

## Hall and District Collectors Club (HDCC)

## President's Report 2021 AGM 2nd July 2012

The objectives of the HDCC are to actively promote and encourage restoration, preservation and display of machines, equipment and collectables. HDCC events are family friendly. Partners and children are encouraged to attend and enjoy.

*2020-21 Global Pandemic*. This curtailed a lot of our activities. The Friday gatherings continued (in reduced numbers) and served to keep attendees up to date and informed about our way forward.

The Friday gatherings are both social and an opportunity to share information, compare biases, encourage and support fellow members.

There are currently 84 vehicles registered with our Collectors Club. Some of the collections are rare and expensive. Others are just good fun. (Boys Toys).

A recent article in the Canberra Times reminded those interested in the assets market that vintage vehicles (Collectors) are recording record high valuations and point of sale price.

We continue each year to comply with the rules of the Council of ACT Motor Clubs (CACTMC). CACTMC affiliation requirements. This ensures Hall Collectors members are the beneficiaries of the considerable rewards/benefits CACTMC membership offers.

I take the opportunity to thank those members who ensure our Collectors Club continues to thrive. Vice President Andy Fulton, Treasurer Dennis Greenwood, Catering Manager Brent Newbery, Events Co-ordinator Russell James and Dennis Lovell for his advice and support. Bill Pearson, our inaugural Secretary and Registrar who has somehow made the considerable amount of time available to keep our records/documents in order. After ten years in the jobs Bill has handed in his pen/devices etc and moved aside for some others to have the opportunity to carry out the role of Secretary and Club Registrar.

Salute to Bill for his devotion, skills and support.

And a big welcome to Club member Brado Miller who has taken on the job of Club Registrar.

Sad to tell you, our Events Co-ordinator, Russell James has moved on and now resides in Beechworth, Victoria. Lucky fellow! A big thank you Russell. Even during the Pandemic, Russell organised trips to Yass, Laggan and Wee Jasper. All trips were very successful.

Hall Collectors Club room was destroyed by fire on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Other groups in Hall rallied to support and help us recover. Peter Toet, Collectors Club member (and President of VHDPA) contacted the ACT Government to request a rapid response and repair; as did the President of the Hall Pony Club, Lorrae van Kerkhoff and Shaun O'Connor of the Hall Axemens Club. The National Sheep Dog Committee donated \$500 to help fund the repairs. The building is an ACT Government owned asset and fully covered by their insurances. The three clubs affected have co-signed a request to the Minister for Heritage, Rebecca Vassarotti, to sign off on documents relating to speedy repair.

Hall VHDPA commissioned a review of their operations in 2021. This report titled "The Sinclair Report" set in motion considerable changes to the rules and constitution of the VHDPA. This in turn impacted on Hall Collectors. Your Collectors management team carefully considered the changes and impacts on Hall Collectors. Your management team decided the best options for Hall Collectors members, now and in the years to come was to Corporatize Hall Collectors as a separate entity, as are the majority of Hall special purpose associations. For example Hall Pony Club, Hall Axemens Club. Corporatization of Hall Collectors will have little effect or changes for our members.

We thank the VHDPA for their support and encouragement in our early years.

Thank you all for your participation 2020-21. Onwards and upwards... Hall for all.

Bob Richardson President