



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

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**VHDPA Committee Ordinary Meeting #4 - MINUTES**

Meeting Date	20 March 2024
Location	Hall School and by ZOOM
Office Holders and Committee Present	Robert Yallop, Lee-Ann Brodrick, Phil Robson, Tony Morris, Aaron Whittaker, Peter Toet, Ralph Southwell, Margaret Monahan
Apologies	Jan Klaver, Toni Makkai

**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 interests re agenda items.**

No conflicts of interest re agenda items.

**3. General Business**

a. Approval of the previous Minutes

It was proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting of 21 February be accepted with two minor changes.

Moved – Tony Morris

Seconded – Lee-Ann Brodrick

Passed unanimously

b. Treasurer's Report

There has been nothing unusual over the past month with all transactions being as expected. The Pavilion is consistently generating funds for the Association.

Calculations for expenses incurred by the Sheepdog Association would be undertaken shortly and would appear in subsequent months.

Treasurer moved that the Financial Report be accepted

Seconded by Ralph Southwell

Passed unanimously

Treasurer moved that financial transactions made for the period of the financial report be accepted

Seconded by Tony Morris

Passed unanimously

The VHDPAs term deposit held at the Commonwealth Bank matures within the week.

Treasurer Phil Robson is investigating the best interest rates and will arrange reinvestment accordingly.

Treasurer moved that the term deposit be reinvested

Seconded by Lee-Ann Brodrick

Passed unanimously

#### **4. Reports of VHDPAs Subcommittees**

##### **a. Hall Museum and Heritage Centre**

It was reported that the Museum and Heritage Centre has been a hive of activity. There were several visitors over previous weekends who wished to view the Southwell Exhibition before it was taken down. There had been an article on the RiotACT website regarding this exhibition which had generated some extra interest. This exhibition has been very well received.

The Gillespie Collection will be an important feature of this year's ACT Heritage Festival, 14-28 April. Work is being undertaken to prepare the presentation of this substantial and important collection for visitors during the Festival. During the recent launch of the Festival, Minister Rebecca Vassarotti mentioned the Hall Heritage Centre in her speech. Fiona Moore, Director of the ACT Heritage Festival, also made glowing comments regarding the success of the Hall Heritage Centre. The Hall Centre will be open to visitors on Saturdays and Sundays during the festival and invitations to the opening have been sent to MLAs with acceptances already from Minister Vassarotti and James Milligan and his wife.

There has been an internal assessment to assess whether Museum volunteers require any additional training. All volunteers involved in the schools program have Working With Vulnerable People clearance. The Museum is running within budget and is going well financially.

##### **b. Hall Men's Shed**

The Shed is going along nicely with good attendance at weekly gatherings. Some members helped with the recent Sheepdog Trials.

There is a proposal under evaluation at present for the supply of 100 new bird boxes to be built by members for an external organization. The contract is being worked on at present. It was noted that the contract price should include covering additional electricity usage and the contract needs to be reviewed by the VHDPAs and signed either by the VHDPAs President or authority given by the VHDPAs President to the Mens Shed Foreman to sign.

The Mens Shed will manage the cleaning of the carpet in the Cottage where they hold their meetings.

**c. Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage**

Investigations are currently underway into removing the old gas heaters in the Pavilion and upgrading the heating/cooling at the Pavilion. It is hoped that this work will be completed by means of a Community Zero Emissions Grant from the ACT Government. Aaron has secured a quote from Capital Air Group and additional quotes for the work are being sought and Jan will keep the Committee informed of the progress.

**5. Other Business**

**a. Wallaroo and Region Update**

Toni provided information that she had spoken to a number of people from Wallaroo Road and surrounds regarding the decision by the VHDPA to stay neutral on the matter of the Barton Highway speed limit. The reasons behind this were outlined in an article in the Rural Fringe by President Robert Yallop. It was agreed that a thorough review of the safety of the intersection would be a sensible way forward.

**b. Yass Valley Open Space Strategy & Submission**

The Open Space Strategy applies to the whole of the Yass Shire. It was agreed that there is a need for full consultation with local residents and all organisations within the Shire.

**c. VHDPA Charitable Status**

Robert reported that it has been a difficult and lengthy process to gain an understanding of the most appropriate category for our organisation. Robert did eventually have contact with an officer at the Taxation Office who gave some useful advice. The application has been submitted, electronic confirmation of receipt has been received and it will be assessed in due course.

**d. Liveable Suburbs Initiative**

A submission from the VHDPA addressing this initiative, with particular reference to Hall, will be prepared and distributed to all MLAs seeking election in the ACT election later this year.

**e. Stormwater Infrastructure**

Advice from Tara Cheyne's office is that it is suggested that there be a meeting between Tim Norton TCCS Manager, the selected consultant and the VHDPA as part of the inception of the detailed design work. Awaiting further information.

**f. Safe Pedestrian and Cycle Path**

This initiative is now an ACT Government priority and is a component of a tender package for a number of different cycle/ pedestrian paths. The path will be constructed from Hall to Gold Creek and will be a sealed track.

**g. Community Zero Emissions Grant for Reverse Cycle Air Conditioning**

Jan is preparing this application. See 4.c Hall Facilities

**h. Christmas Fair/Street Party**

It seems that the Christmas Fair organisers are considering moving this event to Victoria Street. Currently no further information available.

i. **Hall Reserve**

The recent plantings at the Hall Reserve have had a good survival rate. The Reserve would benefit from a tidy up before the winter sets in. Aaron will set a date for this activity to take place in May.

j. **Lawn Moving – School Precinct**

Aaron is investigating the possibility of purchasing a ride-on lawn mower to be used by the Men's Shed to mow the grass at the old School site. At present the cost per mow is between \$650 and \$700. Aaron will update the Committee as he investigates further. Consultation will be required to work through the financial implications of any such arrangement.

Next meeting – Wednesday 17 April 2024

Meeting closed at 8.20pm