



Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

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2022/2023

VHDPA Committee Ordinary Meeting # 10 - Minutes

Meeting date	23 August 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, , Ralph Southwell
Apologies	Margaret Monahan
Other Attendees invited	Simon Copland, Pedal Power

1. Welcome and introductions

The President opened the meeting and welcomed attendees, including guest, Simon Copland. 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 raised.

3. Welcome to Simon Copland, Pedal Power

Robert thanked Simon for his interest in the Hall missing cycle and pedestrian link and advocacy via Pedal Power. Robert noted that the Committee is still waiting for a response from the Minister, asking for clarification if the Hall works were included in the current transport implementation plan.

Simon flagged Pedal Power's current campaign launched in June 2023, relating to building and upgrading Canberra's cycling network, relevant to Hall. Pedal Power see some potential in making campaigns more localised, for example a Hall petition for tabling in the Legislative Assembly. Simon indicated willingness to continue discussions with the Hall community.

Simon left the meeting at 7.35 pm

Committee noted that the Hall VHDPA has joined with the existing petition that will be presented by Pedal Power soon.

4. General business

a. Approval of the previous Minutes

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

Changes requested – nil

Moved – Peter Toet

Seconded – Tony Morris

Passed unanimously

b. Treasurer's report

Committee noted that the usual transactions report is held over, in order that the Treasurer can continue preparing for the 2023 Annual Return. In the interim, the Treasurer noted that a summary is available and it shows transfer of the Southwell funds to the Museum accounts. No issues were observed.

Phil plans to have the accounts ready by the coming weekend. Committee discussed the feasibility of meeting again on 11 September, with a proposed AGM on 20 September. However, it was decided to continue financial report preparations but schedule the AGM for 18 October, 2023.

Committee noted that the date will be readvertised in the Fringe, added to the website, and a series of emails will be sent to members about the AGM (and lapsed members, inviting them to rejoin). The 18 October date also allows plenty of time for the statutory notification period. Nominations for Committee would therefore be required by noon, Monday 16 October.

c. Actions (see schedule)

Meeting 9 – Action 1 – Peter Toet to discuss payment of c. \$1000 per annum for use of the demountable building with the Dojo operator.

Peter reported that the Dojo operator has agreed to pay \$30 monthly by direct deposit.

d. Correspondence (see schedule)

Committee noted the correspondence received and sent.

Date	In	Out	With	Subject
30-Jul-23	X		Rosemary Blemings	Wind damage around Hall
31-Jul-23		X	Rosemary Blemings	Wind damage around Hall
31-Jul-23	X		ACT Prop Group	School site signage
01-Aug-23		X	ACT Prop Group	School site signage
01-Aug-23		X	Jacob Keed Parks	Damaged park mural
01-Aug-23	X		Brian Bathgate Parks	Damaged park mural
01-Aug-23		X	Brian Bathgate Parks	Damaged park mural
07-Aug-23	X		Simon Copland	Delivery of Pedal Power Petition
08-Aug-23		X	Michael Sinclair	Annual Review and AGM
11-Aug-23	X		Wendy Tuckerman	Feral Animal response from Tara Moriarty
11-Aug-23	X		Michael Sinclair	Annual Review and AGM
14-Aug-23		X	Castley & Milligan	Storm water
14-Aug-23		X	Braddock	Cycle Path
14-Aug-23		X	Pettersson	Cycle Path
14-Aug-23	X		James Milligan	Storm water
15-Aug-23	X		Pettersson	Cycle Path
15-Aug-23		X	Hall residents etc	Storm water
15-Aug-23	X		Hugh Watson	Storm water

15-Aug-23	X		Ben Robinson	Storm water
16-Aug-23	X		Paul Porteous	Storm water
16-Aug-23	X		Matthew Herbert	Storm water
16-Aug-23		X	Jarrold Rűch	Management Plan meeting follow up
16-Aug-23	X		Jarrold Rűch	Management Plan meeting notes
17-Aug-23		X	Jarrold Rűch	Management Plan meeting notes edits

Robert noted a further item – i.e. he has sent out an invitation to each of the Yerrabi MLAs, Local member for Fenner and the 2 ACT Senators to ‘Brass on the Grass’. Milligan and Braddock have accepted. Committee asked the Museum to invite Rebecca Vassarotti, and it was additionally agreed that Robert should invite Minister Steel.

5. Reports of VHDPA Subcommittees

a. Hall Museum and Heritage Centre

Ralph reported there had been a management meeting about the various collections, education program, and related needs for IT, property management, visitor experience, finance etc. Subgroups have been established for the collections and various logistical activities. Ralph also raised the possibility of developing a conservation plan for the School Site and Pavilion. Committee agreed that investigation into sourcing funds for development of a plan/s would be worthwhile.

Committee noted that the Gillespie collection has been assessed and has received another grant for preservation. (Robert noted he has signed the deed for the blinds but has not seen the deed for the preservation works. Phil will follow up.)

b. Hall Mens’ Shed

Men’s Shed AGM is tomorrow. Robert noted he would attend.

c. Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage

Committee noted that the Hall Christmas Fair is scheduled for 25 November and that the Pavilion and electrical supply was provided previously by the VHDPA at no charge. Committee noted that the booking across Friday and Saturday would represent a contribution of \$785 plus utilities.

It was proposed to sponsor the Fair with provision of free facilities.

Moved - Robert Yallop

Seconded - Aaron Whittaker

Passed unanimously.

Peter noted that he had placed rodent baits in the Pavilion, and had arranged works for the Cottage toilet drainage.

Committee noted that a refund was issued to a hirer who was unable to use the oven, and that the cleaner has been reminded that cleaning the oven interior is included in the service agreement.

Committee noted an enquiry had been received from the ACT Scent dogs for an annual event in May 2024 (as yet unconfirmed).

6. Other Business

a. Wallaroo and region update

Toni noted there was nil new to report.

b. AGM arrangements and timing

AGM set for 18 October - see discussion above.

c. Committee and office bearers nominations

These will be due by noon on 16 October.

d. Wallaroo Feral animals – Feral Fighters program Yass Land Services

Robert noted the above program and asked Toni if it needed to be communicated to the Wallaroo community. It was unclear if there is an existing program group operating in the Wallaroo area, so, Robert will contact the officer nominated in the correspondence to ask.

e. Feral and hunting cats in Hall;

Committee noted that the agenda item was raised by a local resident, concerned about roaming cats and predation on native species. Committee noted the current ACT Govt cat containment agenda, and concluded that cats found roaming may be trapped by private residents and taken to the RSPCA. Traps can also be hired from the RSPCA for a nominal fee.

f. Hall Reserve;

A further working bee is planned for 23 September, mainly to spread some further mulch. Committee will ask the Catchment Group for some replacement tree guards.

g. Halls Creek and Open Spaces Management Plan GCG;

Robert reported on the public meeting. Committee noted the summary of the meeting prepared by Jarrod Ruch which Robert circulated. It was noted there were some inaccuracies in the summary, eg. horses escaping from the horse paddocks and entering Halls Creek.

h. Hall Automotive concerns;

Committee noted the Presidents has received concerns expressed by local residents about vehicles brought into Hall for repairs, which are then stored and/or occupy parking areas, including the verge areas along the Victoria Street reserve. Committee noted that Robert will approach the business and advise of the concerns raised with the VHDPA about parking and pedestrian and traffic safety.

i. IT infrastructure for Hall Cottage VHDPA Committee meetings.

The Museum received a grant earlier in 2013 for IT equipment. Paul Howarth has identified some equipment that can link internet to the Cottage so that VHDPA meetings can resume there. A new bracket for the TV screen needs to be installed, with a camera suited to meetings.

Committee proposed expenditure of funds to install the internet link from the school building to the Cottage, purchase and install a new screen bracket and camera for the Cottage.

Moved Robert Yallop

Seconded Ralph Southwell

Passed unanimously.

j. Referendum Polling Booth

Committee noted the possible referendum date of 14 October, however, the Pavilion was already booked. Potentially the Museum could be used.

Next meeting 20 September.