



Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

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President: Robert Yallop.

2023/2024

VHDPA Committee Ordinary Meeting # 5 – draft minutes

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| Meeting date | 17 April 2024 |
| Location | Hall School and by ZOOM |
| Office holders and committee present | Robert Yallop, Jan Klaver, Phil Robson, Peter Toet, Tony Morris, Aaron Whittaker, Toni Makkai, Lee-Ann Brodrick, Margaret Monahan |
| Apologies | Phil Robson, Ralph Southwell |
| Other Attendees invited | Rosemary Blemmings |

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. Robert welcomed Rosemary Blemmings.
2. Notice of any conflicts of interest re agenda items
No conflicts of interest were identified.
3. Update on voluntary Land conservation activities – Rosemary Blemmings
Robert invited Rosemary to talk about land conservation around Hall. Rosemary noted that she was a part of a group of three: Christian and Anna Stricker and herself. Rosemary mentioned the Canberra Nature Mapr app and that Christian has made a list of plants in open spaces and road reserves. Anna has made an extensive list of birds (trailhead provides habitat for speckled warbler). Rosemary has also been involved with conservation at Mt Rogers and Umbagog Park for c. 30 years. Horse Paddock no.4. is very biodiverse, almost as good as Black Mtn, and has very good old growth eucalypts. Similar tree cohorts. Hoping to get it recognised as part of Canberra Nature Park. Mrs Reynold’s Paddock also good, noting different cohort of Stringybark trees. Other worthwhile area is a tiny patch at end of Palmer Street near beginning of trail head. In touch with John Fitzgerald and aware of work at Hall Cemetery. Currently the team work every Tuesday (but take hot summer months off). Most areas they work on are able to be recovered.

John Connelly has also done some work on connectivity.

Current activities – taking out invasive species i.e. out cotoneaster, hawthorn, privet, blackberry, Chilean needlegrass, African lovegrass etc.

All of the knowledge and activities can all be fed into the vegetation management plan initiated by Jarrod Ruch for the Ginninderra Catchment Group & VHDPA.

Robert thanked Rosemary for her discussion and invited her to let the VHDPA know about priorities for action.

Committee noted the recent email from Kat McGilp proposing a small meeting on 8 May.

The Committee thanked Rosemary for coming to the meeting and explaining about the conservation works she is involved in.

4. General business

a. Minutes 20 March 2024

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 20 March, 2024, were approved.

Moved: Tony Morris

Seconded: Lee-Ann Brodrick

Agreed unanimously

b. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer, Phil Robson, was an apology for the meeting and Financial Reports for March were discussed by the President.

The Treasurer advised of current matters included locating the VHDPA tax file number, and investigating/resolving the c. \$8000 water account received for the School site.

Robert noted the changes to not-for-profit groups and tax mentioned in national news recently. This was raised with Michael Sinclair, who contacted the ATO. The ATO requested the VHDPA tax file number, currently being located. These investigations are running concurrently with application for charitable status. Robert noted the finances are currently sound.

It was proposed that the Treasurer's report be approved.

Moved: Aaron Whittaker

Seconded: Peter Toet

Carried unanimously

It was proposed that transactions for March/April be ratified.

Moved: Robert Yallop

Seconded: Marg Monahan

Carried unanimously

Committee noted that the mower purchase is still being investigated, and is likely to wait pending GST status of VHDPA.

c. Actions (

The Committee noted that Actions have been completed or are underway.

[Actions: Jan - to prepare grant submission for Pavilion air conditioning and Aaron – to investigate mower purchase]

d. Correspondence

| Date | In | Out | Topic |
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| 18-Mar-24 | X | Cheyne | Gillespie Collection Opening Invitations |
| 18-Mar-24 | X | Braddock | Gillespie Collection Opening Invitations |
| 19-Mar-24 | X | Copland | Cycle Path now a priority |
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| 20-Mar-24 | | X Pettersson | Hall Pavilion Lease |
| 20-Mar-24 | | X Timothy Norton | Storm water follow up |
| 21-Mar-24 | X | Copland | Cycle Path now a priority |
| 25-Mar-24 | X | Kat McGilp | Rural Landholders |
| 26-Mar-24 | X | Pocock | Gillespie Collection Opening Invitations |
| 26-Mar-24 | X | ACT Leg Assembly | Heritage enquiry Tabled |
| 29-Mar-24 | X | Charlotte Ward | Opening Stockfeeds - advertising |
| 01-Apr-24 | | X Luke Halpin | Zero Emissions Grant Pavilion |
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| 02-Apr-24 | X | Kaitlin Wilks | ANZAC Day ceremony |
| 06-Apr-24 | | X Pearson & Greenwood | ANZAC Day ceremony |
| 04-Apr-24 | | X Luke Halpin | Zero Emissions Grant Pavilion |
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| 06-Apr-24 | X | Pearson | ANZAC Day ceremony |
| 07-Apr-24 | X | Greenwood | ANZAC Day ceremony |
| 07-Apr-24 | | X Kaitlin Wilks | ANZAC Day ceremony |
| 07-Apr-24 | | X Nuttall | Gillespie Collection Opening Invitations |
| 07-Apr-24 | | X Pettersson | Gillespie Collection Opening Invitations |
| 08-Apr-24 | X | Nuttall | Gillespie Collection Opening Invitations |
| 08-Apr-24 | X | Pettersson | Gillespie Collection Opening Invitations |
| 09-Apr-24 | | Rachel Jones | Rural Fringe Advertising |
| 10-Apr-24 | X | Timothy Norton | Storm water follow up |
| 12-Apr-24 | X | James Adams (Cheyne) | Visit follow up |
| 12-Apr-24 | | X James Adams (Cheyne) | Road cleaning |

The Committee noted correspondence received. Robert noted correspondence from Ginninderra Catchment about the vegetation management plan. Other late correspondence included notice from Heritage Centre about intention to apply for a further heritage grant to reprint Gillespie book and prepare a museological study.

4. Reports of VHDP Subcommittees

a. Hall Heritage Centre

Tony mentioned the very successful launch of the Gillespie exhibition. Upwards of 90 visitors. Currently working on communications with MLAs regarding value of museum work. Also focused on improvement of the disabled access to Gillespie room.

Robert noted the importance of coordinating contacts with MLAs etc.

b. Hall Men's Shed

Aaron noted there has been a bit of cleaning up in the garden areas. There is potential for a further possum box project.

c. Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage

Pavilion and Cottage are travelling well. Childrens parties are not to be held at Cottage unless local.

5. Other Business

a. Wallaroo and region update

Toni noted a local conservation strategy had circulated. Yass Valley Open Space Strategy - proposals for areas at end of Wallaroo Road – reserved land to be turned into a recreational area. Currently dirt road and would need to be sealed. BBQ picnic area at end of Nanima Road (adjacent Barton Highway).

b. Hall Reserve work day

Suggested date is 26 May. From 10 am until 1 pm. Blackboard will be put up. Plantings have gone well, working bee will focus on weeding and spreading mulch. Hoping to get ACT govt mowing happening before the date.

c. VHDPA Men's Shed lawn mower

Aaron is still investigating.

d. Conservation Activities around Hall – Ginninderra Catchment correspondence

(Discussed above by Rosemary.) Robert will consider meeting attendance, noting correspondence was only received today.

e. Christmas Fair/Street party

No further update has been provided about a street party.

f. proposed list for MLA commitments

Robert noted there is an atmosphere of being in election mode, so it may be worth starting to seek election commitments (stormwater, cycle path, Barton Highway- Gladstone Street intersection upgrade, Pavilion and School site, feral animals, non-compliant development and commitment to precinct code, bus connection). Robert will circulate correspondence for Committee consideration.

Other business:

Peter has ordered flowers for Anzac Day.

Committee noted that the Stockfeeds have reopened – Neigh Hay – Charlotte Ward.

Meeting closed.

Next meeting 15 May.