



## Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

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**President:** Peter Toet.

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# VHDPA Annual General Meeting - Minutes.

<b>Meeting date</b>	7:00pm Wednesday, 21 October, 2020
<b>Location</b>	Hall Pavilion
<b>Committee Members</b>	Peter Toet, John Starr, Tony Morris, Olga Minion, Margaret Monahan, Peter Howard, Ralph Southwell, Phil Robson, Heather Wilford, Robert Yallop
<b>Attendees</b>	Marion Banyard, Brian Banyard, Alastair Crombie, Peter Howard, Jan Klaver, Gavin Mansfield, Olga Minion, Margaret Morris, Tony Morris, Bob Richardson, Judy Roberts, Rod Roberts, Yvonne Robson, Ralph Southwell, George Southwell, John Starr, Ann Toet, Peter Toet, Jenny Whittaker, Aaron Whittaker, Heather Wilford, Robert Yallop, Doug Anstess, Dennis Greenwood, Jo Hall, John Connelly, Geoff Gorrie
<b>Apologies</b>	Darrell Minion, Allan Monahan, Alfred Wilford, Phil Robson, Anne Lomax, Ross Hampton

## 1. Minutes of previous meeting.

1.1	Minutes of Annual General Meeting – 21 August, 2019  Minutes of AGM held on 21 August 2019 confirmed and accepted. Moved Peter Toet. Seconded Peter Howard. Agreed by the meeting.
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## 2. Correspondence

2.1	Nil
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### 3. Presidents report

3.1	<p><b>Peter Toet Annual Report.</b></p> <p>Peter Toet provided a verbal report referring to his article in the October Rural Fringe and written report available on the Hall website, which highlighted the positive work that the committee had undertaken in the past 12 months. Peter believes that the Association has re-established its relevance and is pleased with the way that the sub-groups have been coming together and providing real interest in Hall. The Axemen, Sheep Dogs, Floriade ReImagined, Men's Shed, Museum have all gone from strength to strength.</p>
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### 4. Treasurers report.

4.1	<p><b>Tabling of financial statements</b></p> <p>Treasurers Report – John Starr.</p> <p>John provided hard copies of all financial statements at the meeting and all are available on the Hall website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Balance Sheet</li><li>• Profit and Loss Statement</li><li>• Treasurers Report</li></ul> <p>John went through the documents. It has been an interesting year for the Association and it has posted a trading loss of \$1236. This was attributed to the loss of income from the Pavilion which is the Associations major source of income. It provides the funding for the electricity, water, gas and insurance for the ongoing use of the school site, collectors clubhouse and some of the sports venues. However, given the positive way that the Association has managed the budget in previous years, and the establishment of the emergency reserve in 2019, there is enough funding to pay for the essentials in the year ahead.</p> <p>John thanked the treasurers of the Association Sub-groups for all their work throughout the year and for their co-operation and help in preparing the documents for audit.</p> <p>He also thanked Doug Widdup of Barnett, Lilley and Associates, a local firm who had conducted the financial review and John Howlett of Lincoln Partners, another local firm, for the use and advice of Xero accounting software. John mentioned that our financial reviewer Doug has asked to retire from auditing our books. This means that the Association will need to look for a new reviewer.</p> <p>As John has held the position of Treasurer for three years he was required to stand aside from that position. He ensured the Association that he would enable</p>
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	<p>a smooth handover to the new Treasurer and new Reviewer once they are elected and selected.</p> <p>Peter Howard thanked John for the great job that he had done over the last three years. Peter Toet thanked John on behalf of the Committee for a marvellous job and said he would be sorely missed in the role.</p> <p>John moved that the Treasurers Report be accepted and ratified. Seconded Tony Morris. Agreed by the meeting.</p>
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## 5. Sub-group reports.

<p>5.1</p>	<p><b>Hall School Museum &amp; Heritage Centre.</b></p> <p>Alastair Crombie provided a verbal report which covered a short history from 2006 when the Hall School Museum was “orphaned” with the closing of the school. The written report is available on the Hall website. The Progress Association at the time adopted and cared for the Museum. Five years later the “Friends of the Museum” group was established with its first Honorary Curator. Next year will be the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of that occasion. It is a very big achievement. It is also the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the sub-group model – the Special Interest Groups - a way of affording groups of people with similar strong interests to be involved together. It is an adaptive and flexible model. The Association should be congratulated for managing this system. The Museum would like to mark the 10 years in 2021 with a theme “Years of Collaboration”.</p> <p>Alastair also mentioned the number of small societies that the Museum is affiliated with and that their next big exhibition will be “Fooling Around in Flannels” the cricket exhibition. At this stage there is no timeframe for this exhibition.</p> <p>The annual Hall Brass Band Concert which was cancelled in March has been re-scheduled for 29 November 2020 with a theme of “Brass on the Grass”. This will be a COVID19 safe event.</p> <p>Alastair also showed the meeting a copy of a booklet about Claude Brown “My Early Hall Days”, which tells the story of Claude growing up in Hall. This was available for sale for \$10.</p> <p>A full on refurbishment of the Museum buildings has been undertaken, with thanks to the Progress Association for arranging this with the ACT Property Group.</p>
<p>5.2</p>	<p><b>Hall Pavilion</b></p> <p>Verbal report by Tony Morris</p> <p>Tony reported that during the first part of the year there was maximum use of the Pavilion, and all weekends were booked. With COVID19 all bookings were cancelled and the Pavilion was shut. This had a massive impact on funds, as this is the main source of income for the Association. However, we still have to pay</p>

	<p>for services such as power so have had to use the money that is held in reserve. Margaret Morris has spent up to 1.5 hrs per day talking to people. The on-line booking system, instigated when Gavin Mansfield was President has been great. Margaret admitted that she was reluctant to use this system initially but is thankful now as it runs very smoothly.</p> <p>The written report is available on the Hall website.</p>
<p>5.3</p>	<p><b>Hall Mens Shed.</b></p> <p>Verbal report provided by Doug Anstess Foreman of the Hall Men’s Shed.</p> <p>The club has 60 members, with new members joining regularly. They will continue to accept new members for the time being although they are almost full. The shed members are involved in projects for the community. Members are carrying out work for the pre-school and also tidying up around the cottage, removing rubbish, pruning trees and shrubs and generally helping out whenever needed. They are currently helping to re-furbish the old Hall Tennis Courts which has included refurbishing the shed, and picnic table and installing a new ramp.</p> <p>The Government has removed two big trees around the Cottage and are about to remove one that was hit by lightning.</p> <p>Doug provided information on the 2020 Men’s Shed Christmas Party, which due to COVID19 will be held on 3 December in the park behind the Cottage. Cost will be \$20 per head, with the remainder of the costs to be subsidised by the Men’s Shed. All groups are invited. RSVP by 27 November.</p>
<p>5.4</p>	<p><b>Rural Fringe</b></p> <p>A verbal report was provided by Jo Hall, Editor of the <i>Rural Fringe</i>. The written report is available on the Hall website.</p> <p>There are 6 editions of the <i>Rural Fringe</i> every year. Every two months 700 paper copies are delivered plus publication on the VHDPA website. All work is carried out by the volunteers – Gail Condy and Andrew Purdam on lay-out, Kevin Stone proof reader and Jo Hall editor and accounts - who have to work to very tight deadlines.</p> <p>Delivery is through Australia Post. The arrangement with Australia Post that started last year requires us to book delivery over two weeks in advance and we specify a Monday to Friday window in which to deliver. There have been a number of occasions when the roadside delivery part of this arrangement has not worked out perfectly and we apologise to residents who have occasionally missed out in receiving their copy of the <i>Rural Fringe</i>. We continue to work with Australia Post to try and improve the reliability of roadside delivery. Please let us know if there is an issue with delivery to help us make this smoother.</p> <p>Jo was concerned, as the country went into Covid-19 lockdown, of the effect on our local businesses and advertisers. In order to show support and give</p>

	<p>something back to our advertisers, the Progress Association kindly agreed that the <i>Rural Fringe</i> could operate at a loss this year and subsidise the advertising costs by drawing on the small emergency reserve of funds that has been built up by the <i>Rural Fringe</i> over the last ten years. We offered a discount to all of our advertisers. The <i>Fringe</i> lost two advertisers because of the pandemic – one small business had to close. Jo was very happy to report that the other one is doing well now and is returning as an advertiser in December. Our thanks also go to all our advertisers for their continued support.</p> <p>Jo requested those interested in volunteering with the <i>Fringe</i> to contact her. It is hard work but rewarding.</p> <p>Jo thanked everyone for their support of the <i>Rural Fringe</i>.</p>
5.5	<p><b>Collectors Club</b></p> <p>A verbal report was provided by Bob Richardson.</p> <p>Membership is stable at about 50. The club is financially viable.</p> <p>The Club held a very successful run to Yass that was attended by 50 people and is planning a couple of trips this coming year to which all members are invited.</p> <p>The ACT Government has promised that the Collectors Club House will be repaired in the next two weeks and that the power will be re-instated.</p>

## 6. Election of Office Bearers and Committee

6.1	<p>The President, Peter Toet, thanked all current committee members for their efforts during the year and declared all positions vacant.</p> <p>The Public Officer, Robert Yallop stated that due to COVID19 the Association closed nominations for positions at 12 noon on 19 October. Only if there were insufficient nominations would further be call for. Nominations were received as follows for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President - Peter Toet</li> <li>• Vice President - Olga Minion</li> <li>• Secretary - Jan Klaver</li> <li>• Treasurer - Phil Robson.</li> </ul> <p>As there were no other nominations for the above four positions all were elected unopposed.</p> <p>Robert Yallop stated that the following nominations were received for positions as Committee Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tony Morris</li> <li>• John Starr</li> <li>• Margaret Monahan</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robert Yallop</li> <li>• Peter Howard</li> <li>• Aaron Whittaker</li> <li>• Ross Hampton</li> </ul> <p>As there were 7 nominations for 7 positions no ballot was required.</p> <p>Robert announced that all nominees were therefore elected unopposed.</p> <p>Robert Yallop to continue as Public Officer.</p> <p>All nominations of successful applicants were accepted.</p> <p>Peter Toet stated that he looked forward to working with the Committee in the coming year.</p>
6.2	<p><b>Financial Delegations</b></p> <p>Outgoing Treasurer: John Starr</p> <p>Incoming Treasurer: Phil Robson</p> <p>Peter Toet, Olga Minion, Tony Morris, John Starr and Phil Robson to be authorised signatories with full authority for the following accounts:</p> <p>Cheque Account BSB 06 2919 Account Number 00925470</p> <p>Term Deposit BSB 06 2915 Account Number 50035702</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phil Robson to be added as signatory given his position as Treasurer</li> <li>• Two signatories required for the term deposit</li> <li>• One signature required for the cheque account</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>Peter Toet moved, Margaret Monahan seconded. Agreed by the meeting.</p>

## 7. General Business

7.1	Nil
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Next Meeting AGM August 2021 – to be advised

VHDPA Outgoing Secretary - Olga Minion