 years and with repairs and improvements to the Annexe taking place it is highly unlikely the government intends to reclaim the facility in the near future.</p>
6.3	<p>Rotary Club of Hall Nil Report</p>

7. General business.

7.1	<p>Tidying up of web site. Margaret Monahan</p> <p>Margaret will continue to follow up with Alastair and report in September.</p>
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7.2	<p>Sheep Dog Trials</p> <p>John S, who is a member of the Sheep Dog Trials committee discussed their recent AGM and declared a conflict of interest. The committee has changed following the recent AGM with a number of office bearers now being located in Bungendore. There was discussion on the importance of the sheep dog trials to Hall. No further action was proposed.</p>
7.3	<p>Hall Street Party</p> <p>This item was mentioned at the previous VHDPa meeting by Nicki Lo Ro but not discussed.</p> <p>The committee agreed that we would be happy to support the Hall Traders in their organisation of the event. The secretary will contact the Hall Traders for details and other information on how we can assist.</p>
7.4	<p>Preparation for AGM</p> <p>The committee discussed the preparations required for the AGM. A notification will be included in the next Rural Fringe, on the Hall website and on the notice board outside Daughters at Hall.</p> <p>Members were reminded to re-nominate if they were interested.</p>

8. Action Items

VHDPa Action item register – Meeting 17 July 2019

No	Current Status	Next Action	Who	When
1	Village Safety			
1.1	<u>Street Lighting</u>	<p>Improved night time lighting</p> <p>This topic is included in the response to the ACT Roads. See item 5.2 above</p>	All	Sept Mtg
2	Planning			
2.1	<u>Extension of Centenary trail to Barton Highway</u>	<p>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.</p> <p>Margaret and Tony met with ACT Government. Some early work has commenced with little bridges and ramps being installed.</p>	All	Sept Mtg

Next Meeting. 21 August 2019 AGM

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