



Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

VHDPA Inc.

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President: Robert Yallop.

2023/2024

VHDPA Committee Ordinary Meeting # 1 - Minutes

Meeting date	15 November 2023
Location	Senior's Kiosk and by ZOOM
Office holders and committee Present	Lee-Ann Brodrick, Tony Morris, Phil Robson, Ralph Southwell, Peter Toet, Aaron Whittaker, Robert Yallop
Apologies	Jan Klaver, Toni Makkai, Margaret Monahan,
Other Attendees invited	Judy Roberts, Greg Palethorpe

1. Welcome and introduction

The President, Robert Yallop, opened the meeting acknowledging the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, and paying respects to their elders past, present and emerging.

2. Notice of any conflicts of interest re agenda items

No conflicts of interest were identified.

3. General business

a. Approval of the Minutes of 20 September

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 20 September were approved.

Moved Peter Toet

Seconded Aaron Whittaker

Agreed unanimously

b. Approval of Minutes of 10 October

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 10 October were approved.

Moved Phil Robson

Seconded Tony Morris

Agreed unanimously

c. Provisional approval of AGM Minutes of 18 October

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 18 October were provisionally approved by the Committee pending ratification at the next General Meeting.

Moved Tony Morris

Seconded Ralph Southwell
Agreed unanimously

- d. Treasurer's reports – meeting October & November
The Treasurer, Phil Robson, presented the Financial Reports for October and November and all Financial Transactions from mid-September to 13 November.
Financial Reports for October and November were accepted.
Moved Phil Robson
Seconded Aaron Whittaker
Agreed unanimously
Financial Transaction from mid-September to 13 November were approved.
Moved Phil Robson
Seconded Tony Morris
Agreed unanimously
 - e. Actions (see schedule)
The committee noted that all Actions have been completed.
 - f. Correspondence
Correspondence was noted.
4. Reports of VHDP A Subcommittees
- a. Hall Heritage Centre
Heritage Centre has had a major clean and storage areas are being cleared out and rationalized.
Eric Martin & Assoc, Heritage Architects, have done an inspection for a Conservation Report for the ACT Government.
Brass Band Concert held in early October was a success.
 - b. Hall Men's Shed
Rod Roberts of the "Computing for Seniors" program of the VHDP A gave a talk to the Men's shed on digital power of attorney. The Men's shed also had a talk on the "Men's Table" program.
 - c. Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage
Bookings are continuing.
5. Other Business
- a. Judy Roberts Barton Hwy speed limit
Judy Roberts again raised concerns over the danger of the Wallaroo rd, Gladstone St, Barton Hwy intersection and the current 100kph speed limit. It was noted that the VHDP A Committee had undertaken multiple submissions and significant advocacy with the ACT Government (TCS Minister Steel) and other groups over the last 2 years with no success. It was agreed that the VHDP A will sponsor a petition to be presented to both the ACT Government and the Member for Eden-Monaro (Minister for Territories) Kirsty McBain. Judy Roberts will be the primary driver for

the petition, particularly with Wallaroo residents and businesses using a form created by the VHDPAC Committee.

Action: Robert Yallop prepare a draft petition for endorsement by the VHDPAC Committee.

- b. Greg Palethorpe – land resumption for cemetery expansion
Greg Palethorpe informed the Committee of a recent development in relation to the farm lease for Farmer Brown's Free-Range Eggs that Canberra Memorial Parks (CMP who are responsible for Hall Cemetery) due to community interest from 27 individuals wishing to be buried at the Hall cemetery need to expand the current area of the cemetery. CMP need to take some of the farmland adjacent to the cemetery. The proposed expansion will effectively render approximately 30% of the current area used for hen rotation unusable with the flow-on effect of this will be that the rest periods for the remaining rotation areas (cells) will be reduced significantly, so much so that it will not be possible to practice regenerative farming on the property.

The Committee recommended that Greg immediately contact the Rural Fringe and prepare an article for the upcoming December edition (due now), outlining the situation and asking those interested to contact him

Pending the situation, the VHDPAC Committee will write to the responsible Minister supporting a solution that protects the Farmer Brown property.

- c. Wallaroo and region update
Barton Hwy speed already discussed.
- d. Casual Committee Vacancy
The Committee noted a Casual Vacancy on the Committee and will consider whether or not to fill the vacancy.
- e. Halls Creek and Open Spaces Management Plan GCG
Jarrod Ruch who was developing the Open Spaces management Plan has left Ginninderra Catchment group for a new position in the ACT Government. Robert Yallop has asked Kat McGlip of GCG to send all current documentation prepared by Jarrod Ruch.
- f. VHDPAC Charitable Status
The Committee recognised that the FY 2023 total income of the VHDPAC was \$134,000 which is very near the threshold requiring GST registration. With GST registration, the VHDPAC should seek Charitable Status.

Phil Robson has begun to prepare the on-line ACNC form to apply for Charitable status (DGR). Robert Yallop will review the documentation.

The Committee agreed to proceed with Charitable registration.

- g. VHDPA email system
The current email system of the VHDPA that is managed by Chirp with the VHDPA website is no longer fit-for-purpose, particularly with the Pavilion booking system and automatic communications for payments, deposits, booking, etc. Chirp has recommended that the VHDPA subscribe to a propriety provider such as Google that Chirp will then link to the website and automated functions such as Pavilion bookings. Any propriety provider will attract a cost linked to the number of users.

Subject to some questions such as the continuation of museum@hall.act.au, the Committee agreed for Robert Yallop to make appropriate arrangements with related costs.

Moved Robert Yallop
Seconded Aaron Whittaker
Agreed unanimously

Action: Robert Yallop proceed with the establishment of a propriety provider and arrangements with Chirp.

- h. Christmas Fair
Zina Richardson is proceeding with arrangements for the Christmas Fair. The VHDPA Committee will be supporting the Fair through provision of the Hall pavilion and site utilities without cost.

Volunteers are needed for parking, entry donation collection, etc. Notice will be put on the Hall website.

- i. School site signage
After various inappropriate proposals from ACT Roads about school site signage, it has been decided that the VHDPA will have a wooden sign designed by Gail Condy and produced by the hall Men's Shed identifying "Hall Community Precinct". Small plaques can be attached for Heritage Centre, Men's Shed, etc.

- j. Showground – dogs, security, etc
There have been burglaries affecting the Axemen's Club, Pony Club and Sheep Dog Trial facilities at the Showground. Some have proposed closing the access gate to the area, which would require action by ACT Sport & Rec.

Action: Robert Yallop will contact ACT Sport & Rec to see what can be done.

- k. Leanne Castley – Libs Suburbs Initiative
Leanne Castley has contacted the VHDPA Committee advising of the ACT Liberal Party proposal, if elected, ***Putting Your Suburb First*** policy which will invest \$100 million back into the suburbs of Canberra and requesting suggestions of a community project that we would like to see in our suburb.

Action: Robert Yallop will contact Leanne Castley advising that we will give this consideration and respond in the new year.

Next Meeting:
The next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 December.