



Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

VHDPA Inc.
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President: Peter Toet.

VHDPA Committee Meeting - Minutes.

Meeting date	7:00pm Wednesday, 17 June 2020
Location	Hall School Museum and Zoom Meeting
Committee Members	Peter Toet, John Starr, Tony Morris, Olga Minion, Margaret Monahan, Peter Howard, Ralph Southwell, Phil Robson, Heather Wilford, Robert Yallop, Yvonne Robson.
Apologies	Yvonne Robson

1. Minutes of previous meeting.

1.1	Minutes of committee meeting 21 May 2020 Minutes were accepted as a true record by the Committee. Moved by Peter Toet. Seconded by Peter Howard. All were in favour.
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2. Presidents report

2.1	Peter Toet report Peter explained that we live in interesting times. We need to ensure that we look after each other. Lots is also happening in Hall.
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3. Treasurers report.

3.1	Tabling of financial statements Treasurers Report, Treasurer, John Starr tabled electronically:
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Transaction report for transactions since the last meeting for ratification • Statement of Working Accounts of the VHDPA • Profit and Loss Statement <p>John Starr proposed that the Treasurer’s Report be ratified. Seconded by Tony. The Treasurer’s Report was accepted by the Committee.</p>
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4. Correspondence

4.1	<p>Thank you from National Sheepdog Trial.</p> <p>The Committee received a letter of appreciation from the National Sheepdog Trial secretary. Peter T responded to the letter. He told the committee that we should foster and support the trials to ensure they stay in Hall. The Trial committee have asked the Hall Museum to look after their ribbons, awards and other memorabilia until they need them next year. The museum will use these items for a small display in the future.</p>
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5. Agenda Items

5.1	<p>Centenary Trail Car Park</p> <p>The first stage of the school car park in Hoskins Street is complete. The remainder of the parking spots and the concrete path will go ahead but not as quickly as anticipated. The Committee was told that parking has to be gazetted prior to any changes; however this planned parking is in line with original concept.</p> <p>The Committee discussed parking for Floriade and the use of the Hall Markets car park for this period. Signage will be required to notify visitors of the parking available before they enter the village. Peter H suggested we submit a letter to the ACT Government requesting approval for ongoing parking and for signage to be displayed before the bridge in Victoria Street. A copy of the letter to be sent to ACT Roads, Centenary Trail and Polocrosse Club.</p>
5.2	<p>Hall Honeys/ Engagement of landscape architect/contract</p> <p>The Hall Honeys contract has been forwarded to Phoebe Gordon the landscape architect for signing. Awaiting return.</p>
5.3	<p>Floriade in Hall</p> <p>Plants that have been planted for Floriade require maintenance. VHDPA will keep an eye on them and follow up with the Mens Shed members who are responsible for looking after and watering the plants.</p>

5.4	<p>AGM Meeting</p> <p>The ACT Government has extended the time for holding AGMs due before 31 March 2020 until 30 October. The Committee decided to wait and see if there are changes that may impact on holding the VHDPA AGM in the Pavilion within the specified time frame (before the end of November).</p>
5.5	<p>Old Tennis Courts</p> <p>Peter H was approached by two Hall locals who expressed concern about the state of the old tennis courts at the Pavilion. They believe that the courts spoiled the village. They have agreed to spray the weeds, put in new posts and remove the rubbish from the shed. Peter H will follow up with them and get the work started.</p> <p>Phil stated that we need a longer term plan as the courts are over 100 years old and should be available to the community. He mentioned that there were Sport and Recreation Grants available shortly and offered to follow up and complete the grant.</p> <p>However, it was noted that there are 7 private tennis courts in homes in Hall village and the public tennis court at the school site. The public court at the school site currently has limited use. Before any substantive action is taken on the old tennis courts, wide consultation in the village and district and further assessment of priority is required. There are many diverse views over the potential uses of the area and these all need to be carefully considered, together with likely costs associated with each possibility.</p>
5.6	<p>Logs at Pony Club</p> <p>The two Hall residents above also brought up the large number of logs that have been placed outside the Pony Club in the Hall Showground area. Discussion showed that the logs belonged to Sean O'Connor who had purchased two truckloads to be used for the wood chopping club. He apparently has government approval for this. It was agreed that Peter H would talk to Sean to confirm these arrangements.</p>

6. General business.

6.1	<p>Pre-election contact with Yerrabi MLAs</p> <p>With the ACT Government election coming up in November, Robert has suggested sending a letter to existing Yerrabi MLAs. He has written a draft letter that could be sent from the VHDPA asking them for their commitment to protect the distinct rural and indigenous heritage of Hall and also their support for a number of issues that are important to the village. It was agreed to invite the MLAs to a community meeting so they could state their point of view and positions. Robert is to seek the Committee views on priorities, update the letter and circulate to members.</p>
6.2	<p>VHDPA Going Forward/Notes from out of session meeting</p> <p>The Committee discussed how we should engage with sub-groups. It was agreed to ask them for a written report of one or two paras every quarter.</p>

	<p>The Committee will contact the Presidents of all subgroups requesting that the VHDPA President attend their AGMs in an official capacity to bring them up to date on the work that the Committee has undertaken in the past year.</p> <p>John to draft correspondence and distribute to members.</p>
6.3	<p>Communication with lapsed VHDPA members</p> <p>Robert has developed a spreadsheet of all lapsed members. It was agreed to contact all 2618 members in ACT and NSW as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 not renewed • 3 years not renewed • New residents. <p>E:mails to be sent to the first two groups, brochures at front door of the third.</p> <p>Robert to draft correspondence.</p>
6.4	<p>Hall Street Party</p> <p>Robert had a brief discussion with Jenny from Hall Traders. There has been no discussion yet on whether the street part will be held. The Committee will watch and wait.</p>

7. Sub-group reports.

7.1	<p>Hall School Museum & Heritage Centre</p> <p>The Museum remains closed because of COVID19. This will be reviewed at end of June and then maybe one area at a time will be opened. Volunteers have been tidying up the grounds with 6 truckloads of prunings taken away.</p>
7.2	<p>Hall Rotary Club</p> <p>End of the year for Rotary is when there is usually a change over dinner. Club is currently looking for a large enough venue where they could have a change over lunch. Farmers Market is running well considering all the COVID19 restrictions.</p>

8. Action Items

No	Current Status	Next Action	Who	When

1.1	<u>Street Lighting</u>	<p>Improved night time lighting</p> <p>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.</p>	Peter Toet	July Mtg

Next Meeting. 15 July, 2020
VHDPa Sect. Olga Minion