



Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

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VHDPA Committee Ordinary Meeting #8 - MINUTES

Meeting Date	17 July 2024 at 6pm
Location	Hall Cottage and by ZOOM
Office Holders and Committee Present	Robert Yallop, Tony Morris, Aaron Whittaker, Peter Toet, Ralph Southwell, Margaret Monahan, Toni Makkai
Apologies	Jan Klaver, Lee-Ann Brodrick, Phil Robson

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 19 June 2024 be accepted.

Moved – Peter Toet

Seconded – Tony Morris

Passed unanimously

b. Treasurer's Report

Financial Reports this month came directly from Michael Sinclair due to Phil Robson being away. The reports are combined, ie not separating off the Men's Shed and Museum transactions from those of the VHDPA. There has been nothing unusual over the past month with all transactions being as expected. The Pavilion is consistently generating funds for the Association. Monies received over the past month reflect membership payments received for Men's Shed, Museum and also VHDPA annual fees. In addition the ANU has made payment to the Men's Shed for the construction of the glider boxes.

Robert Yallop moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Seconded – Margaret Monahan

Passed unanimously

Robert Yallop moved that financial transactions made for the period of the financial report be ratified.

Seconded by Tony Morris

Passed unanimously

c. Actions

- i) Robert to contact Luke Halpin (ACT Sport and Rec) to suggest signage be placed at the markets parking area identifying that it was the preferred parking for walking or biking to the trail head.

Outcome: Robert emailed Luke Halpin proposing an initial trial starting in Spring (not Polocrosse or Market Days). The trial would involve erecting signage to encourage trail users to use the parking at the entrance to the village near the Polocrosse fields. No response from Luke Halpin as yet.

- ii) Peter to contact ACTPG about progress of the disabled access ramp construction.

Outcome: Peter has been in touch with Tony Sadler on this matter and it is still in the pipeline.

- iii) Robert to write to ACTPA requesting advice if an appeal is received regarding the Victoria Street DA.

Outcome: Robert has written to ACTPA on this matter and is awaiting a response.

d. Correspondence

- i) The majority of correspondence this month is related to the MLA's, their views and commitments regarding Hall Village priorities. The two major parties have responded and these will be published in the Rural Fringe of 1 August 2024. The most significant response was from the Labor Party candidate Suzanne Orr who commented that the renewal of the school site and Pavilion leases should be completed before the election. Robert will follow this up with ACT Property Group within the next few days and ask for advice on how best to move this forward.

- ii) The DA to vary the lease on the Stockfeeds site on Gladstone Street has been approved with provisions regarding transport issues, Icon Water and Heritage considerations.

- iii) Correspondence regarding Tennis Courts relates to enquiry from a resident asking about booking arrangements for using tennis courts. Appropriate reply has been completed.

4. Reports of VHDP Subcommittees

a. Hall Museum and Heritage Centre

Ralph Southwell reported that the Museum and Heritage Centre has been a little less active than usual due to a wave of Covid and Flu that has affected the volunteers.

People are now beginning to return to their normal activities at the Centre. Upcoming events include the launch of the Heritage Walk Brochure by Minister Vasarotti at 12 noon on 25 July 2024.

The Annual Meeting of the Heritage Centre will take place on 15 August 2024 at 11.30am.

The Centre has been invited to contribute material for inclusion in the 120th celebrations for the Wee Jasper School which are scheduled to take place in late August.

Plans for Brass on the Grass are moving ahead well. A recent training session on Conservation was very well received and proved informative and enjoyable for attendees. Two new security cameras have been installed in the Museum. Decision has yet to be made regarding whether the Museum and Heritage Centre will participate in the Christmas Fair.

b. Hall Men's Shed

The Shed is going along nicely with good attendance at weekly gatherings. Membership fees are being paid. Work is being done on the glider nesting boxes.

c. Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage

Bookings are continuing well for the Pavilion. Jan Klaver will be having a well-earned holiday shortly and in her absence Robert Yallop and Margaret Monahan will look after the Pavilion. The Cottage continues to be used for community activities and some casual hires. We are keen to have a clean-up in the back room of the Cottage to dispose of unwanted items. Previous users of the room, in particular the National Council of Women, have been advised and will be coming to make sure there is no property which belongs to that organization.

5. Other Business

a. Wallaroo and Region Update

Toni advised that many residents are upset and angry about the Solar Farm development. There is a community meeting regarding this issue on Thursday 18 July 2024 at the Murrumbateman Community Hall and this meeting has been advertised on the Hall website. Toni notes that Yass Council is not in favour of the development but not all residents in the Wallaroo region are opposed to the Solar Farm. Toni also noted that if the proposed Solar Farm proceeds the developer has committed to upgrade Gooromon Ponds Road, to undertake flora regeneration and to assist in looking at the issues at Barton Highway/Wallaroo Road intersection. It is also possible that the region, including the village could be in receipt of a subsidy for electricity.

Otherwise it is all reasonably quiet but there are record numbers of kangaroos and wild deer in the region.

b. VHDPA - ACNC and NFP Tax Update

Robert reported that the ACNC have been in touch with further questions around the activities of the association. Questions related to confirmation of special interest groups and guidelines for any future groups with the association. There were also questions regarding any environmental activities undertaken by the association. In answer to this details were given about the recent work at the Hall Reserve, the gardens at the rear of the Museum building, Landcare and Ginninderra Catchment Group. The contact at ACNC will be away for a few weeks and will come back to us if further information is required.

In terms of the NFP requirements of the Australian Tax Office, Michael Sinclair has received confirmation that Phil Robson is registered with the ATO as the Public Officer

of the VHDP, and Michael Sinclair is the registered tax agent. As such Michael is able to access the ATO website on behalf of the VHDP and he now has the TFN. Michael will work towards complying with any new ATO requirements and will keep the Committee informed.

c. MLA Election Commitments

In addition to matter covered in item 3d above:

Robert Yallop will meet with James Milligan on Friday (at the request of James). Lee-Ann and Robert met with David Pollard and Sneha of the Independents for Canberra.

Robert and Margaret met with John Mikita of the Canberra Liberals.

These meetings were used as a platform to inform candidates of the role of VHDP and also to emphasize the importance and uniqueness of the Hall region and its significance in the history and heritage of the ACT and its immediate surrounds.

Committee members expressed appreciation for Robert's persistence in seeking out candidates to campaign for support and benefit for the VHDP.

d. Hall Open Space Management Plan

No further development on this matter – waiting for responses from Kat McGilp regarding the template for detailed management plans for five significant areas:

Hall Reserve, Creek East of Victoria Street, Creek West of Victoria Street, East of Palmer and Hall Streets and Horse Paddocks.

There are five further areas tentatively flagged but not yet subject to detailed plans.

Next meeting – Wednesday 21 August 2024

Meeting closed at 7.10pm