



Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

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VHDP Committee Ordinary Meeting #2 – MINUTES

Meeting Date	11 December 2024 at 7pm
Location	Hall Cottage
Office Holders and Committee Present	Robert Yallop, Lee-Ann Brodrick, Jan Klaver, Tony Morris, Aaron Whittaker, Toni Makkai, Peter Toet, Margaret Monahan, Ralph Southwell and Phil Robson by ZOOM
Apologies	Jack McGrath

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 Ngambi 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 meeting of 20 November 2024 be accepted.

Moved – Tony Morris

Seconded – Toni Makkai

Passed unanimously

b. Treasurer's Report

It has been very straight-forward over the past month with all transactions being as expected. The assets have dropped by approximately \$2800.00 due to the payment of a one-off licence fee to ACT Government, Sport and Recreation, to secure an interim licence for The Pavilion, and also the purchase of a television and stand for use in the Cottage to facilitate meetings using Zoom or other internet dependent applications.

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

Seconded - Jan Klaver

Passed unanimously

Additional information from the Treasurer was that he has had some email conversation with Michael Sinclair, VHDPA Reviewer, regarding 2023/24 schedule of transactions prior to the lodgement of a tax return. Michael and Phil will do some work on this early in the New Year before a tax return is lodged in March 2025. A draft of this work will be presented to the Committee prior to lodgement.

Also, ACNC submission will be overseen by Michael Sinclair and he will assist in the preparation of these documents before lodgement. Again, these will be presented to the Committee in February or March.

Phil is also to ask Michael Sinclair if there is any action required to manage the assets of the VDHPA and whether an assets register would be appropriate.

Phil Robson moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted by the Committee.
Seconded by Tony Morris.
Passed unanimously.

c. Actions

1. Hall Pavilion Licence Fee, payment of Licence Application Fee – Robert Yallop. Paid. Now waiting to receive the draft licence.
2. Discussion with Parks and Conservation re "Wild About Hall" Group and burn plan for Mrs Reynolds Paddock – Jan Klaver. Meeting has taken place. Parks and Conservation were very accepting of the Wild About Hall group and outlined responsibilities appropriate to this group. Further work is required to plan and implement the burn plan for Mrs Reynold's Paddock.
3. ATO to be notified to remove Alastair Crombie and Tony Morris and add Robert Yallop (as current President) - Phil Robson. Phil is unable to complete this task online and has asked Michael Sinclair to assist with this. In progress.
4. Contact Gold Creek School Principal about maintenance of property on the old Hall School site - Robert Yallop. Robert has arranged a meeting with the Principal for 13 December 2024 at Gold Creek School.

d. Correspondence

Three main items of correspondence this month:

1. Daniel Breen relating to the Hall Preschool Grounds
2. Kerry Murray, of ACT Cemeteries Trust, wishes to attend a Progress Association meeting in early 2025 to discuss the future of the Hall Cemetery. He also wishes to arrange a meeting for the broader community to be involved in discussion on this matter. Robert has responded to Kerry but has had no reply as yet.

4. Reports of VHDPA Subcommittees

a. Hall Museum and Heritage Centre

There has been a recent Sunday visit to the Heritage Centre by people who work at the War Memorial. These visitors were very impressed by the IT system and cataloguing practices used by our local Centre.

Thanks were expressed from Museum members to the Men's Shed for organizing the very enjoyable Christmas Party.

Museum will be closed from 23 December 2024 and reopens on Thursday 9 January 2025.

b. Hall Men's Shed

The Christmas Party was a very successful event with 91 attendees. The new dust extraction system for the work shed has been received and will be installed by Aaron Whittaker over the coming weeks. There are no modifications to the building required.

c. Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage

Bookings are continuing well for the Pavilion with multiple bookings and some full weekend bookings. There have been a couple of bookings which have required withholding of some bond monies due to non-compliance with the cleanliness of the building. Recently one group who had a weekend hire did not comply with leaving times, left a mess and caused noise nuisance to surrounding residents. After discussion, Committee agreed and recommended loss of bond for the long overstay of this event.

There was general discussion around increasing the bond amount and investigating the cost and feasibility of engaging a security company. This will be a matter for future action.

The Cottage continues to be popular for community uses and in recent months has seen an increase in this purpose.

5. Other Business

a. Wallaroo and Spring Range Update

Jack McGrath, from Spring Range, provided a written update for Committee:

“The notice board has been repainted with chalk board paint.

The Springfield Brigade celebrated its 85-year history on Sunday 1st December with a great crowd of over 100 attending and many volunteers receiving awards for service. A booklet has been produced and I will get a copy to the next meeting (Through the Flames).

I will also be contacting the Yass Valley Highway Police to ask them to conduct some traffic testing on our rural roads in the new year.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas.

Jack McGrath”

Toni from Wallaroo reported that things are very quiet at present. She thought Jack’s idea of contacting the Yass Valley Highway Police was a very good idea. She will draft a letter to the Yass Police and Yass Council to reinforce this idea.

She has been contacted by a member of the public complaining about the lack of accessible toilet facilities in the village of Hall. It was thought that perhaps this person had been trying to access the locked facilities at the showground and was unaware of the public toilets in the park on Gladstone Street. Gladstone Street facilities are open 24 hours per day and are cleaned daily at approximately 6am.

b. Pavilion Licence Renewal

As above.

c. Maintenance of Pre-School Space

As in Actions No 4 above.

d. Hall Reserve Work Day

Next work day at the Hall Reserve will on 23 March 2025.

Next meeting – Wednesday 19 February 2025

Meeting closed at 8.15pm