



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

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2022/2023

## **VHDPA Committee Ordinary Meeting # 9 - Minutes**

<b>Meeting date</b>	19 July 2023
<b>Location</b>	Hall Museum and by ZOOM
<b>Office holders and committee present</b>	Robert Yallop, Olga Minion, Jan Klaver, Peter Toet, Tony Morris, Toni Makkai, Lee-ann Brodrick, Margaret Monahan, Ralph Southwell
<b>Apologies</b>	Phil Robson, Aaron Whittaker
<b>Other Attendees invited</b>	

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 interest re agenda items

Nil

3. General business

a. Approval of the previous Minutes

It was proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting of 21 June be accepted.

Changes requested – nil

Moved – Tony Morris

Seconded – Peter Toet

Passed unanimously

b. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer's Report was considered by the Committee, Phil Robson was unable to attend the meeting. Committee noted there has been nothing unusual over the past month with all transactions being as expected. The President noted that the surplus Southwell Family assets have been transferred and there is a provision for \$15 000 to be held for a period of up to 10 years towards maintenance of the Parkwood Chapel.

Transactions approved:

Moved by – Tony Morros

Seconded by – Marg Monahan

Passed unanimously

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report:

Moved by Tony Morris

Seconded by Marg Monahan

Passed unanimously

c. Actions

**Open action:**

Meeting 4 – 1 - Report from the facilities subcommittee – discussion under 4.c.

d. Correspondence

Date	In	Out	With	Subject
22-Jun-23	X		Chris Doyle (Sp & Rec)	Site assessment of all assets that are at Hall
22-Jun-23	X		James Milligan	Cycle Path
22-Jun-23	X		Jeremy Knox YVC	Wallaroo dumping DA being reviewed
22-Jun-23		X	Wendy Tuckeman	Feral animals in Wallaroo
22-Jun-23		X	Kristy McBain	Feral animals in Wallaroo
23-Jun-23	X		Leanne Castley	Cycle Path
29-Jun-23	X		Wendy Tuckeman	Feral animals in Wallaroo
04-Jul-23		X	Lambert, Steel & MLAs	Storm water
05-Jul-23	X		Jo Hall,	Rural Fringe
07-Jul-23		X	ACT Prop Group	CCTV at school site
11-Jul-23	X		ACT Prop Group	CCTV at school site
13-Jul-23		X	Lambert, Steel & MLAs	Storm water

The President provided further update on stormwater issues which will be raised in ACT Govt Estimates. PP194-195 there is specific provision for Hall stormwater. Committee noted that there is need to further follow up with correspondents. Related funds would need to be matched from Commonwealth Disaster Ready Funding.

4. Reports of VHDPA Subcommittees

a. Hall Museum and Heritage Centre

Ralph reported that it has been business as usual. A planning meeting is scheduled for August. Band concert is planned – meeting to be held tomorrow. In terms of sponsorship, Dr Lo (Bruce Clinic) has offered \$1500 and Ray White (Southwell) has donated \$500. (Previously \$5000 was provided by the major sponsor BLA who have since ceased business, the Museum will continue to look for further sponsors.) The President noted that the Bruce Clinic will have an opening ceremony on 19 August tbc.

b. Hall Mens' Shed

The President attended the bbq last week. New deck and railings were in commission. The deck is free standing – not attached to the Cottage as per instructions from Property Group.

c. Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage

The subcommittee met on 22 May.

We discussed the handover of the Cottage to the committee for management. Margaret Monahan offered to manage Cottage bookings until August, and clean the rooms on Thursday afternoons. We were unable to get a handover of the gmail account from Bill as it was created

under his personal Google account. We have decided to use the Pavilion contact email for enquiries – and the website has been updated.

We recommended that the Cottage continue to be made available gratis to local groups and individuals. Commercial uses should continue to be charged at the current fees.

There are some groups who have repeat bookings over a weekend – meditational practice, felters, spiritual meditation group. Most people pay by direct transfer on the day.

Margaret can look after it again from mid October – cleaning takes about 30 mins.

The Pavilion is running well, however the booking email system needs attention. Currently the emails are relayed by our internet provider – Chirp. Many systems no longer allow relayed emails to be received. As a result we receive a lot of queries about bookings as the emails have been blocked. Duncan recommended that the VHDPA sets up a Google business (non profit account) for the emails.

Committee noted that Pavilion heater service and maintenance has been booked for Friday 21 July by a local firm – NGW Group. The cost is estimated to be \$225 plus \$99 per heater. (As of 17 July 4 heaters were out of order, 3 additional since 14 July.)

Committee noted that Robert will clean until Margaret returns and Jan will handle bookings - Jan to clean on 10 August.

Committee noted that the subcommittee did not resolve the issue of the Dojo use of the school building. Action 9-1 - Peter Toet agreed to discuss it with the Dojo operator. The Committee agreed that the DoJo be charged \$1,000 per year to cover the costs of occupation of the demountable.

## 5. Other Business

### a. Wallaroo and region update

Nothing new to report – letters went out about feral animals and weeds. Deer continue to be observed on Wallaroo Road. The Solar array proposal consultation has closed, Yass Council has raised concerns.

### b. School site security

The Committee noted the article circulated earlier about the Kangaroo Valley (NSW) museum burglary and that the President has raised the potential security concern with ACT Property Group. The President noted Phil Robson suggestion to consider internal CCTV and new locks. Tony Morris noted that we originally had internal camera surveillance which could possibly be reinstated. Tony noted there were deadlocks on the doors originally, however, if a door was left opened there was a unit charge of \$360 from ACT Property Group to have a locksmith attend, which proved costly. Tony noted that the Kangaroo Valley Museum is remotely located, unlike the Hall Museum which is located near to residences. The Museum is also very cautious about advertising open/closed times to not draw attention to the presence of valuable items. There was general discussion about locks, including whether electronic locks could be installed. Committee noted that ACT PG and the Fire Brigade need to retain keyed access. The Committee recommended that the Museum consider reinstatement of the internal CCTV and any other measures which would only apply to the Museum and will be at the cost of the Museum (not VHDPA general funds).

### c. Ginninderra Catchment Authority – Grant

Committee noted that some members will meet with the Ginninderra Catchment Group on Friday 21 July at 11.30 at the Museum, to discuss implementation of the grant for a vegetation conservation management plan for the village.

### d. Rural Fringe Report provided by Jo Hall.

Committee noted the report provided by Jo Hall.

It was proposed that Jenny Whittaker be formally endorsed as Editor of the Rural Fringe.

Moved – Marg Monahan

Seconded – Ralph Southwell

Passed unanimously

Committee was asked to note that Jenny will also take on the financial management of the Fringe. Committee deferred consideration of the bank signatories until the VHDPA AGM.

Committee noted that the accounts had been reconciled and the Rural Fringe accounts were in a strong position, with a current balance in excess of \$10,000.

Committee appreciated the enormous effort that Jo has put into the Rural Fringe over many years, to great community benefit.

Dear Committee,

#### **Rural Fringe**

I updated you in March on our plans to change some of the roles in the Rural Fringe team of volunteers. This note is to ask the Committee to:

1. Formally endorse Jenny Whittaker as the Editor of the Rural Fringe.
2. Note that Jenny will also be taking on the accounts role from this financial year.
3. Change the signatories on the Rural Fringe Bank Account. Two signatures are required and the current signatories are Tony Morris, Peter Toet, John Starr and myself. Please do not make the change until after the middle of August, so that I can arrange payment of the August Fringe expenses while Jenny is away.

I have reconciled the accounts for 2022-2023 and will deliver the cash book and receipts to treasurer Phil for the regular annual review/audit. There is a healthy balance of \$10,236.33 in the bank account. This good result is largely a result of an improved price for printing negotiated with Instant Colour Press last year. An unexpected expense of \$450 for laptop repairs was easily able to be accommodated. It should be noted that the Rural Fringe laptop was purchased in September 2014 and, although the repair company assured us it is in good shape, it may be due for renewal in the coming few years.

For the record I have compiled the following summary of the finances of the Rural Fringe since 2005:

#### **History of Rural Fringe Finances since 2005**

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Opening balance</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Editor</b>
2005-06	607.00	3,732.78	2,928.73	(Anna Sheargold accounts)	Andrew Purdam
2006-07	1,411.05	7,357.99	7,624.78		Rhian Williams
2007-08	1,144.26	7,578.37	7,539.36		
2008-09	1,183.27	7,647.52	5,654.15	(Jo accounts)	Allyson Wedrat
2009-10	3,176.64	4,679.58	3,900.95		Lee Corrigan (Apr 2010)
2010-11	3,955.27	7,245.57	8,364.69		
2011-12	2,836.15	11,164.98	8,900.30		Jo Hall (Dec 2011)
2012-13	5,100.83	7,663.37	4,075.70	(Restructured advertising sizes)	
2013-14	8,688.50	7,575.28	6,052.90		
2014-15	9,399.55	7,488.91	9,102.10	(laptop purchase Sep 2014)	
2015-16	7,786.36	10,573.51	8,127.33		
2016-17	10,232.54	18,394.84	17,872.05	(Gold Creek Station event)	
2017-18	10,755.33	12,121.60	10,386.30	(Introduced colour ads)	
2018-19	12,490.63	12,165.00	11,058.33		
2019-20	13,597.30	5,748.00	12,069.66	(COVID-19 subsidy to advertisers)	

2020-21	7,275.64	11,780.00	12,078.19	
2021-22	6,477.45	11,952.00	11,021.99	(Printing costs renegotiated, Men's Shed deliveries started Feb 2022)
2022-23	7,407.46	13,368.00	10,539.13	Jenny Whittaker (Feb 2023)
2023-24	10,236.33			(Jenny accounts)

*I will remain on the Rural Fringe team as 'roving editor' as previously advised.*

*Kind regards*

**Jo Hall**

**e. Sheep Dog Trials**

Ralph noted that feedback received from spectators of the 2023 Sheep Dog Trials had raised concern about shade and the stands.

The meeting ended at 8:25pm