



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

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**VHDP Committee Ordinary Meeting #1 - MINUTES**

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| Meeting Date                         | 20 November 2024 at 7pm   |
| Location                             | Hall Cottage  |
| Office Holders and Committee Present | Robert Yallop, Lee-Ann Brodrick, Jan Klaver, Phil Robson, Tony Morris, Aaron Whittaker, Toni Makkai, Jack McGrath, Margaret Monahan |
| Invited Attendee Item 5a             | Michael Sinclair  |
| Apologies                            | Peter Toet, Ralph Southwell   |

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The President opened the meeting and welcomed the incoming Committee of the VHDP. The President acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the Hall District, Ngunnawal and Ngambri Peoples, and paid respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

The President welcomed Michael Sinclair to the meeting and reiterated his appreciation for the tireless work, strong support and advice Michael has given to the Association’s Treasurer, Phil Robson. Michael has provided financial/ accounting advice and prepared monthly and annual financial statements for the VDHPA on a pro bono basis for several years and his work is greatly appreciated.

**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 meeting of 18 September 2024 be accepted.

Moved – Robert Yallop

Seconded – Lee-Ann Brodrick

Passed unanimously

**b. Approval of the previous Minutes**

It was proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 1 October 2024 be accepted.

Moved – Robert Yallop

Seconded – Lee-Ann Brodrick

Passed unanimously

**c. Approval of the previous Minutes**

It was proposed that the provisional minutes of the AGM of 17 October 2024 be accepted.

Moved – Robert Yallop

Seconded – Lee-Ann Brodrick

Passed unanimously

**d. 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.

Phil Robson moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Seconded – Margaret Monahan

Passed unanimously

Phil Robson moved that financial transactions made for the period of the financial report be ratified.

Seconded - Jan Klaver

Passed unanimously

**e. Actions**

No Actions

**f. Correspondence**

Correspondence this month relates largely to the Pavilion Licence and the Hall Stormwater and Drainage project. There were also letters of congratulations sent by the VHDPA President to our local MLAs following the ACT Election.

**4. Reports of VHDPA Subcommittees**

**a. Hall Museum and Heritage Centre**

The Museum and Heritage Centre is reasonably quiet at present, chugging along nicely. Next year's exhibition by the Centre will focus on the agricultural history of the region but will not necessarily be part of ACT Heritage Week. There will also be a reprint of Lyall Gillespie's publication.

Ken Heffernan and Jan Klaver have done an extensive history of the Hall Pavilion and an extract of this work will be published in the December issue of the Rural Fringe. It was suggested that the role of the Pavilion, as the site for the Canberra Agricultural Shows for many years, could be included as part of the Heritage Centre exhibition on agriculture in the district incorporating the work done by Ken and Jan.

Brass on the Grass was a successful event for the Heritage Centre raising \$3000 with approximately 300 attendees.

**b. Hall Men's Shed**

The Shed is going along steadily with good attendance at weekly gatherings. Works are fairly quiet at present. There are currently 76 members with a maximum limit of 80 members. Plans for the Christmas Party on 5 December are well in hand. There is work

continuing on a dust extraction system for the workshop. Hall Men's Shed hats and shirts with appropriate logos are being organised.

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

Bookings are continuing well for the Pavilion with multiple bookings and some full weekend bookings. Question was raised re the feasibility of installing a "bottle bank" in the future.

The Cottage continues to be used for community activities and some casual hires. A clean-up and declutter of the "end room" at the Cottage was recently undertaken with many bulky items removed.

**5. Other Business**

**a. Taxation Compliance Obligations – Michael Sinclair**

**This item was heard at the beginning of the meeting to allow Michael to leave on completion.**

Michael Sinclair, Registered Company Auditor, FCPA, Chartered Accountant and Reviewer of the VHDPAs has reviewed the taxation obligations of the VHDPAs in light of the recently introduced ATO reporting requirements for not-for-profit organisations.

Michael advised that the taxation obligations of not-for-profit organisations have not been changed: only the requirement to report income tax exemption.

Not-for-profit organisations are not automatically exempt from paying income tax. However, they can be granted a tax exemption if they either register as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) or comply with certain conditions. In the past, NFPs have had to self-assess their entitlement, but there hasn't been a requirement to report it to the tax office.

As Michael reviewed the taxation situation of the VHDPAs, he believes that the VHDPAs should prepare and submit a full tax return to the ATO. The on-line self-assessment system of the ATO to identify tax exemption appears to be contradictory to the actual tax legislation and Michael considers that the VHDPAs would be in breach of its tax obligations if it were to accept the result of the on-line self-assessment and not submit a tax return.

Michael is ready to work with Treasurer, Phil Robson, to review all financial transactions as required and prepare the tax return.

Phil Robson moved that the VHDPAs prepare and submit a tax return for the FY 2024 as recommended by Michael Sinclair.

Seconded - Tony Morris

Passed unanimously.

Phil Robson moved that contacts advised to the ATO be changed to remove Alastair Crombie (as former President) and Tony Morris (as former Vice-President) and add Robert Yallop (as current President) with Phil Robson as Public Officer and Michael Sinclair as Tax Agent.

Seconded – Tony Morris

Passed unanimously.

**b. Wallaroo and Spring Range Update**

Toni advised that a formal appeal has been lodged to the NSW Land and Environment Court against the Wallaroo Solar Farm. The ACT Government has undertaken repairs to the ACT section of Wallaroo Road. There is no news on the Wallaroo Rural Fire Service grant application. Otherwise very quiet.

Jack updated re Spring Range. Dumping of unwanted goods such as furniture, old tyres and timber is a problem in the area. Removal of such goods on Spring Range Road has recently been undertaken by Yass Rangers. The Spring Range noticeboard is due for a refurbishment and this will be undertaken shortly. There will be a party at the Springfield Fire Shed in the near future to celebrate 87 years of service by this brigade. More about this will be in the December edition of the Rural Fringe. Spring Range Association will be involved in the Clean-up Australia campaign in March 2025.

**c. Pavilion Licence Renewal**

Robert reported that after three and a half years of meetings with ACT Sport and Recreation there is a breakthrough. Robert met recently with Luke Halpin and Alan Atchison and was offered an interim 12 months Licence for the Pavilion. This term is largely to allow Sport and Rec time to determine the most suitable Territory entity to manage the Pavilion moving forward. At this meeting it was noted that a Licence fee of \$1816.75 was to be paid by the VHDP. It was proposed that the Association pay this Licence fee immediately to enable a new Licence to be issued before 31 December 2024.

Moved - Aaron Whittaker  
Seconded – Lee-Ann Brodrick  
Passed unanimously.

**d. Hall Storm Water Infrastructure**

Workers on this project have been present in the Village over the past fortnight and have undertaken work to identify the location of existing infrastructure. Robert understands that in early 2025 there will be an opportunity for community consultation on this project.

**e. Hall Reserve Work Day**

Aaron reported that another successful work day was held on the Hall Reserve on Sunday 27 October. Locals were joined by Suzanne Richardson of Ginninderra Catchment Group. It was a productive morning of planting and spreading mulch, followed by a very pleasant lunch provided by the GCG under the shade of trees.

**f. Burn Plan for Mrs Reynolds Paddock**

Information has been provided by a local weeding group called "Wild About Hall" regarding a proposed ACT Parks and Conservation burn plan for Mrs Reynolds Paddock – the area to the east of Hall Street. The burn is tentatively planned for an evening in January, depending on the weather. It was the view of the Committee that a burn would be safer during Winter. Jan Klaver has been invited as a member of the VHDP. Committee to engage with Parks and Conservation on plans for Mrs Reynolds Paddock. This has yet to take place.

**g. Heritage Centre Use of Space for Storage**

Hall Heritage Centre has asked for permission to use part of the Karate Room on the old school site as a storage space for items currently not used in displays.

This request has been approved on the understanding that this is a temporary arrangement and if necessary, storage use may be withdrawn at short notice.

Moved – Robert Yallop

Seconded – Jan Klaver

Passed unanimously

**h. Payment for tyre removal from Pre-School Site**

Many old tyres (dumped) were removed from the Pre-School site prior to the Brass on the Grass event. This work was completed by Aaron Whittaker and Danny Clynk. Funds donated by the Men's Shed were used to pay for this disposal operation.

**i. December Meeting Date**

It was suggested that the December meeting of the VHDP A Committee be held a week earlier than the normal third Wednesday of the month on 11 December due to Christmas. This was agreed unanimously.

Next meeting – Wednesday 11 December 2024

Meeting closed at 9.30pm