



Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

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VHDPA Committee Ordinary Meeting #4 – DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting Date	15 February 2023
Location	Hall Museum and by ZOOM
Office Holders and Committee Present	Robert Yallop, Olga Minion, Tony Morris, Phil Robson, Peter Toet, Aaron Whittaker, Lee-Ann Brodrick, Ralph Southwell, Margaret Monahan and Tony Makkai (from item 4a)
Apologies	Jan Klaver

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

The President brought to the attention of Committee Members the contents of the VHDPA Handbook for Committee Members and stressed the importance of the values outlined in that document.

2. Notice of any conflicts of interests re agenda items.

None

3. General Business

- a. Approval of the previous Minutes
It was proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting of 14 December 2022 be accepted.
Changes requested – nil
Moved – Peter Toet
Seconded – Ralph Southwell
Passed unanimously

b. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer tabled the financial reports and noted that there was nothing unusual since the last meeting. The discrepancy of \$149.00 mentioned in the minutes of the previous meeting has been identified and rectified by the Auditor Michael Sinclair. The Pavilion is earning good income for the VDHPA. The Balance Sheet shows continued stability.

The Hall Rotary Club has made a donation of \$1000 to the VDHPA for the use of premises on the Hall School site, and the President will send of letter of appreciation to the current president of Hall Rotary for this contribution.

It was agreed that the Treasurer would investigate the possibility of a better rate of interest for the Term Deposit and report back to the Committee on his findings. It was proposed to accept the Treasurer's report and ratify transactions for January 2023.

Moved – Phil Robson

Seconded – Peter Toet

Passed unanimously

c. Actions

Meeting No	Action	Responsible	Description	Updates	Status
1	1	Peter Toet	Showground public toilets are leaking	Peter and Tony to assess and advise	Open
	2	R. Yallop	Use Google Drive and Drop Box for circulation of documents	Successful	Closed
	3	Peter Toet	Men's Shed bunting and close the gate sign	Successful	Closed

d. Correspondence

19/12/22	Cc	Steel/Petterson	Reply to representation re cycle path
4/1/23	IN	Vassraotti/Yallop	Heritage Council EOI
14/1/23	OUT	Yallop/Milligan MLA	Seeking update on stormwater
19/1/23	IN	Office of James Milligan/Yallop	Acknowledgement of correspondence re storm water update
5/2/23	IN	Canberra Phipps Close Branch Gallagher Insurance	Introducing Shay Malik as new broker
7/2/23	OUT	Yallop/Office of Andrew Braddock	Follow-up after on-site walk of bike path
7/2/23	IN	Canberra Model Railway Club Inc	Enquiry about showground

4. Reports of VHDPA Subcommittees

a. Hall Museum and Heritage Centre

It was reported that the Museum and Heritage Centre is going along well.

Ralph Southwell reported that the Southwell Family Society, whose documents and memorabilia are housed in the Hall Museum, has decided to wind up. Ralph, who has been the administrator of the Southwell Family Society for many years,

advised that the Society would be exploring ways to have the documents etc retained and managed. He expressed a desire that perhaps the Hall Museum and Heritage Centre together with Southwell Family Society, could come to a mutually suitable arrangement.

The Committee requested that any arrangement by the Heritage Centre with the Southwell Family Society be reviewed by the VHDPAC Committee, especially if any agreement relating to financial arrangements and maintenance of Parkwood Chapel are proposed.

Ralph will keep us updated as this progresses.

b. Hall Men's Shed

Men's Shed is going well with the usual range of activities. Aaron Whittaker has obtained some decking for use on the extension of the deck, however ACT Property Group requires additional information on the proposed works. This information is to be presented to Heritage and photos are required to be provided to Property Group. These requirements are being attended to.

c. Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage

It was reported that the mixer tap in the kitchen of the Pavilion had been replaced. This work was very successfully organized by Jan Klaver and Ken Heffernan. The Committee recognized the excellent and ongoing work and commitment by Jan and Ken in the management of facilities, and acknowledged the vital role that their management plays and the resultant benefits for the entire community.

It was noted that the Cottage has been occasionally leased for the purpose of commercial ventures, with commercial lessees charging attendance fees. Committee felt that it would be appropriate to discuss possible increased charges for commercial use of the Cottage. The Committee asked that the Facilities Group review the situation and determine an appropriate fee structure for "commercial" type activities.

At present the Cottage has no internet available. Apparently, this would be rectified if an internet provider were engaged to make a connection.

In May 2022 the Committee decided that all users of properties – Cottage, Pavilion, demountable, etc - be required to make a rental/ utilities contribution for their use of space. At the time, the demountable roof was leaking and it was determined that once the leak was repaired, the Dojo Martial Arts School will be required to make a contribution to offset the costs of their usage. Since the appropriate repairs have now been completed the Facilities Group will determine a fee for use and advise Dojo accordingly.

It was noted that the Hall Pre-school is not operating this year – no student enrolments.

5. Other Business

a. Wallaroo and Region Update

Toni Makkai reported that it is very quiet regarding the Solar Farm proposal and that Yass Council is taking time to determine the way forward.

The letter to Yass Council regarding the poor condition of the local roads was successful. Wallaroo Road has been repaired – both ACT and Yass Council jurisdictions. Toni was unsure about any repairs to Nanima or Spring Range Roads. Large trucks are still frequently using Wallaroo Road.

Concerns were raised regarding rumours of the closure of the Rural Store on Gladstone Street and the detrimental consequences that this may cause to the village and to the local community.

Wineries/vineyards in the Wallaroo area seem to be very busy and there is significant development in this area of tourism. There is a new winery/ restaurant development under construction at present.

b. Hall Reserve Planting Plan and Work Days

Aaron advised that the spraying and mowing work had been completed at the Hall Reserve and that all was ready for the working day on Sunday 19th February. The event has been advertised in the Rural Fringe, on the village Facebook page and on the community noticeboard. Danny Clynk and Aaron will be present on the day to direct the work. Hall Rotary will provide the BBQ for use to cook sausage sizzle lunch.

The second work day will be held on Sunday 26th March and this will involve the planting of shrubs.

c. Victoria Street Cycle Path

On 1st February Robert Yallop and Lee-Ann Brodrick met with Simon Copeland and Greg Berry, (both of Pedal Power) to walk the length of the path with the purpose of closely examining the cycle path. During this activity it was noted that the metal mesh of the bridges has already started to disintegrate resulting in a significant danger to users of the path should they fall on this surface. The many shortfalls of the current track were readily identified, particularly by Greg Berry as he was riding his bike on the track. Simon Copeland is meeting with Andrew Braddock, Member for Yerrabi shortly and he will be advocating for positive movement on this project.

d. VHDP Submission Draft Territory Plan – Gungahlin and Belconnen District

Committee members were provided with copies of the *Submission to the ACT Planning System Review and Reform Project, Draft Gungahlin District Strategy, from the VHDP*.

Robert outlined the recommendations relating to the five Big Drivers of this submission as documented in the Submission. All Committee Members support the recommendations on the Strategy as presented and expressed thanks to Robert Yallop and Jan Klaver for their excellent work on this significant document. The Submission will be sent to the ACT Minister for Planning Mr Gentleman as well as the 5 Yerrabi MLAs.

e. **ACT Budget Submission**

Committee members were provided with copies of the *Submission for ACT Budget FY 2024 to the Chief Minister and Treasurer from the VHDPA*. There are two main items outlined in this submission which require urgent attention and allocation of funds in the ACT Budget: storm water drainage infrastructure and formed cycle/ pedestrian path.

It was also suggested that perhaps there could be merit in checking whether there were Federal Government funds available for the cycle path project.

f. **NSW Transport Submission**

Committee members were provided with copies of the *Submission on the Draft South-East and Tablelands Regional Transport Plan from the VHDPA*.

It was noted that this was a wonderful opportunity to provide comment to this initiative given the sparsity of transport options for this region. It was suggested that the VHDPA support the proposal in the Transport Plan that a “cross-border” working group be established to further this work. All committee members happy for the submission to be lodged with the additional reference to the cross-border working group.

g. **Model Railway Club**

Correspondence was received from the Canberra Model Railway Club Inc seeking permission to construct a clubroom at the showground. It was agreed that it is inappropriate to facilitate this request and that the enquiry should be directed to the ACT Government from the Model Railway Club. Robert Yallop will draft a response suggesting this course of action.

h. **Rubbish on roadsides**

Toni Makkai noted that there is a large amount of rubbish along the local roads, as well as the Barton Highway.

Robert will investigate getting some ACT government action.

i. **New Draft Territory Plan**

Phil Robson noted that the New Draft Territory Plan focuses less on the planning rules and more on outcomes. He questioned whether this has the potential to affect the Hall School site.

Next meeting – Wednesday 15 March 2023

Meeting closed at 8.50pm