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## **VHDPA Committee Ordinary Meeting # 9 – Draft Minutes**

<b>Meeting date</b>	17 August 2022
<b>Location</b>	Hall Museum and by ZOOM
<b>Office holders and committee present</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 and present</b>	Kathryn McGilp, Ginninderra Catchment Authority Judy Roberts, VHDPA member  Apologies: Heather Wilford

1. Welcome and introductions

The President opened the meeting, welcomed attendees and invited guests and acknowledged Traditional Indigenous Custodians of the ACT and Hall region and recognized Indigenous Elders past present and emerging.

2. Notice of any conflicts of interest re agenda items

No conflicts were raised in relation to agenda items.

3. Ginninderra Catchment Landcare activities – Kat McGilp

The President welcomed Kat to the meeting and invited her to talk about landcare and related activities in the Ginninderra catchment, including Hall.

Kat explained that the catchment covers Gungahlin, Belconnen, Wallaroo and almost a third of the distance from Hall towards Sutton. Current work of the Authority includes endemic plant restoration, community gardens, endemic plant landscaping, and pollinator friendly gardens. Educational activities were also conducted about vegetation restoration. Some activities that were being considered in and around Hall include: a cleanup event along Halls Creek; rubbish removal around showgrounds, removal of rusty metal drums/rubbish etc along the creek. Most of the potential activities were located at the northwest end of Halls Creek towards the showground. A proposal for Goat enclosures along the creek has been subject of preliminary consultation with ACT Heritage.

The Committee noted potential issues relating to goat enclosure including:

- Goats' propensity for indiscriminate grazing that would impact on endemic species including endangered orchids and previous Landcare plantings
- Potential for dog attacks on stock, given numbers of dogs visiting the village and passing through local farmland

There was general discussion about opportunities for:

- pollinator plantings in the Hall Village Reserve (subject to RFS, ACT Govt and community views)
- clean up and restoration of past plantings, including: weeding and over planting some previous Landcare areas around the School site.

It was noted that Kat would:

- receive further information from the Committee regarding Aboriginal site locations along Halls Creek.
- receive copies of plans for the Bee Friendly plantings in Victoria Street, to see what scope there was to complete unfinished parts of that proposal.

Action 9 – 1 Committee to provide Kat with copies of relevant heritage investigations

Action 9-2 Robert Yallop to provide Kat with the Bee friendly gardens planting plan

#### 4. Barton Highway Speed Limits – Judy Roberts

There was general discussion of the issue and next steps.

It was agreed that the VHDPA President would contact ACT Opposition Transport Spokesperson Mark Parton and opposition MLAs about the issue.

Judy Roberts will contact the Cross Border Commission.

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#### 5. General business

##### a. Approval of the Minutes of the special meeting on 1 August, 2022

The proposal to accept the minutes subject to edits circulated by the President was accepted.

Moved: Peter Toet

Seconded: Aaron Whittaker

Carried unanimously

##### b. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer spoke to the financial reports, noting that the transactions list is exhaustive, showing that recent income is derived from memberships and Pavilion bookings are also going well. Committee noted that although the account is titled Pavilion Account it receives all the income of the Association. The Treasurer agreed that memberships would be updated in advance of the AGM to permit correspondence with financial members and members who need to renew.

The Treasurer proposed that the report be accepted and transactions ratified.

Moved – Phil Robson

Seconded – Tony Morris

Carried – noting that John Starr abstained from consideration of the report as he had not been able to review the transactions.

##### c. Actions

Jan Klaver updated the Committee that the action from the previous meeting was completed and a draft policy for reduced hire fees of VHDPA facilities was included in the papers for consideration.

##### d. Correspondence (see schedule)

The Secretary noted that a fair proportion of correspondence in and out related to stormwater and Barton Highway speeds. The Secretary drew the Committees attention to correspondence received about the Christmas Fair and the thanks received for use of the demountable building by the Art Group.

e. AGM Review Report

Committee noted that the report has been circulated. Robert Yallop drew the Committee's attention to some edits that he had suggested relating to the Fraudulent transaction and the cessation of the Collectors club account. Robert noted that the fraudulent payment had been immediately reported to Scamwatch, ACT Policing and the CBA Bank. The other note Robert requested explained that the Collectors' Club became a separate entity on 1 June 2021 and ceased to be part of the Progress Association from 30 June 2021.

Robert noted he will prepare a President's report for AGM. Phil noted he will prepare letters for signature to accept the financial reports.

The Committee unanimously accepted the proposal to adopt the accounts and ratify transactions occurring since the last meeting.

Moved – Phil Robson

Seconded – Tony Morris

Committee also unanimously endorsed acceptance of the draft end of year review report for FY 21/22 and agreed that the final report can be prepared.

Moved – Phil Robson

Seconded – Tony Morris

f. AGM

Committee noted that the AGM is set for 21 September, 2022. An alert was included in the Rural Fringe. Membership renewal reminders had been sent out.

The final notification would be sent out on 1 September in two tranches – members and those who need to renew.

Committee noted that as per normal practice, nominations for committee positions would be sought and must be received by noon on the Monday before the AGM (i.e. 19 September) either to the VHPPA PO Box address or via the info@hall.act.au email. Robert Yallop sought acknowledgement of committee members' understanding of the process and noted that only if insufficient nominations were received by the deadline, would nominations from the floor be accepted.

6. Reports of VHDPA Subcommittees

a. Hall Museum and Heritage Centre

Phil noted that the Museum AGM has been moved to 27 October. (No issue re VHDPA AGM timing.) Exhibitions changing around and family history day coming up. National Family History Month. Talk of the Museum rebranding.

b. Hall Men's' Shed

No update provided. (Committee noted that Aston was interstate.)

c. Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage

Peter Toet updated the Committee about a recent ACTPG inspection of the leaking demountable roof where it was identified that the roof falls backwards from the gutter. ACTPG are apparently investigating the nature of previous repairs made.

The Committee noted advice that Rotary will donate \$1000 towards the cost of utilities on the School site.

Peter Toet updated the Committee on next steps regarding installation of the defibrillator on the school site.

Committee noted that installation will avoid compromising operation of the fire doors and signage will clearly direct calls to 000 before using the device.

Defibrillator – installation -

There was general discussion about the School site licence, including the condition on the licence that Rotary be provided with access to a portion of the site. Committee considered whether the licence conditions would require Rotary to advise the VHDPA of uses ancillary to Rotary activities.

Action 9-3 Robert Yallop will meet with the President of Rotary, Paul Tyrrell, to establish ongoing communication noting the future negotiations about the licence renewal in any case. Olga Minion stated that the use of the Rotary Room for activities not conducted by the VHDPA or Rotary did not need to be further examined, and if it did, then so did the Museum's use of the Rotary Room for meetings. Robert Yallop clarified that the Museum is part of the VHDPA and as such Museum activities are VHDPA activities, whereas activities by others may need to be transparently outlined. Robert noted that this did not relate to any concern about the activities per se, however, following the review of the Association's activities by Michel Sinclair the Committee was mindful of the need for transparency about activities and its need to VHDPA to be able to demonstrate control of activities it may potentially authorise, actively or by default.

Robert Yallop reminded the Committee that it intended to apply similar transparency to use of the room by any users, including the Karate group, once it has been determined that the room was fit for use and/or repairs to prevent water leaks. Once the room was accepted as fit for purpose the Committee intended to ask all users to contribute a fee to at least cover utility costs.

## 7. Other Business

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

Paul gave an update on the Solar Farm Consultation. Consultation is indicating that the rural amenity is highly valued. Comments have been circulated. Committee has been invited to attend and or discuss consultation. Paul mentioned that Ross Hampton was withdrawing from some of his local advocacy work in the Mt Spring area.

Paul advised the Committee that he was unable to continue representing Wallaroo and district on the VHDPA Committee next year, due to other commitments. Paul commended Robert's leadership as well as work of the VHDPA Treasurer and Secretary. Robert thanked Paul, on behalf of the Committee, for his contribution as a Committee member and as a member of the VHDPA. Robert noted that representation of Wallaroo residents on the Committee is essential for the Committee to deliver value to those stakeholders. Paul noted he was canvassing for a replacement.

### b. Signage for the Museum and Heritage Centre

There was general discussion of some signage passed to the Committee by Olga Minion. It became apparent that there may be two signage 'actions' underway: one relating to an intention of the Museum to seek interest and views about more engaging signage in the local area about the location of the Museum and Heritage Centre, and two, relating to an intention of ACT PG to replace a sign outside the School site that had been removed when the tanning pit was installed. Robert Yallop noted that he had discussed the need for any replacement

signage to be sympathetic to the surroundings, in colour and form, with Alastair Crombie and ACT PG.

Committee was unclear whether the Museum was seeking VHDPA endorsement of a particular proposal. In any case, the Committee welcomed the Museum to return with a proposal for consideration.

c. Defibrillator installation at School Grounds

See above facilities discussion.

d. Pavilion Lease Renewal

Robert Yallop noted that discussions with ACT Govt were ongoing.

e. School Site lease – peppercorn leases and signage

Robert Yallop noted that the School Site lease remains in abeyance pending further ACT Govt consideration of many similar pepper corn leases. Robert considered it was likely that renewals would reflect the capacity for groups to pay, and groups with minimal capacity would be given some leeway.

f. Hall Christmas Fair

See above facilities discussion.