



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

VHDPA Inc.
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President: Robert Yallop.

2023/24	21 Feb 2024	Meeting #3	Minutes
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Office holders and committee present	Robert Yallop, Jan Klaver, Phil Robson, Aaron Whittaker, Toni Makkai, Tony Morris, Lee-Ann Brodrick, Margaret Monahan; Ralph Southwell
Apologies	Peter Toet

Item Topic
No

- 1 **Welcome and Introduction** The President welcomed attendees opened the meeting, acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we met, and paid respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.
- 2 **Conflict of Interest** No conflicts of interest were identified.
- 3 **General Business**
 - a Approval of the previous minutes of 13 December 2023

Motion proposed	To accept the previous minutes.
Moved	Aaron Whittaker
Seconded	Marg Monahan
Outcome	Agreed unanimously
 - b Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the Financial Reports and all financial transactions for January, passing on Michael Sinclair's regards. The Treasurer noted that income remains steady, mainly from the Pavilion and Cottage and is managing to cover costs of the VHDPA's activities.

Energy costs are notably high, gas and electricity, mowing costs are high (\$700 per session).

Committee noted that the VHDPA is paying for utilities for a range of community activities that use the whole sports ground area – pony club, axemen's club, etc. Committee agreed that the VHDPA's intention is to support community activities, including via operating the Pavilion for events.

Robert asked about the donation received from St Barnabas'. Phil explained it was a donation to support the Men's Shed.

Motion proposed To accept the interim financial report.
 Moved Phil Robson
 Seconded Aaron Whittaker
 Outcome Agreed unanimously
 Motion proposed To accept the financial transactions made for the period of the financial report
 Moved Phil Robson
 Seconded Tony Morris
 Outcome Agreed unanimously

c Actions

Barton Highway speed and safety Committee noted that Robert had drafted and sent out correspondence to 2618 residents regarding a possible petition to reduce the Barton Highway speed limit.

CHIRP internet Committee noted Robert's explanation of work undertaken to fix the email functionality of the website system.
 Robert noted that there is a business fee of c \$10 per user – pending the VHDPA seeking charitable status.

Motion proposed To pay the relevant fees for users of the email system at c.\$10 per user. Heritage Centre to be charged for their users and VHDPA for their functions of Pavilion, Treasurer, Info, etc.

Moved Robert Yallop
 Seconded Toni Makkai
 Outcome Agreed unanimously
Burglaries at sportsgrounds Robert raised with ACT govt – will discuss further under Pavilion item.

Correspondence with Leanne Castley

d Correspondence

Committee noted the correspondence received.

Date	In	Out	With	Subject
13-Dec-23		X	Cheyne ACT	Green waste skip for Hall
14-Dec-23		X	Planning Kaylee	Objection to Victoria Square DA
14-Dec-23	X		Dorris Kaylee	Re Cycle Path Letter from Steel
14-Dec-23		X	Dorris	Re Cycle Path Letter from Steel
16-Dec-23		X	Vassarotti	Objection to Victoria Square DA
16-Dec-23		X	Steel	Objection to Victoria Square DA
20-Dec-23	X		Cheyne	Skip for green storm waste

20-Dec-23		X	Rachel Dawes	Skip for green storm waste
20-Dec-23		X	Cheyne	Skip for green storm waste
04-Jan-24		X	Cheyne	Two major concerns of Hall Village
08-Jan-24	X		Licensing	Accept Annual Return
12-Jan-24	X		Cheyne	Meeting with Cheyne
16-Jan-24		X	Cheyne ACT	Meeting with Cheyne & Vassarotti
21-Jan-24		X	Planning Adam	Submission on DA 202342449
27-Jan-24		X	Ebsworth Timothy	Ramp at Heritage Centre Storm water follow up
27-Jan-24		X	Norton Adam	
29-Jan-24	X		Ebsworth Timothy	Ramp at Heritage Centre Storm water follow up
29-Jan-24	X		Norton	
02-Feb-24		X	Cheyne	Thank you for visit
02-Feb-24		X	Vassarotti	Thank you for visit
02-Feb-24		X	AEC	Payment for referendum
02-Feb-24		X	Halpin NSW	Pavilion Lease
02-Feb-24		X	Residents	Safety of Barton Hwy Intersections
02-Feb-24	X		Rutherford	Safety of Barton Hwy Intersections -
02-Feb-24	X		Paul Newall Mark	Safety of Barton Hwy Intersections
02-Feb-24	X		Johnson Megan	Safety of Barton Hwy Intersections
04-Feb-24	X		Roberts Peter	Safety of Barton Hwy Intersections
04-Feb-24	X		O'Clery	Safety of Barton Hwy Intersections
05-Feb-24	X		Vassarotti Castley &	Meeting with Cheyne & Vassarotti
05-Feb-24		X	Milligan	Cycle Path now a priority
05-Feb-24		X	Braddock	Cycle Path now a priority
05-Feb-24		X	Pettersson Kaylee	Cycle Path now a priority
06-Feb-24	X		Dorris Jan & Phil	Cycle Path now a priority
07-Feb-24	X		Peelgrane Maddy	Safety of Barton Hwy Intersections
08-Feb-24	X		Parkes Maddy	Barbed wire dog sculptures
08-Feb-24		X	Parkes	Barbed wire dog sculptures
08-Feb-24	X		Braddock Anthony	Cycle Path now a priority
12-Feb-24	X		Reid Linda & Rick	Safety of Barton Hwy Intersections
12-Feb-24	X		Rummery	Safety of Barton Hwy Intersections
12-Feb-24	X		Paul Newall	Safety of Barton Hwy Intersections

13-Feb-24	X		Judy Roberts	Safety of Barton Hwy Intersections
14-Feb-24	X		John Connelly	Safety of Barton Hwy Intersections
15-Feb-24		X	Budget Consultation	Submission to FY2025 ACT Budget
16-Feb-24	X		Budget Consultation	Submission to FY2025 ACT Budget
16-Feb-24		X	Kat McGilp	Environment Management Plan

4 Reports of VHDPA Subcommittees

a Hall Heritage Centre

Committee noted that the team is continuing to improve storage facilities and working hard on the Heritage Festival event focusing on Lyall Gillespie, in mid April. Committee noted the proposal to name the specific collection building after Lyall Gillespie. The Southwell exhibition will be packed away. Visits to the Heritage Centre on weekends and school groups are continuing. The Wee Jasper school visited recently.

b Hall Men’s Shed

Aaron mentioned that the preschool does not intend to reopen on the School site and that Gold Creek school recently did some gardening to clean up the site. Recently a limit has been placed on Mens’ Shed memberships – capped at 80- due to space considerations. Large projects underway, Arthritis Act and Gold Creek Park signage. Considerable new memberships received.

c Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage

Committee noted the intention to apply for an ACT environmental grant to cover the cost of installing electric split system air conditioning to replace the existing gas heating units. Aaron noted he would make some enquiries regarding a quote for the works. Discussion about an electric lawn mower. Contemplate purchase next meeting. Margaret thanked Aaron and Jenny Whittaker who have given the Cottage a substantial clean and tidy-up. Committee discussed impacts on the school site of the Tennis Court being used for drive-in events. Aaron suggested getting a combination lock. Jan raised that the Pavilion Tennis Court was very overgrown and asked the Committee for assistance.

5 Other Business

a Wallaroo and Region update

Toni mentioned the benefit of the timed post office parking, closure of the rural supplies store. Increased building related traffic in Wallaroo and surrounding areas – subdivisions etc.

b Barton Highway speed limit

Committee noted the responses received and that overall a low response was received based on the number of households involved.

- Committee asked Robert to put a summary in the Rural Fringe.
- c Cottage internet connection Robert explained that it was thought an ethernet line could run from School to Cottage. Could we hire someone to install it. Patrick Shea looked at it and advised the poles are ACTEW poles. Noticed data cables at the preschool and school rooms which can be reused and boosted from demountable building to Cottage by wireless. Patrick will also talk to Paul Howarth.
- d Halls Creek and open spaces Committee noted the correspondence received from Kath McGilp. Robert noted that a very preliminary draft had been provided back in October without any substance, other than the meeting held.
- e VHDPA charitable status Committee noted the investigation into VHDPA's charitable status. The proposal was checked with Michael Sinclair. The draft application needs to be updated and then submitted. We would need to add to the rules that on wind up of the VHDPA assets would need to go to another charity. Committee noted that a General Meeting should be scheduled shortly – on a Thursday when both Heritage Centre and Men's Shed members could be easily gathered to secure a quorum. Further advice needed from Michael regarding accounting under charitable status. Committee agreed it was sensible to seek charitable status as it would improve standing for future issue of facilities leases.
- f VHDPA email system Discussed above
- g Leeanne Castley Liberal suburban initiatives Robert Proposed, rather than only to the Canberra Liberals, the VHDPA prepare a request to all MLA candidates as was done in 2020.
- h Stormwater infrastructure and Safe pedestrian and cycle path Committee noted that Robert and Leeanne met with Tara Cheyne and Rebecca Vassarotti who appeared very engaged with the issues of stormwater and cycle paths. Robert noted that the Hall path had been upgraded in priority in the active travel plan. Robert noted that a meeting will be offered to the VHDPA as plans develop further. Consultant selection was expected to occur in next couple of weeks, then a meeting will be scheduled. It was also agreed that there will be a community meeting.

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Discussions with Luke Halpin
re putting in a grant for air
conditioning

Robert spoke with Luke Halpin yesterday about the intention to apply for a grant to install airconditioning. Luke agreed with proposal; ACT Govt lease review program is continuing.