



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

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## **VHDPA Committee Ordinary Meeting # 2 – Draft Minutes**

<b>Meeting date</b>	16 November 2022 @ 7 pm
<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, Lee-ann Brodrick, Ralph Southwell
<b>Apologies</b>	Toni Makkai, Aaron Whittaker, Margaret Monahan

1. Welcome and introductions

The President opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. The President acknowledged Traditional Custodians of the Hall District, Ngunnawal and Ngambri and paid respects to their Elders, past, present and future.

2. Notice of any conflicts of interest re agenda items

Nil

3. General business

a. Approval of the previous Minutes

It was proposed to accept the minutes of the last meeting. (noting Ralph Southwell will be added to attendees.)

Moved – Peter Toet

Seconded – Tony Morris

Accepted unanimously

b. Treasurer’s report

The Treasurer tabled the financial reports. Phil noted a summary had been circulated as well as a complete list of transactions.

It was proposed that the financial reports be accepted and transactions ratified.

There was discussion of the reports – Phil mentioned the minutes of the last meeting of the Rotary Club of Hall which undertakes to make a donation to the VHDPA of \$1000.

Moved – Phil Robson

Seconded – Peter Toet

c. Actions

Meeting 1     n/a

Update

Meeting 2	1	Peter Toet	Peter Toet noted that showground public toilets are leaking and he will inspect and advise ACT Sport and Rec.	Had another look at the Museum and a leak could not be identified. Hold over the Showground action until next meeting. Tony will have a look too.
	2	Robert Yallop	Robert Yallop undertook to look into Google drive or drop box for circulation of papers.	Robert will look into a Google Drive off the info at Hall address.
	3	Peter Toet	Peter Toet undertook to purchase and install a combination lock and close the Cottage gate.	Overtaken by events as Men's Shed has put bunting up. Peter decided not to do it. Organise a shut the gate sign for main entrance to School.
	4	Aaron Whittaker	Compile a list of locations damaged by the sports festival and send to Robert.	Info was provided by Olga and Lee-ann. Posts from main fence have settled back in. Closed
	5	Robert Yallop	Issue correspondence to representatives with environmental and cycling interests	Done

d. Correspondence (see schedule)

Committee noted correspondences in and out.

4. Reports of VHDPA Subcommittees

a. Hall Museum and Heritage Centre

Stall will be put up at the Christmas Fair to promote the Museum to the community. Conservation clinic was held last Sunday. Conservator and advisers from UCAN, participants including Ian Batterham, reps of Screen Sound Australia, AIATSI, HAGSOC. Event was well attended. Last school event held today.

b. Hall Mens' Shed

Robert attended the last bbq which was well attended. Christmas Party will be held at Gold Creek. Museum and Committee members are invited.

c. Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage  
Regular bookings and payments for both facilities.

## 5. Other Business

### a. Wallaroo and region update

After last meeting Robert contacted Paul Newall and asked if he could email an introduction to Toni as the Wallaroo representative on the VHDPA Committee. Paul sent out the introduction. Robert emailed NSW members as well. Barton Highway and Wallaroo Solar Farm remain topical issues. Paul Newall proposed pulling together a listing of defibrillators and will have an article in the next Rural Fringe including a map.

### b. Territory Plan – Gungahlin District Strategy

Robert raised recent news about the Territory Plan that revisions would lead to an outcomes rather than rules based system. Hall is included in Gungahlin District, however, the Village appears to be an afterthought in the document. The District Plan has very limited direct reference to Hall. Some references to Halls Creek, Kinleyside and heritage that Hall represents. It may not be ideal for Hall to be included in the Gungahlin District and clarification is needed to understand how the precinct plan would interact and continue to operate. There is a Your-say process and option for submissions. Robert suggests we submit that the precinct and masterplan should be reaffirmed and here are a few things that need to be done which could be included in the District Plan. For example cycle paths. There is also no reference to Aboriginal Protected Sites along Hall Creek.

Committee agreed that a submission should be made.

**Action 1** - Jan and Phil will start a draft submission.

### c. Hall Reserve Planting Plan and work day

A walk through happened last Wednesday to discuss potential plantings in the Reserve. Jonathan will organise the bush fire skip to be on site from this coming weekend. Team is coordinating with Allan McLean in Parks ACT to get approval to replant shrubs in the five clumps that were cleaned up. Where there are dead non-habitat trees the plan is to replant like-for-like – also reliant on approval from Parks and Conservation. Not sure how long it will take to get approval. Plants and trees will be provided by Ginninderra Catchment Group. Phil has put up a post on the Community Facebook page about the working bee. (Note the working bee is the day after the Christmas Fair.) Working Bee starts at 11 am Sunday 20 November. The Committee confirmed it was comfortable with those activities.

### d. Victoria Street Cycle Path

Robert summarised previous contact made with ACT Govt about the cyclepath which swung between the Centennial Trail and ACT Roads officers. At last meeting it was proposed to renew correspondence on the matter focusing on road safety. Robert wrote to Shane Rattenbury MLA and Pedal Power. Shane Rattenbury passed it to Andrew Braddock and Robert has also been in touch with Michael Petterson, both Petterson and Braddock have indicated they will follow it up. Response from Pedal Power has also been positive.

### e. “Christmas Park” event

Robert summarised correspondence between the VHDPA and ACT Govt about the Christmas Park event. During discussion about parking plans and events the request for booking the showground for the Christmas Park was mentioned. Robert has also contacted the organiser to ask what the charities are that the event is raising money for. Appears to be related to the Croation Church and their social fundraising. Robert checked the charitable status of the organisation and confirmed it is bona fide. No decision has been communicated to the VHDPA yet. Committee agreed that if the event is approved the VHDPA should write to the organiser about parking, bogging and noise issues.

f. Hall Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair is planned to occur on the 19<sup>th</sup> November, which is the earliest of the two dates proposed. Tony explained that arrangements have been made for off-street parking at the markets.

g. Christmas Carols

Christmas Carols are on the 10<sup>th</sup> December at the Pavilion. (The Combined Churches Choir was at the Remembrance Day event.)

h. Barton Highway Safety

Robert noted he received an email today – 16/11/22) - from Leanne Castley, MLA, regarding her correspondence with Chris Steel, MLA. Response is consistent with previous responses. Chris Steel's summation is that it is a national highway and the speed limit is appropriate. Committee noted that a next step could be a petition presented to the Assembly, however, the main stakeholders are located in NSW. Michael Pettersson offered that he could present a petition, if one eventuated.

i. ACT Property Group invoices

Phil raised discussion about ACT Property Group invoices which had not been paid yet. Committee noted that the invoices will be reviewed again after a response from Property Group.

j. Hall Together

There was general discussion about likely next steps. Committee noted that the Pavilion could be a meeting venue, given proximity to the Pony Club and Wood Choppers.

Next meeting 14 December.