



Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

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2022/2023

VHDPA Committee Ordinary Meeting # 5 – Draft minutes

Meeting date	15 March 2023
Location	Hall Museum and by ZOOM
Office holders and committee present	Robert Yallop, Olga Minion, Jan Klaver, Phil Robson, Peter Toet, Tony Morris, Aaron Whittaker, Toni Makkai, Lee-ann Brodrick, Margaret Monahan; Ralph Southwell
Apologies	Ralph Southwell, Toni Makkai
Other Attendees invited	N/A

1. Welcome and introductions

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

2. Notice of any conflicts of interest re agenda items

Nil (Aaron mentioned that he and Robert may have a future interest in the Rural Fringe.)

3. General business

a. Approval of the previous Minutes

It was proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting of 15 February, 2023, be accepted.

Changes requested - nil

Moved- Peter Toet

Seconded – Tony Morris

Passed unanimously

b. Treasurer's report

Phil tabled the Treasurer's report. He noted the delay in reporting due to IT problems. It was proposed that the Treasurer's report be accepted and financial transactions ratified.

Moved- Phil

Seconded – Margaret

Passed unanimously

Moved- Phil

Seconded – Margaret
 Passed unanimously

c. Actions (see schedule below)

Open Actions:

Meeting 4	1	Facilities Sub committee	Investigate commercial use of the facilities by hirers	Update under Facilities item	open
	2	Yallop	Raise roadside rubbish issue with ACT Govt	Robert has raised a fix my street for the relevant area and phoned Access Canberra and asked them to follow up.	completed

d. Correspondence (see schedule below)

Committee noted the correspondence in and out. Committee noted the President may follow up issue of the Pavilion Lease with Michael Petterson, given there has not been any satisfactory response from the ACT Govt.

5	14/2/23	OUT	Yallop/Milligan MLA	Enquiry re update about stormwater
5	14/2/23	IN	Kaylee Doris, Office of James Milligan	Confirm no update received about stormwater
5	14/2/23	OUT	Yallop/Halpin	Query re Pavilion extension
5	16/2/23	OUT	Yallop	Submission Southeast Tablelands RTP
5	16/2/23	OUT	Yallop/Gentleman MLA	Submission Gungahlin District Strategy
5	16/2/23	OUT	Yallop/Morton	Redirect enquiry re model railway to ACT Govt

5	16/2/23	OUT	Yallop/Barr,Braddock,Castley,Milligan, Orr, Petterson	Bike path Victoria street
5	17/2/23	OUT	Yallop/ACTPG	Plans for deck extension - Headmaster's Cottage
5	17/2/23	IN	ACTPG	Confirming receipt of plans for deck - Headmaster's Cottage
5	17/2/23	OUT	Yallop/GCG	update re working bee in Reserve
5	17/2/23	OUT	Yallop/Rotary	Thankyou for contribution
5	17/2/23	IN	Office of Andrew Barr MLA	Acknowledge correspondence re bike path
5	21/2/23	IN	Southeast Tablelands RTP	Confirmation submission received
5	21/2/23	IN	Ginninderra Catchment Group	Confirming arrangesments for 26 March working bee
5	22/2/23	IN	Knights -Sport &Rec	Query electricity charge for Christmas Park
5	28/2/23	IN	Immonen	Use of photos on website
5	1/3/23	OUT	Yallop/Sophie Immonen	Use of photos on website
5	1/3/23	OUT	Yallop/Halpin	Enquiry re Pavilion lease
5	2/3/23	IN	Halpin , Sport & Rec	No update re Pavilion lease
5	3/3/23	OUT	Yallop/Castley, Milligan	Query re stormwater update
5	3/3/23	IN	Leanne Castley	Query update re stormwater
5	3/3/23	OUT	Yallop/Milligan MLA	Request for update re stormwater
5	5/3/23	OUT	Yallop/Knights	Confirming rationale for electricity - Christmas Park event
5	6/3/23	IN	ACTPG	Update re Headmaster's Cottage deck planning approval
5	6/3/23	IN	Kaylee Doris, Office of James Milligan	Confirming no response received from Min Steel regarding stormwater

5	9/3/23	IN	Jo Hall Editor	Rural Fringe impending handover
5	9/3/23	IN	ACTPG	Query security cameras at School site
5	10/3/23	OUT	Yallop/ACTPG	Confirm no security cameras at School site
5	10/3/23	IN	Kevin Stone	Rural Fringe

4. Reports of VHDPA Subcommittees

a. Hall Museum and Heritage Centre

Committee noted that the Southwell group are continuing to meet about the upcoming Heritage Festival activities. Grant application for upgrade of computer equipment has been received. Committee queried whether the application had been provided for review before submission. Action 5/1 Robert Yallop to check on IT grant documentation.

Tomorrow is the formal launch of the Heritage Festival, Phil will attend for the Museum. Committee noted that Tony has been approached by ABC Canberra for some info about Hall for the Sheepdog Trials.

b. Hall Mens' Shed

A lectern has been made for the Pavilion. Volunteers are assisting with the Sheepdog Trials. Hoping to get approval for the deck extension to the Cottage.

c. Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage

- DoJo use fee/ utility contribution

Action: 5/1 Facilities subcommittee to consider the Dojo class contribution for utilities

- Commercial use of the Cottage

Committee considered: Should the Cottage be offered for Commercial uses? And if so what should the rate be? Can we ensure we sight PL insurance for business activities? Can we also investigate parking?

Action: 5/2 Facilities subcommittee to look at Cottage commercial use, comparison with Strathnairn facilities to start with.

5. Other Business

a. Wallaroo and region update

Submission made on regional transport and copied to State member for Hume.

b. Hall Reserve Planting Day

Last work day on 19 Feb was very successful. Next working bee scheduled is scheduled for 26 March. Ginninderra Catchment Group will attend and provide catering and c.100 plants. Blackboard sign will be put up again. Will need to be advertised on Facebook as well.

c. Victoria Street Cycle Path

Robert noted Olga's comments by email listing issues with the trail. The Committee has liaised extensively with various MLAs. The trail preparation/repair is currently on the 'priority' list for the ACT govt work on paths and cycleways. Other possible action includes petitioning. Robert noted that at a General Meeting in November 2020, a request was raised from the floor about hardening the bike path surface and there was some concern expressed from the floor against the idea.. Committee noted that the current path is a trail and not a formed cyclepath, so to a certain extent people bear some responsibility for use.

d. Rural Fringe Team

Rural Fringe – update from Jo Hall

This note is to update the VHDPA Committee on the team of volunteers managing the *Rural Fringe* on behalf of the Association.

The first edition of the *Rural Fringe* was printed in February 1994, so we will be celebrating 30 years in February 2024! Over that time, the Fringe has had many editors and they have each carved out different roles.

I have been editor since December 2011, and I have also managed the Fringe finances and accounts since 2008. In the current model, Gail Condy does the layout of the Fringe, which is the bulk of the work, with Andrew Purdam (former editor) as our backup layout artist. Kevin Stone has been our proofreader for many years now. This team recently expanded to include Jenny Whittaker.

It is time for me to step back and pass on my editor, finance and accounts roles to Jenny, while remaining on the team in a 'roving editor' role, which I hope means contributing the occasional article and stepping in if needed when Jenny is away. With this in mind, Jenny 'shadowed' production of the December 2022 edition and edited the February 2023 edition, and will edit future editions. I plan to hand over the accounts to Jenny when I've finalised the advertising invoices for this financial year. The finances are in good shape, with a healthy reserve. We are taking a gradual approach to the handover to try and make it as seamless as possible for the team.

We are aware that the VHDPA endorses the appointment of the editor, so we wanted to advise you of our plan and make sure you are happy with it. In due course we will ask the Committee to formally endorse Jenny as Editor and also to change the signatories on the Rural Fringe bank account.

Committee noted an email from Kevin Stone, proofreader for the Rural Fringe:

Hello Jan.

I'd like to include my comments to the VHDPA Committee if I may.

Jo has been a mentor to me in relation to the Rural Fringe, and more importantly a good friend, who even when busy with all the activities she's involved in, always had time to sit down and chat about my suggested changes.

This was especially so during the time when I felt lost after my wife passed away seven years ago. I couldn't have, wouldn't have, kept on in my role as proofreader without Jo's wonderful personality and caring support.

I've always been proud to be a part of the Fringe team, with Jo as an extremely good editor for so many years.

And I'm confident that with her ongoing guidance, and Jenny as the new editor, the Fringe will continue to be a well read and important publication for Hall and the surrounding community.

Cheers.

Kevin Stone

Committee discussed the contribution made by the Rural Fringe Team as a whole and noted the forthcoming (2024) 30- year anniversary. Committee noted the trial arrangements underway and looked forward to finalising the arrangements at its next meeting in April.

Jan Klaver proposed that the Committee pass a vote of thanks and appreciation for Jo's work as editor.

Seconded: Peter Toet.

Passed unanimously.

- e. Better Regulation Taskforce – Changes to Model Rules for incorporated associations

Committee noted that the the ACT Better Regulation Taskforce has released a set of draft Model Rules for incorporated associations to review and consider.

Consultation open until 6 April, 2023. **Action: 5/3 Jan to review and prepare correspondence for the President to submit.**

The Taskforce has also sought feedback from associations on a proposed potential change to produce annual audited financial returns on request instead of the current six months after the end of the financial year.

Committee agreed that continuing to produce the reports is recommended for transparency.

- f. Graffiti at the School Site

Committee noted that there have been a number of instances of graffiti at the School site.

There are a number of different tags. The ACT PG customer relations team will be on site on

22 March. **Action: 5/4 Peter will raise the graffiti with that team.** Committee noted that members will have a look at the site to ensure areas are tidy.

g. 2023 meeting frequency

The Secretary raised meeting frequency for discussion. Peter Toet asked that meetings remain monthly. Committee agreed.

h. Dr Wilson Lo

Dr Wilson Lo, is a Sports medicine specialist who was formerly a GP at Hall surgery. Toward the end of last year, he enquired about premises in the Village and is now preparing to lease the former Barnett Lilley site - likely to open on 17 April. He is interested in talking with the Committee about how he can best contribute to the Hall community. Dr Lo will be invited to the 19 April Committee meeting.

i. Lease on School site

Committee noted that the peppercorn lease is still under review, however, it would be relevant to raise again with the Customer Relations team. **Action 5/5: Peter will follow up on the preschool building, including potential incorporation into the lease agreement.**

j. Changes to the Territory Plan

Phil Robson noted he has looked at the changes to the Territory Plan (merit track developments) and participated in an on-line meeting. Phil explained the community use of the school site which is a heritage listed site in a heritage listed village. Two ACT Govt attendees immediately responded that Heritage listing overrides the proposed merit based changes.

Robert noted he has looked at the Belconnen District Strategy. Main issue is the former CSIRO lands which abut Hall. While it is flagged in the strategy, it is a Commonwealth site and not subject to the strategy. **Action: 5/6 Committee noted that Robert will make a brief response focused on future development of the CSIRO site, protecting buffers up to Wallaroo Rd, buffers to the Hall Cemetery and recognition of rural character.**

k. Pony club renewal of sand arenas

Phil noted that the Pony Club mentioned on the community Facebook page their intention to renew the sand arenas. Committee expects that ACT Sport and Rec would have oversight.

Meeting closed at 8:42 pm

Next meeting 19 April