



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

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2022/2023

## **VHDPA Committee Ordinary Meeting # 1 Minutes**

<b>Meeting date</b>	19 October 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, Aaron Whittaker, Toni Makkai, Lee-ann Brodrick, Margaret Monahan
<b>Other Attendees invited</b>	n/a

### **1. Welcome and introductions**

Robert welcomed attendees and acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Ngunnawal and Nambri people and honoured their Elders past, present and emerging.

### **2. Notice of any conflicts of interest re agenda items**

No conflicts raised

### **3. General business**

#### **a. Approval of the minutes from 17 August.**

It was proposed that the draft minutes of 17 August be accepted.

Moved – Tony Morris

Seconded – Margaret Monahan

#### **b. Provisional approval of the AGM Minutes and publishing on website**

It was proposed to provisionally approve the draft minutes of the Annual General Meeting. The draft minutes were provisionally approved subject to correction of the spelling of ‘Makkai’.

Moved – Lee-ann Brodrick

Seconded – Olga Minion

Passed unanimously

#### **c. Treasurer’s report**

The Treasurer tabled the financial reports. There was general discussion about the water bill for the Pavilion and associated facilities, the ongoing use by Rotary of the School site and whether future documents, such as the financial reports and the committee papers could be circulated via a drop box or similar facility.

Phil noted Rotary will pay \$1000 for use of buildings on the School site and he is preparing to issue an invoice.

Committee noted that the Men's Shed had previously indicated it was open to a request for funds but that this was declined at present as the Men's Shed were undertaking numerous projects for the benefit of the community.

Robert Yallop noted that the VHDPA accounts still included certain liabilities, including funds for the Park Upgrade.

It was proposed to accept the report and ratify transactions.

Moved – Tony Morris

Seconded – Peter Toet

Passed unanimously

**Action 1** - Peter Toet noted that showground public toilets are leaking and he will inspect and advise ACT Sport and Rec.

**Action 2** Robert Yallop undertook to will look into Google drive and drop box for circulation of papers.

**d. Actions – discussed under other business**

**e. Correspondence – discussed under other business**

**4. Reports of VHDPA Subcommittees**

**a. Hall Museum and Heritage Centre**

There was general discussion of recent and future Museum activities. It was noted that the ACT Heritage Unit (Linda Roberts) had refreshed two heritage signs in Victoria street). The Museum has been busy with a clean-up working bee. The Annual end of year event on 27 October will go ahead with Eric Martin, Architect, as guest speaker and there will also be a visit to the Hall Cemetery. A further amount of grant funding has been received from the National Library, in addition to two other grants received for the Bush Schools exhibition and to make accessibility improvements to Museum access. The Museum is considering hire of an intern to assist with the grant projects. Robert noted he had signed the grant documents today.

**b. Hall Men's Shed**

The Men's Shed has been fairly quiet and wet has been generally inhibiting activities. On 6 October a BBQ was held for the Yass Men's Shed and ANU Greater Glider project participants A memorial seat is being made for the CWA in Gungahlin college. There was some discussion about the gated access to the Cottage, the areas have been temporarily roped off to discourage parking, however grassed edges are very muddy.

Committee considered the issue and agreed a combination lock could be placed on the gate. Christmas party is on 21 Nov – VHDPA Committee welcome.

**Action 3** – Peter Toet undertook to purchase and install a combination lock and close the Cottage gate.

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

Committee noted that the Pavilion and Cottage are being well used. There was discussion about booking hours and capacity of the Cottage, and Committee noted that the website already limits capacity and evening bookings.

## **5. Wallaroo update.**

Toni Makkai asked for email addresses in order to make introductions to the Wallaroo community. Committee recommended that Paul Newall could be approached to introduce Toni.

## **6. Other Business**

### **a. Large events in Hall – future approach**

There was general discussion about the recent Sports Festival held on the Showground and ovals which surpassed expected numbers and caused disruption to traffic and parking, including bogging on public spaces.

Robert mentioned he has been in discussion with the ACT Government who advised that the event was much larger than anticipated. Robert understands that the current booking arrangements for large events are shared between ACT land managers and Events ACT, and it is apparent that some requirements like traffic and parking management plans can be overlooked.

Robert noted he would write to ACT Government to request advance notice of large events in future and will also advise the ACT Government of the locations where damage to public property needed repair. Robert asked Committee members to forward him details of the instances of concern.

**Action 4** – Aaron Whittaker undertook to compile a list of locations damaged by the sports festival and send to Robert.

### **b. Renaming of the Museum**

Committee considered the proposal for the Museum name change and reflection on bank accounts.

Committee noted the decision taken at the Hall School Museum & Heritage Centre on 25th August 2022 to change the name to Hall Heritage Centre;

Committee proposed that the name on CBA account BSB 062915, account 10177845 be changed from Village of Hall and District Progress Association - Hall School Museum to Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc - Hall Heritage Centre; and

Committee note that the signatories to the account remain unchanged as Alastair Crombie: Hon Curator, Phil Robson: past Hon Curator, and Margaret Foley: Hon Treasurer.

Moved – Tony Morris

Seconded – Phil Robson

Passed unanimously.

### **c. Hall Together**

Robert referred the Committee to the summaries circulated by Olga and himself. Committee noted that the VHDPA has the broadest objects of all the groups that met, i.e. to protect the interests and amenity for all Hall and District residents regardless of activity. Robert considered that the Pavilion could be offered to host any future liaison activity and the Rural Fringe and Website can also promote activities. Robert also considered the groups currently involved could be expanded to include Wineries and businesses. It was noted that NSW bushfire brigades were not invited to the meeting although Hall BFB was present with four people.

#### **d. Stormwater**

Robert updated the Committee on progress with the ACT Government study on stormwater impacts.

Committee noted that the ACT Government received 65 responses to their survey, and that additional comments were received and passed to the Govt by Robert. Committee noted that stormwater issues were not restricted to laneways.

#### **e. Cycle Path**

Robert advised he had refreshed the matter of the cycle path with Michael Petterson, MLA for Yerrabi, however, the substance of the issue seems to have disappeared somewhere between ACT Roads and managers of the Centennial Trail. Robert advised spoke with a Nadia Rhodes, from ACT Parks who was under the impression that ACT Roads had carriage of the matter and would contact the VHDPA. Robert advised her that the VHDPA had not been contacted by ACT roads about the matter. Toni Makkai suggested that further contact could be made with MLAs with interests in environmental and transport issues, including the Greens.

**Action 5** – Robert Yallop – issue correspondence to representatives with environmental and cycling interests

#### **f. Barton Highway Safety**

Committee noted that numerous correspondence has been sent and received on the matter. The latest correspondence was copied from Leanne Castley, MLA, who has written to Chris Steele requesting very specific information about accident statistics.

#### **g. Christmas Carols**

Committee noted that use of Pavilion has been donated. The Museum has been asked if they would like to run a stall and Aaron will contact the Men's shed about catering.

#### **h. Hall Reserve**

There was general discussion about next steps needed to refresh the Hall Reserve. Aaron noted that there was still mulch available in the central area of the Reserve and that he could continue to place more there as needed. Residents could also take mulch for other areas if needed as there was plenty.

Olga raised that Jonathan Palmer was planning to plant shrubs in the Reserve but she did not have any further details.

Committee reflected on the previous advice received from TCCS to the effect that they were supportive of the tidy up but wanted to review and approve planting before it occurred.

**Action 5** - Robert undertook to get in touch with Jonathan and Kat McGilp and ask about activities planned, including whether work would be taken to finish the Bee Friendly gardens. Tony Morris asked about other plantings that are appearing along the oval and along Victoria Street.

#### **i. Bilingual School**

Correspondence received from applicant for Bilingual school. Robert advised the correspondent that the school buildings were already under alternative use but that he would mention it to the Committee for their information.

#### **j. Pavilion licence renewal**

Robert mentioned receiving correspondence from ACT Sport and Recreation which included a draft new lease for review.

The new lease would run for 10 years and the Annual fee has increased to \$1.10 (upon request). Robert advised that he return to the officer after this Committee meeting to say that

the draft is acceptable, and he is prepared to sign the lease. Robert advised that no further mention has been made of a licence fee in the latest correspondence, noting the Committee had previously agreed to accept one if it eventuated.

**k. Fallen wood**

Robert advised the Committee that Rosemary Blemings, museum volunteer, met with him to ask about removal of fallen timber from areas around Hall. Rosemary was interested to know if the VHDPa could encourage people to leave wood where it falls. Committee noted that it is illegal to remove timber from public land and considered whether signage should be sought from ACT Government. In the meantime, it was decided to invite Rosemary to write an article for the Rural Fringe.

**l. Hall Markets**

Committee noted that Hall Market has relocated to Thoroughbred Park temporarily, until the ground dries out in the showground area.

**m. Mulanggari Fence proposal contra heritage requirements**

Committee noted that the President wrote to the Minister. A response was received from the Minister and from the Strata managers saying they will contact the owners.

**n. Business parking in Victoria Street**

Committee noted the Correspondence to a business owner about unreasonable parking in Victoria Street and understands that the parking has ceased.

The Meeting closed at: 9 pm

Next Meeting: 16 November 2022