



Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

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VHDP Committee Ordinary Meeting #7 - MINUTES

Meeting Date	17 May 2023
Location	Hall Museum and by ZOOM
Office Holders and Committee Present	Robert Yallop, Olga Minion, Tony Morris, Aaron Whittaker, Lee-Ann Brodrick, Ralph Southwell, Margaret Monahan and Toni Makkai (via Zoom)
Apologies	Jan Klaver, Peter Toet, Phil Robson

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.

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

Toni Makkai - Item 5b – Submission to Yass Valley Shire re DA200091B

Ralph Southwell and **Tony Morris** – Item 5g – Transfer of items from Southwell Family Society

3. General Business

a. Approval of the previous Minutes

It was proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting of 19 April 2023 be accepted.

Changes requested – nil

Moved – Lee-Ann Brodrick

Seconded – Tony Morris

Passed unanimously

b. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was circulated at the meeting in the absence of Treasurer Phil Robson. There has been nothing unusual over the past month with all transactions being as expected. The Pavilion is consistently generating funds for the Association.

There was a request from Paul Howarth of the Hall Museum for assistance in purchasing equipment from Officeworks. The purchases are part of expenditure of Grant funds. Paul requires verification from the Committee that he is authorized to use the VHDPA account at Officeworks. The museum holds the Officeworks account and is approved to enable Paul to make the necessary purchases.

Accounts ratified: Approved by Tony Morris
Seconded by Lee-Ann Brodrick

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report Moved by Robert Yallop
Seconded by Aaron Whittaker

Passed unanimously by Committee

c. Actions

Meeting No	Action	Responsible	Description	Updates	Status
4	1	Facilities Sub-C'tee	Investigate commercial use of facilities by hirers		Open
5	1	Facilities Sub-C'tee	Consider use fees for demountable building		Open
	2	Facilities Sub-C'tee	Consider commercial uses of the Cottage		Open
6	1	Jan Klaver	Anzac Day Wreath		Closed

d. Correspondence

22/04/23	OUT	Yallop/Copland	Thanks for article in Pedal Power
24/04/23	IN	Kaylee Doris, Office of James Milligan	Update on stormwater issue
25/04/23	OUT	Yallop/Milligan	Thanks for update
26/04/23	IN/OUT	Yallop/Browning	Outline of HHC views on preschool
26/04/23	IN/OUT	Yallop/Browning	HHC and Southwell Family Collection
01/05/23	IN	Petterson	Enc copy of response from Yvette Berry re Pavilion Lease
08/05/23	OUT	Yallop/Copland	Follow-up re invitation to meeting
08/05/23	IN	Copland	Would be available for June meeting
09/05/23	OUT	Yallop/Copland	Agree to June meeting, note Hall cyclepath included in cycling infrastructure campaign
10/05/23	IN	Copland	Will send petition text soon
10/05/23	IN	Braddock	Recommend VHDPA to respond to Your Say on the proposed ACT cycling network
11/05/23	IN	Gentleman MLA	Acknowledgment of corro on Gungahlin District Strategy
11/05/23	IN	Paul Newall	DA in Yass Valley Shire

12/05/23	OUT	Michael Sinclair	Request advice re accepting Southwell proposal
14/05/23	OUT	Petterson	Copy of VHDP submission on the Active Travel Plan

4. Reports of VHDP Subcommittees

a. Hall Museum and Heritage Centre

Olga Minion reported that the Museum and Heritage Centre is going along well. The members had a big clean-up around the Museum site. There is also an internal clean-up being undertaken on the whole heritage site by independent contractors.

A stall was held by Museum members to sell cakes and goods at an Open Garden recently. The weekend stall raised \$1300.00 for the Museum. The electronic payment facility was used very successfully.

An information booklet regarding the Museum is being developed with the help of the National Trust. It is a work in progress.

Museum Membership Fees for the next financial year will remain unchanged.

“Heritage in a Suitcase” initiative by the Museum is going well. Schools have the opportunity to hire a suitcase which contains historical items and these items are used as the basis for a teacher to discuss times past. Several schools have visited the Museum’s interactive displays and these visits are very popular with students and teachers alike.

b. Hall Men’s Shed

Construction of the new deck at the Cottage has been completed and work on stairs to the deck is underway. Men’s Shed members have helped with a clean-up of the St Michael’s Church grounds in preparation for the 75th Anniversary celebrations on 21 May 2023.

The funeral for member John Wiseman was well-attended by Men’s Shed members.

Some members are making cheese boards from recycled timber and these are being sold at Daughters of Hall. This has been another successful venture for the Men’s Shed.

It was mentioned that the pathway which runs through the school grounds, from Palmer Street to Victoria Street is being used more frequently as a “drive through”. It was suggested that a lock be placed on the Victoria Street gate to stop this activity.

c. Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage

The Pavilion is running smoothly and continues to have strong bookings with strong forward bookings. Bill and Andie Pearson have now resigned from the management of the Cottage. The Committee expressed gratitude for the work done by Bill and Andie for the Cottage.

5. Other Business

a. Wallaroo and Region Update

. Concern was again expressed regarding the dumping of fill from the ACT onto sites in the Wallaroo area. Main issues are the constant and numerous truck movements along roads and the resultant road damage, danger to locals, and the very probable contamination of watercourses in the Wallaroo region.

. Toni Makkai made the suggestion that Hall Village, together with surrounding rural areas, could perhaps create an "Open Garden" event to attract visitors to our region. This could be a positive thing for local businesses and also as a promotion for our region.

. Wallaroo Fire Brigade recently held a family evening to prepare for the growth season and to discuss fire safety issues.

. It was noted that there is no recycling transfer station facility in the Wallaroo area. Those wishing to use such a facility must take their recycling to either Murrumbateman or into the ACT. Would it be worth raising this with the Yass Valley Council for consideration of such a facility in the future? Toni will seek feedback from Wallaroo residents.

b. Submission to Yass Valley Shire DA200091B

Conflict of interest – Toni's Zoom connection was muted for this item

Concerns were raised regarding the DA to Yass Valley Council which involves a large amount of fill being disposed of in the Wallaroo region and also the removal of a significant number of mature trees. This DA would require heavy vehicle movement along Wallaroo Road and safety and traffic issues associated with such movement. Issues were also raised relating to the integrity of the proposed fill and the likely contaminants contained in such.

Robert will draft a submission to Yass Valley Council.

Toni Makkai will not be copied into VHDPa correspondence on this matter.

c. Victoria Street Cycle Path Update

Correspondence received from Simon Copland of Pedal Power confirms that Pedal Power is developing a campaign to promote the Active Travel Plan. Simon advises that the Victoria Street cycle path will be part of this initiative. Committee agreed that it is appropriate to add signatures to the petition on behalf of the VHDPa. It was agreed that Robert would prepare a media statement to release concurrently with the release of Pedal Power's Active Travel proposal.

Simon Copland has accepted an invitation to attend the VHDPa June meeting .

d. Hall Heritage Centre – Future Use of Pre-School Buildings and Playground

Hall Heritage Centre would like to use the Pre-School building to house the Southwell collection. At present the Pre-School building is under the management of the Education Department. If the building is released to the VDHPa, all possible uses will then be investigated.

e. Rugby Club

Shaun O'Connor mentioned to Robert Yallop that there was positive movement for the rejuvenation of the Hall Ball. 29th July was suggested by Shaun as a possible date. This would depend on whether there were any previous bookings for that date. The VHDPAs would not charge the Rugby Club for the use of the Pavilion for such an event.

f. Leases on Facilities – Pavilion and School Site

Robert Yallop advised that the process of renewal for the Pavilion and school site is still underway.

g. Transfer of Items from Southwell Family Society

Conflict of Interest – Ralph Southwell and Tony Morris – both left the room during this item

The Committee agreed to the items of an Undertaking to the Southwell Family Society on the transfer of surplus assets on the winding up of the Society:

The Committee noted the advice from VHDPAs Reviewer, Michael Sinclair, that the transfer did not present any concerns, but that the VHDPAs should receive a copy of both the last audited financial statements of the Southwell Family Society and the final audited accounts.

The Committee requested that the President seek advice from a solicitor on the transfer of surplus assets from the Southwell Family Society to the VHDPAs.

h. Termination of Starr Lease of Kinlyside

Ralph Southwell advised the Committee that Craig Starr has received notification from the ACT Government to terminate the lease on Kinlyside.

The Committee reiterated its concern on the termination of the lease and requested that the President write to Minister Gentleman expressing that concern.

Next meeting – Wednesday 21 June 2023

Meeting closed at 8.50pm