



## Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

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## VHDPA Committee Ordinary Meeting # 6 - Minutes

<b>Meeting date</b>	19 April 2023
<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, Ralph Southwell
<b>Apologies</b>	Margaret Monahan
<b>Other Attendees invited</b>	Dr Wilson Lo

### 1. Welcome and introductions

The President opened the meeting and welcomed attendees, including Dr Wilson Lo. 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

### 3. Introduction to Dr Wilson Lo

Robert introduced Dr Lo. Dr Lo mentioned his previous work as a GP in Hall with Phil Barraclough. After the closure of the Hall surgery by Phil Barraclough, Dr Lo established a Sports Medicine practice, currently working at the University of Canberra. Dr Lo has signed a 10-year lease on the former BLA premises in Victoria St and will open on 15 May. Dr Lo noted he is hoping to attract some GPs to the practice. The Committee noted the potential for establishment of the practice which would be able to prioritise services to Hall and district residents. The Committee suggested an introduction be placed in the Rural Fringe and on the Hall website.

### 4. General business

#### a. Approval of the previous Minutes

It was proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

Changes requested -

Moved- Peter Toet

Seconded – Phil Robson

Passed unanimously

b. Treasurer's report

Phil tabled the Treasurer's report. Phil noted that there was an increased activity relating to the Pavilion. It was proposed that the Treasurer's report be accepted, and financial transactions ratified. Overall, the net position has remained consistent. All income comes from the Pavilion, all other activities are costs. Costs are increasing, and our hire fees are very reasonable compared to other venues.

It was proposed to accept the reports.

Moved - Phil

Seconded – Tony Morris

Passed unanimously

It was proposed that transactions be ratified.

Moved - Phil Robson

Seconded - Tony Morris

Passed unanimously.

c. Actions (see schedule)

Open actions (see schedule below)

Meeting Number	Action Number	Responsible	Description	Updates	Status
Meeting 4	1	Facilities Sub committee	Investigate commercial use of the facilities by hirers		open
Meeting 5	1	Facilities Sub committee	Consider use fees for Demountable building		Open
	2	Facilities Sub committee	Consider commercial uses of the Cottage		Open
	3	Secretary	Correspondence re model rules	Sent	Closed
	4	Peter Toet	Discuss graffiti at school site with ACTPG at site visit	This was shown to ACTPG and when the lease is confirmed cameras could be	Closed

				placed on the site	
	5	Peter Toet	Discuss preschool with ACTPG at site visit	See item below	Close
	6	Yallop	Submission on Belconnen District Strategy	Closed before submission could be provided. Already mentioned in Ginninderra CSIRO proposal.	Closed

d. Correspondence (see schedule)

5. 6	16/3/23	OUT	Yallop/Castley, Milligan,	Hall Storm water Anaysis and Modelling
		OUT	Yallop/Crombie	Heritage Centre IT Grant
	17/3/23	IN	Parish of St Barnabas, St Michael & All Angels	Invitation to 75th Anniv celebrations on Sunday 21 May 2023
		IN	Katrina Morton	Enquiry re WIFI and Pizza Oven use
		OUT	Yallop/Morton	Response to enquiry
		IN	Fiona Spiers, GCG	Environment grant query
		OUT	Yallop/Spiers	Interim response to request for discussion
		IN	Australian Electoral Commission	Enquiry re use of Pavilion
		OUT	Klaver/AEC	response to enquiry by form
	18/3/23	OUT	Yallop/Petterson	Update re Pavilion lease - no response from ACT govt
	20/3/23	IN	Luis Gutierrez	Notification of increase in cleaning fee from \$150 to \$175

		IN	Emily McKenzie Kay - Canberra Nature School	enquiry about establishing new school
		OUT	Yallop/McKenzie- Kay	Response to enquiry
		OUT	Yallop/Spiers	Thanks for initiative to prepare an environment grant proposal for Hall
		IN	Pettersson	Response to letter and offer to raise issue with Yvette Berry
		OUT	Yallop/Pettersson	Thanks for assistance
		IN	Spiers	Query on mapping Environment grant
		OUT	Yallop	Response to query
	22/3/23	IN	Heritage Centre	IT grant documentation
	23/3/23	OUT	Avenall ACTPG	Thanks for site visit to Hall School Precinct
		IN	Harjinder	Oct 23 Khed mela event
	24/3/23	IN	Spiers	copy of draft grant
		OUT	Yallop	Acknowledgement and thanks
	27/3/23	OUT	Yallop/McLean TCCS	Update on Hall Reserve planting event
	28/3/23	IN	Spiers	Update that ACT Govt also supports their grant proposal
	29/3/23	IN	Howarth	IT grant docs for record
		OUT	Klaver/Howarth	Thanks and reminder about President/committee role re grants
	30/3/23	IN/OUT	ADSL account	change of ownership to current Committee
	1/4/23	IN	Crombie	Invoice for purchase of new wildcard SSI certificate
	3/4/23	OUT	Yallop/ACTPG	Enquiry re approval for decking at Cottage

	3/4/23	IN	Avenall/Yallop	Acknowledgement and confirmation that deck is approved
	3/4/23	OUT	Yallop/ACTPG	Thanks for assistance
	8/4/23	IN	Troth - Heritage Centre	enquiry re heritage grant applications
	14/4/23	IN	Pearson/Whittaker	Cottage Management
	14/4/23	OUT	Whittaker/Pearson	Will raise with Committee
	16/4/23	OUT	Yallop/Avenall	Thanks for arranging various repairs at Hall School site
		OUT	Yallop/Pettersson	Query re updates on lease status of Pavilion

Committee noted the correspondence received and there was general discussion about the electoral commission request and the RSVPs for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. Robert Yallop will attend as President.

Robert also noted previous discussions with the Reverend Malone about a lych gate on the church site and had advised relevant approvals would need to be in place.

#### 6. Reports of VHDPA Subcommittees

##### a. Hall Museum and Heritage Centre

- Electronic funds management

Committee noted that the Square application and device has been purchased and set up for use.

- Heritage Grant application

Phil noted that correspondence has gone to the Committee. One grant application will cover conservation, preservation, storage and materials. Phil noted that the National Library grant provided training for the Gillespie collection. Conservation materials have been delivered. Another application will be made for installation of block out blinds in the education areas. Committee noted that it supported the applications in-principle.

- Update on the Southwell Family Society and transfer of assets and activities to the Hall Heritage Centre

Ralph noted the wind-up is not imminent but seems likely. Ralph drafted an MOU but decided, ultimately, that would not be useful. Things needing to be considered include assets, chapel on private land and activities, and the family website (paid for three years in advance). The Southwell Society committee has decided to pursue handover of items/assets (with value) but not pursue maintenance of the chapel.

Robert noted that the Heritage Centre cannot make any undertakings in its own right, only the VHDPA can make decisions about undertakings, especially if there are financial commitments. Committee noted that such a proposal would need to be run past our Reviewer and be consistent with the VHDPA Association aims and objects before proceeding.

- Renewal of Hall School site lease

Robert summarised the current position. ACTPG representatives were quizzed at the recent site inspection. ACTPG is in a position to renew leases for a period of up to 2 years.

Discussion also covered the Preschool rooms, which are still managed by ACT education department and there is no indication that the property will be relinquished. Nonetheless, the VHDPa could express interest in the facility. Robert has emailed ACTPG to confirm interest in a 2 year lease and in the Preschool building.

b. Hall Men's Shed

Aaron noted that approval had been received and the deck was nearly finished and will be certified when completed. The Men's Shed will assist with the 75 year anniversary celebrations of St Michael & All Angels. The team are also continuing to assist with mulching gardens around the Shed and the preschool.

c. Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage

- Change to Cottage management

Committee noted that Bill Pearson wished to stop managing the Cottage. Committee noted its thanks for Bill's management of the facility. Aaron noted that the Men's Shed could pay for the use pro rata. Committee noted that the Facilities sub committee would meet and report back on a proposed management system for the Cottage. Action: 1/6

- Pavilion lease renewal

Robert reported that he had not received any response from ACT Sport and Rec regarding the lease renewal and had also raised this with Michael Petterson.

- Pavilion hire issue – Good Friday

Robert mentioned that a complaint was received about the Pavilion hire on Good Friday including removal of wood from the axeman's facility. Robert has been in touch with Sean O'Connor about the wood.

7. Other Business

a. Wallaroo and region update

Toni mentioned the solar array construction, a neighbouring property has received correspondence about compensation. Speeding on the Barton Highway continues to be an issue. There was general discussion about signage and whether there should be a warning about tailgating/queuing across the intersection. There was general discussion about European wasp infestations and Peter agreed to provide some information for the Rural Fringe.

b. Anzac Day Wreath

Committee agreed that a wreath should be purchased for Tuesday up to \$100 and Peter Toet will collect.

c. Ginninderra Catchment Authority grant application

Robert explained that the Committee was contacted by Fiona Spier, project officer of the Ginninderra Catchment Group, seeking views on preparation of an environment grant application. The Catchment Group had met with the Committee last year when they expressed concern about invasive species/weeds. Ultimately the Committee recommended that the project include preparation of a vegetation management plan for areas surrounding Hall and some minor expenditure for weed management. Committee understands that that the grant application was submitted and a letter of support was provided, conditional on consultation with the VHDPa before works are undertaken.

d. Hall Reserve update

Aaron noted that the project is going well. Some more assistance with spreading mulch would be welcomed. Committee noted that Robert wrote to ACT Parks to advise of the work undertaken.

e. Victoria Street Cycle Path update

Committee noted the recent article in Pedal Power about the need for cycleway connection to Hall.

f. Use of Demountable building – use charge

Committee noted this would be discussed by the Facilities subcommittee.

g. Punjabi Sports Association

Committee noted that Robert was contacted by the Punjabi sports Association about a future event in October, 2023. Robert and Tony met with a representative and explained how similar events are organized. Last year's event drew only from the Canberra region, it was the first event in a number of years and exceeded expectations with 3000 attendees (500 expected). Next event is planned for the October long weekend. (The organisers have been reminded that the first Sunday in October would coincide with the Hall markets.)

h. Other business – Heritage Centre proposal to reconfigure some areas of the school site.

Information to be circulated and discussed at next meeting. Committee noted that the Preschool is managed by ACT Education (Gold Creek School). The Committee noted that maintenance of the Preschool building had been raised with ACT Property Group at the site meeting recently.

Meeting concluded at 9:25