



## Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

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# VHDPA Committee Meeting - Minutes.

<b>Meeting date</b>	7:00pm Wednesday, 18 March 2020
<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, Tony Morris, Olga Minion, Margaret Monahan, Ralph Southwell, Robert Yallop, Yvonne Robson, Bill Pearson (Item 1 & 2 only).
<b>Apologies</b>	Phil Robson, Peter Howard, Heather Wilford

### Hall Cottage Garden – Bill Pearson

Bill Pearson was invited to the meeting by the President to discuss a proposal by the Hall Honeys to refurbish and develop a garden adjacent to the Cottage. Prior to the meeting Bill sent an updated version of the Hall Cottage Garden plan so that Committee members would be aware of proposed changes. Bill explained to the Committee that the Hall Honeys had received a grant of \$1000, of which \$150 had been expended on the making of 20 medium and 2 large bee boxes. With a balance of \$850 remaining it was proposed to regenerate and repair the garden at the side of the Cottage.

Bill led the Committee members on a tour of the proposed garden area and explained the vision for the plan and what they wanted to achieve. Bill explained that it was not intended to touch the “spirit poles” but mainly to regenerate the older facilities. The timber over the old wooden platform would be replaced and a gazebo built over it with shade cloth covering. Following discussions Bill agreed to remove the community garden beds as there was concern that these may not be sufficiently maintained.

He explained that he was hoping that when completed the area would provide a venue for community gatherings using the Rotary trailer oven.

The VHDPA Committee was very enthusiastic with the proposed changes and provided support for the project subject to the agreement of the Hall School User Group. Peter Toet will contact other School Site users.

### **Corona Virus Support.**

Bill provided a copy of a card that he had developed. This card is designed to allow volunteers to help people in the community who had put their hands up to receive support during the corona virus pandemic. It was designed to support those over 70 and those at risk. There are 85 houses and 300 people in the village and more within the Hall District (2618 Postcode).

Bill explained that they are undertaking this to see what can be done to support the village without making people susceptible. The idea is to call for volunteers for helpers and those who require help. There was discussion on the fact that those over 70 should not be volunteers but that the younger members of the community should be encouraged to help, particularly those under 50. People would need to have the time to provide this help and not be vulnerable themselves. It was agreed that the holder of the position of co-ordinator could be over 70 and Bill was the recommended person. This idea was also discussed at the Rotary meeting on Tuesday and was fully supported.

The information we will need to collect is:

1. Do you need support
2. Can you volunteer
3. Contact details

Discussion was held on how to promulgate this initiative. Social media and letter box drop were some ideas. Also information is to be placed on the Hall website. VHDPA agreed to pay for a letter box drop.

Insurance was another issue that was covered. It was important that volunteers are very clear that they are not covered by any VHDPA insurance. Whilst it is supported by the VHDPA it is not a VHDPA activity.

The VHDPA fully supported this initiative including costs of the mail drop and was happy to assist. Bill noted his appreciation of the VHDPA support.

## **1. Minutes of previous meeting.**

1.1	Minutes of committee meeting 19 February 2019 Minutes accepted as a true record by Peter Toet and seconded by Tony Morris.
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## **2.**

### **Correspondence**

2.1	<b>Report from Hall Honeys</b> The Committee discussed the March report from the Hall Honeys. There was
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	<p>disappointment expressed that they had not notified the VHDPA of the e:mail sent to Stephen Alegria, who has had previous involvement in Hall and with the VHDPA. This does not accord with what was agreed by Jonathan Palmer and Leigh Crocker at the last VHDPA meeting. Concern was also expressed that the group had not used a member of an ARO as an indigenous consultant. As the body responsible for the grant, we need to see the design brief and determine the process of engagement of any consultant. Margaret was tasked with drafting correspondence to the Hall Honeys identifying our concerns.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that future support for third party grant applications must be consistent with the protocol agreed at the December meeting and now on the VHDPA website.</p>
2.2	<p><b>Village and District Response to Corona Virus</b></p> <p>This topic has been covered with the suggestion from Bill Pearson above. A link to the official Government website is now available on the Hall website.</p> <p>VHDPA Committee meetings via teleconferencing is also being explored.</p>

### 3.

#### **Presidents report**

3.1	<p><b>Peter Toet report</b></p> <p>Peter felt the Association was moving forward well especially with so much going on – Sheep Dog Trials, Dogs Dinner etc. There was discussion on community means of communication. The events page on the Hall web site will be updated to ensure information on all upcoming events is available.</p>
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### 4. Treasurers report.

4.1	<p><b>Tabling of financial statements</b></p> <p>Treasurers Report,</p> <p>Treasurer, John Starr tabled electronically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Transaction report for transactions since the last meeting for ratification</li> </ul> <p>John S moved that the Treasurer’s report be ratified. Peter T seconded.</p> <p>John also mentioned that as the term deposit is due to roll over this will give us the opportunity to remove Rodney Barnes as a signatory.</p> <p>John discussed the invoice for \$1600 that was received from the pre-school for</p>
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the trimming of trees. He has been advised that it was in fact for three truckloads of rubbish taken to the tip. Peter T will request that ACT Property Group refer any requests for pruning of tresses to the VHDPA and the Hall Men's Shed will attend to these. John S stated that the pre-school were responsible for their own bills as they are required to maintain their own grounds. Peter T will get a copy of the lease and speak to the Manager of the Blue Team in ACT Government.

The Committee discussed the number of cancellations at the Pavilion which at this stage has the ability to halve our income. Eight months profit was \$2060.31. It was agreed to offer two options in regard to cancellations:

- give back money paid
- hold for future bookings.

The people making the bookings will be asked their preference.

Given the environment this will seriously curtail our income for the foreseeable future so we must be very careful with all expenses.

The wood choppers bill of \$450 to supply wood was discussed. Peter T proposed that we should accept and pay this bill. We have established future parameters for the Hall Street Party and will ensure that everyone is clear on these and works within those parameters.

Moved to pay the account of \$450 – Peter T, seconded Robert. Approved by the Committee.

Peter T discussed the Hall Horse Relief Station during the bushfires. \$500 was provided by the association to the Hall Farm Supplies to provide support if needed for any horses using the Hall facility. It was seen as good community spirit and good PR. Peter paid this by his credit card and is seeking re-imbursment. This was approved by the Committee.

## 5. Agenda Items

5.1	<p><b>Hall Street Party.</b></p> <p>See above.</p>	All
5.2	<p><b>Testing and Tagging.</b></p> <p>Dennis Greenwood has agreed to test and tag those items that will be used for the Hall Brass Band Concert. He will not be doing the entire precinct.</p> <p>Aaron Whittaker will undertake training and be available to do all testing and tagging in the future.</p> <p>Peter will do a risk assessment for the area.</p>	All

	There will be a need for the cameras that were removed to refurbish the area to be replaced. Peter said that for a reasonable amount eight cameras could be installed to ensure a greater level of safety for the precinct. This is particularly important given that the Rotary room has been broken into twice in two weeks.	
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## 6. Sub-group reports.

6.1	<p><b>Hall School Museum &amp; Heritage Centre</b></p> <p>The Museum is slowly moving to complete their new exhibitions. At this stage all school excursions to the Museum have been cancelled. The Museum is holding a meeting on Thursday morning to discuss impacts of the Corona Virus on Museum activities.</p>
6.2	<p><b>Hall Rotary Club</b></p> <p>There will be no meetings next month. Future meetings will be by phone. The Farmers Market will continue as it is an essential service.</p> <p>The Hall Markets have been cancelled for April and May.</p>

## 7. General business.

7.1	Robert expressed his concern at the Association continuing to meet physically. However, there was concern expressed that some teleconferencing facilities are overloaded. Robert agreed to explore the options available (eg Whats App, Zoom, Redback) and bring this information back to the committee.
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## 8. Action Items

No	Current Status	Next Action	Who	When
1.1	<b><u>Street Lighting</u></b>	Improved night time lighting  Peter T 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.	Peter Toet	Apr Mtg

**Next Meeting. 15 April, 2020**

**VHDP A Sect. Olga Minion**