



**Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.**

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**President:** Peter Toet.

**VHDPA Special Committee Meeting -  
 Minutes.**

<b>Meeting date</b>	6:30pm Monday, 14 October, 2019
<b>Location</b>	Hall School Cottage
<b>Committee Members</b>	Peter Toet, John Starr, Tony Morris, Olga Minion, Margaret Monahan, Peter Howard, Ralph Southwell, Phil Robson, Heather Wilford, Robert Yallop, Yvonne Robson.
<b>Attendees</b>	Peter Toet, John Starr, Olga Minion, Peter Howard, Phil Robson, Heather Wilford, Robert Yallop, Yvonne Robson, Ralph Southwell. Hall Honeys members – Jonathan Palmer, Bill Pearson, Leigh Crocker
<b>Apologies</b>	Margaret Monahan, Tony Morris

<b>Hall Honeys</b>	<p><b>Grant Application Hall Honeys</b></p> <p>The VHDPA arranged a meeting with representatives of the Hall Honeys to discuss an application by the VHDPA on their behalf for a Community Environment Program Grant. There were a number of questions that needed to be reviewed prior to submission.</p> <p>While the application is submitted by the VHDPA the contact for the application is Jonathan Palmer of the Hall Honeys group.</p> <p>The meeting was opened by Peter T who confirmed that the Progress Association supported the initiative, and were trying to establish all grant requirements. Peter T felt we need to keep the Grant as broad as possible so that eventual activities can be undertaken as</p>
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agreed with Hall village stakeholders following consultation.

Community consultation was an important point that needed discussion. Robert stated that a consultation process needs to be developed. Peter H had developed a process of consultation which included a survey. However the short timeframe prior to submission of the application does not allow the opportunity of undertaking prior consultation. Therefore, consultation will be undertaken before an implementation plan is finalised.

It was agreed by all that this community consultation is the single most important issue before the plan is finalised. VHDPA will need a letter of support from the Hall Traders.

This Grant is focused on Victoria Street between Gladstone and Loftus Streets and is one part of the Bee Friendly Hall Initiative which follows the following model:

1. Bee friendly resident gardens – On 17 November 600 plants, 90 bee friendly signs, 90 bee hotels will be distributed. Canberra Times will be present for a photo shoot.
2. Victoria Street Plantings (subject of grant application)
3. Park Upgrade (subject of grant application)
4. Village Reserve Plantings
5. Village entry signs and gardens.

These activities will be hopefully be funded by a number of grants including:

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| • Hall Rotary                                        | 5,000  |
| • Australia Post                                     | 10,000 |
| • CEP Grant                                          | 15,000 |
| • Adopt A Park (VHDPA)                               | 20,000 |
| • Adopt A Park (Rotary)<br>(subsequently withdrawn)? | 15,000 |

The high maintenance requirements of the gardens and the expectation that the traders/volunteers would keep the gardens in good shape was discussed. Peter H was concerned about bee sting allergies and bees attacking food and drink at the cafes.

A lengthy discussion was held on how the financials in the grant were arrived at, particularly the large amounts for in-kind contributions. The community contribution in the current draft budget has been reduced by 25% from the earlier version by using the government specified volunteer rates. The VHDPA will need to be able to substantiate such community contributions, regardless of government reporting requirements. Also discussed was how the grant would be acquitted and the paperwork that would be required.

Leigh and Jonathan would be the public face of the Hall Honeys available to answer any questions or concerns. Community will be encouraged to go to them if they have any issues.

It was agreed that the VHDPA would be acknowledged for their support of the initiative and that the project managers would report regularly to the committee.

Jonathan took the committee through a power point presentation giving more detail about their proposals. This presentation is attached.

The committee agreed that this was a worthwhile initiative that is receiving good feedback. However as the grant will be in the VHDPA name it must tick all the boxes.

Robert was tasked with going through the grant application in detail and notifying the committee of any issues. Any proposed changes to be submitted to Jonathan and finally agreed by the VHDPA President (Peter Toet) before he submits the grant application on behalf of the VHDPA.

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