



## Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

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## VHDPA Committee Ordinary Meeting # 7 – Minutes

<b>Meeting date</b>	20 July 2022
<b>Location</b>	Hall Museum and by ZOOM
<b>Office holders and committee</b>	Robert Yallop, Olga Minion, Jan Klaver, Phil Robson, Peter Toet, Tony Morris, John Starr, Aaron Whittaker, Paul Newall, Heather Wilford, Margaret Monahan
<b>Other Attendees invited</b>	

1. Welcome and introductions

The President welcomed attendees and acknowledged Traditional Custodians and paid respects to Aboriginal Elders past, present and emerging.

2. Notice of any conflicts of interest re agenda items

Nil

3. General business

a. Approval of the Minutes of 15 June, 2022

Committee considered the proposal to accept the minutes of the last meeting.

Moved: Tony Morris

Seconded: Peter Toet

Carried

b. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer noted he has been consulting with Michael Sinclair (Independent Reviewer) about preparation of periodic financial year reports in the same format as the Annual Report. Phil noted that the reports have been made in that format and the figures are accurate, however, the presentation is different. Phil noted that Michael said he would be happy to prepare the same format reports monthly for Phil.

Committee agreed to continue with the format as presented.

Robert Yallop asked about the summary of income and expenditure and whether it was across all accounts. Phil advised it was. Robert asked if it was possible to get a summary of the Association's account, without the Men's Shed and Museum. Phil said he would prepare a version of the VHDPA account and would circulate it.

There was general discussion of the level of detail in transaction descriptions and whether more detail can be included, especially for expenditures. Phil explained that eWay and the bank provide lump sum payments which then need to be split in Xero.

Robert Yallop moved the proposal to accept the Treasurer's report and endorse transactions as presented.

Moved: Margaret Monahan

Seconded: Peter Toet

Phil forecast documents needed for review including Treasurer's and President's declaration. And President's covering letter. Phil preferred that reports should be circulated to members at the same time as the notice of the AGM.

Therefore recommended that AGM will be on 15 September with advice to members on 15 August and relevant docs. Audited financials are needed to be available when AGM is announced.

Committee discussed the proposed date for the AGM.

Tony Morris Moved that AGM would be held on 15<sup>th</sup> September

Seconded Aaron

Committee then noted that the third Wednesday would be preferred, so the date was settled as Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of September. Committee noted that notice would go out to members on 31 August 31<sup>st</sup> with reports, providing a generous 3 week period for review.

Robert noted he would update the announcement of the AGM in the next Rural Fringe.

#### c. Actions

There was general discussion of actions. Peter Toet noted that follow up with ACT Property Group about water entering the demountable was still in progress. Committee noted that review of use arrangements depended on ACTPG view that the building was fit for use.

#### d. Correspondence (see schedule)

Committee considered correspondence received including highway speeds, the license application fee for the Pavilion and stormwater assessments. Robert noted he had encountered an ACT Govt officer assessing laneways, and had passed details to Minister requesting an update and had received an immediate response, that the Hall Community and VHDPA would be kept up to date.

e. AGM date and arrangements – see above

f. AGM Review Report – see above

### 4. Reports of VHDPA Subcommittees

#### a. Hall Museum and Heritage Centre

Phil noted that the Museum AGM is on 18 August at 10 am. The guest speaker will be Eric Martin, Architect. The session was available to all financial members of Museum. Phil noted that the Men's Shed visited the Museum last week, and it was a pleasant catch up.

#### b. Hall Men's' Shed

Aaron report that work on the foot bridge across Halls Creek has been well advanced. The Men's Shed AGM has been booked for 28 July, and will be held in the Pavilion.

#### c. Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage

Committee noted that Tony Morris had restocked consumables for the Pavilion.

Committee noted that review of bookings across all the facilities was pending, until the Demountable use could be finalised with ACTPG. (The Marching Girls had been advised that fees may apply, but no new bookings had been made yet.)

It as noted that the Pavilion will be booked for the VHDPA AGM and the Pavilion was also booked for the Men's Shed AGM on 28 July from 10 am -12 pm at no charge.

Committee noted that the date of the 2023 sheep dog trials needed to be confirmed for a Pavilion booking.

Committee also noted that there was a proposed Joint Churches Christmas Carols event on 10 December at the Pavilion. Committee agreed that there would be no hire charge for the event. It was noted that the \$50 deposit had been paid, and the hirer had donated this to the VHDPA. Committee noted there may be some interest in having some related Subcommittee stalls.

Robert Yallop noted he had been contacted indirectly about camping in Hall. It was unclear if the request related to the Centennial Trail, however, the ACT advised that campers could camp at Hall showground, and Rangers would come and open toilets. There was general discussion about camping activities and it was agreed that Robert would contact Dave Mann in ACT Sport and Recreation to find out what was permitted.

## 5. Other Business

### a. Wallaroo and region updates inc. Solar installation

Paul Newall updated Committee about consultation proposed for the new solar farm. There will be Open days at Cottage on 29-30 July.

Robert noted he had raised the likelihood of significant vehicle movements and risks in relation to speed limits on Barton Highway for construction personnel and the wider community.

### b. Defibrillator locations

Committee noted that an update article about defibrillator locations was going into the Rural Fringe. Paul Newall noted he had posted an item on Facebook and had received some comments. There was general discussion on mounting the unit at the Museum and its security, noting there had been some recent vandalism (graffiti) at the School site.

### c. Pavilion Lease Renewal

Robert Yallop advised that recent ACT Govt communication indicated there will be a license application fee, unless the VHDPA could provide a record of a previous fee waiver. No one Robert Yallop had spoken to recalls a fee, and Tony Morris confirmed he was not aware of any previous fee. Nonetheless, Committee agreed unanimously to pay the fee if needed, noting it worked out to about \$160 per annum over the ten-year license period.

### d. School Site lease – peppercorn leases and signage.

Committee noted the ACT government Advice that no peppercorn leases are currently being renewed until ACT Government receives advice from Cabinet. Robert Yallop noted there 78 similar leases affected and he had sought information from the office of a Yerrabi MLA.

### e. Christmas Carols event at Pavilion –

Discussed above.

### f. Christmas Fair – Hall School site

Robert Yallop noted that in discussions with Reverend Peter Malone about use of the Pavilion for the Christmas Carols, Peter had mentioned a Christmas Fair was proposed for the School site again this year.

Committee confirmed that no approach had been made to the Committee and discussed the issue that the license for VHDPA use of the site does not permit commercial uses. Last year's event had been initially proposed as a hire of the Cottage, but had escalated very quickly in size, and the VHDPA had needed to assist, despite concern at the time about the license restriction.

It was discussed that the event would likely be even larger this year, COVID restrictions had ceased, and parking and traffic management issues would persist, noting there had been some pedestrian near misses. Tony Morris mentioned he had had some discussions with Zina Richardson in February, in which it was discussed that parking had not worked for last year and that parking needed to have room, such as the markets parking. Tony's view was doubtful that visitors would be willing to park at the markets area and walk to another site, so the showground was probably more suitable in any case.

Committee agreed it was a great community event but using the School site put it in a very awkward position regarding the license, particularly coming up for renewal again, and overall the site was not suitable for such a big event. Robert Yallop agreed to contact Zina Richardson to say that the VHDPA was very willing to assist, but the School site was unfortunately not available.

Committee agreed and noted the potential use of the Pavilion could be offered.

g. Next steps Hall Reserve

Olga Minion updated the Committee about some recent ACT govt assistance. ACT Govt came out and took away a lot of the branches and are also going to assist with topsoil and mulch spreading. Olga noted that Jonathan Palmer had assisted her with a survey about the future of the area, and a resident had indicated annoyance about cutting down a Manchurian pear tree. Committee noted that the tree had already been cut down by another party prior to the clean up day.

There was general discussion about next steps, including some replanting and the need to consult with the RFS. Committee agreed to invite Kath McGilp, Landcare, to the next meeting on 17 August.

h. Other Business

Phil Robson noted that the Hall Together proposal was still pending consideration and further advice from Rotary.