



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

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**VHDP Committee Ordinary Meeting #9 - MINUTES**

Meeting Date	21 August 2024 at 7pm
Location	Hall Cottage and by ZOOM
Office Holders and Committee Present	Lee-Ann Brodrick, Toni Makkai, Tony Morris, Ralph Southwell, Peter Toet, Aaron Whittaker, Robert Yallop
Apologies	Jan Klaver, Margaret Monahan, 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 17 July 2024 be accepted.

Moved – Tony Morris

Seconded – Aaron Whittaker

Passed unanimously

b. Treasurer’s Report

Financial Reports were presented by Robert Yallop due to Phil Robson being away. There has been nothing unusual over the past month with all transactions being as expected. The Pavilion is consistently generating funds for the Association.

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

Seconded – Aaron whittaker

Passed unanimously

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

Seconded by Tony Morris

Passed unanimously

c. Actions

There were no actions from the last Committee meeting.

d. Correspondence

Most of the correspondence this month is related to the Licence renewal for the Hall Community Precinct, Hall storm water design and cattle incursion into Mrs Reynolds paddock raised by Christian Striker.

#### 4. Reports of VHDP Subcommittees

**a. Hall Museum and Heritage Centre**

The Annual Meeting of the Heritage Centre was separated from the Annual Address that was given by ACT Heritage Council Chair Duncan Marshall on 15 August. The Annual Meeting will be held on 29 August. Paul Howarth is preparing an inventory of IT assets, there is a need for an incident reporting system for volunteers to report any injuries.

The Centre has been invited to contribute material for inclusion in the 120<sup>th</sup> 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.

**b. Hall Men's Shed**

Membership is now around 70. Fifty glider boxes have been fabricated and are now being painted with around six different coatings as required by the ANU for weather protection.

Doug and Aaron attended a Men's shed meeting with other Men's sheds from around the ACT with MLAs at the Legislative Assembly.

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

Bookings are continuing well for the Pavilion. Margaret Monahan and Robert Yallop looked after the Pavilion while Jan Klaver was away on holiday.

The Cottage continues to be used for community activities and some casual hires and a new hirer is interested in holding a number of Yoga classes each week. We are keen to have a clean-up in the back room of the Cottage to dispose of unwanted items. The Men's Shed will remove items such as various 3D printers and other items that are currently there.

#### 5. Other Business

**a. Wallaroo and Region Update**

Toni Makkai advised that residents are invited to a "get-to-know-your-neighbour" bush fire mitigation event at the Wallaroo Bush Fire Shed.

Toni also has noticed that the old woolshed at the historic Allwood property (formerly the Roberts' property) is being demolished. Aaron Whittaker said that the wood has been given to the Men's Shed as the Allwood woolshed is being demolished to make room for a new house to be constructed. It is understood that the slab house of the Rule family (NSW Heritage listed) will be maintained. Toni Makkai will look to see if there is a Development Application with the Yass Valley Council.

**b. Annual General Meeting**

Phil Robson will complete the documentation required for the Annual review by Michael Sinclair on his return from travel next week. It is reasonable to anticipate that the Annual General Meeting will be on 16 October with notification to be sent and documents available on 25 September.

Robert Yallop suggested that the Committee consider holding the AGM around noon on Thursday 17 October to facilitate participation by Heritage Centre and Men's Shed members who will already be at the Hall Community Precinct. Arrangements will be discussed at the September Committee meeting.

**Action:** Phil to contact Michael Sinclair about the Review and October 16 AGM date and provide Michael with the necessary documentation.

**c. VHDPa - ACNC and NFP Tax Update**

Robert Yallop reported that additional information had been provided to the ACNC in response to their questions around the activities of the association, confirmation of special interest groups and guidelines for any future groups with the association, environmental activities undertaken by the association and the listing of businesses on the Hall website.

The ACNC subsequently advised that due to the breadth of the VHDPa activities that include possibly both "charitable" and "non-charitable" activities, the ACNC is unlikely to register the VHDPa at this time.

In the meantime, some research on the ACNC registration list has indicated that a number of Progress Associations with comparable activities to the VHDPa are registered.

Robert Yallop moved that the VHDPa withdraw the current application for registration from the ACNC. A future application may be made when closer examination of the registered Progress Associations is done including the rules of those Associations.  
Seconded: Tony Morris.  
Passed Unanimously.

**Action:** Robert Yallop withdraw the application from the ACNC.

**d. Hall Community Precinct Licence**

Robert Yallop followed up with the ACT Property Group the commitment from ACT Labor to renew the Hall Community Precinct Licence prior to the ACT election and received the Licence for five years from 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2029 for the Hall Community Precinct for signature. This will be signed and returned to the ACT Property Group tomorrow (Thursday 22 August).

e. **Hall Storm Water Design**

Timothy Norton, Infrastructure Delivery TCCS, has arranged a meeting with representatives of the Progress Association committee for Thursday 22 August with staff from Major Projects Canberra and the design consultants Indesco. This meeting will be to talk with the design consultants before they undertake the detailed design process.

f. **Incident Recording**

The Heritage Centre has raised concern about an incident reporting system. The Men's shed has an incident reporting system in use. As a single system needs to be used by the VHDPA and all its activities, Aaron Whittaker will talk with Peter Browning to agree on one common incident reporting system.

**Action:** Aaron Whittaker develop with Peter Browning one consistent incident reporting system for the VHDPA.

g. **Hall Reserve**

With the coming of Spring, the Hall Reserve needs some attention in the next couple of months with mulching in preparation for summer and some replantings. Aaron Whittaker and Robert Yallop will inspect the Hall Reserve and propose arrangements for a work day, likely in October.

**Action:** Aaron Whittaker and Robert Yallop have a look at what is required for the Reserve and contact Kat McGlip for replacement trees and shrubs.

Next meeting – Wednesday 18 September

Meeting closed at 8.20pm