



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

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**President:** Robert Yallop

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## **VHDPA Annual General Meeting - Minutes.**

<b>Meeting date</b>	7:00pm Wednesday, 17 November, 2021
<b>Location</b>	Hall Pavilion
<b>Committee Members</b>	Peter Toet, Jan Klaver, John Starr, Tony Morris, Olga Minion, Margaret Monahan, Phil Robson, Robert Yallop, Aaron Whittaker, Ross Hampton
<b>Attendees</b>	Doug Anstess, Brian Banyard, Marion Barnyard, Ian Broderick, Alastair Crombie, Dennis Greenwood, Jo Hall, Ken Heffernan, Olga Minion, Allan Monahan, Margaret Monahan, Margaret Morris, Tony Morris, Paul Newall, Judy Roberts, Phil Robson, John Starr, Ann Toet, Peter Toet, Aaron Whittaker, Jenny Whittaker, Heather Wilford, Robert Yallop, Michael Sinclair
<b>Apologies</b>	Kate Heffernan, Jan Klaver, Peter Howard, Darrell Minion, Andrew Yallop, Rania Yallop, Yvonne Robson, Ross Hampton

### **1. Minutes of previous meeting.**

1.1	Minutes of Annual General Meeting – 21 October, 2020  Minutes of AGM held on 21 October 2020 confirmed and accepted. Moved Peter Toet. Seconded Margaret Monahan.  Minutes of General Meeting held on 16 June 2021 confirmed and accepted. Moved Robert Yallop. Seconded Aaron Whittaker.
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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, which highlighted the positive work that the committee had undertaken in the past 12 months. Peter believes that the Association continues to be relevant particularly in relation to maintenance, and attending to issues in the village.</p> <p>Peter thanked the committee for their support during the year.</p>
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### 4. Treasurers report.

4.1	<p><b>Tabling of financial statements</b></p> <p>Treasurers Report – Phil Robson.</p> <p>Hard copies of all financial statements were provided at the meeting and Phil advised that the following documents had been loaded on the website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Balance Sheet</li><li>• Profit and Loss Statement</li><li>• Treasurers Report</li></ul> <p>Phil had taken over the treasurer’s role at the end of the financial year. COVID had a dramatic effect on the income stream of the Association, particularly as the pavilion was unable to be let out but outgoings still requiring to be paid. However the Association is still in a good position and bookings are improving.</p> <p>Michael Sinclair was engaged as the Reviewer for the VHDPA in April 2021. His Annual Report on the financial situation of the Association was available in hard copy at the meeting and has been loaded on the Hall website. Following his engagement as Reviewer of the Association in April, Michael identified some management practices that needed improving, which flowed on to the sub groups of the Association. These matters identified by Michael were the basis of the changes of the Rules of the VHDPA agreed at the General Meeting in June. The Collectors Club were members of the VHDPA at the end of the financial year but have now moved to their own incorporated association. This will be the last report to include the Collectors Club.</p> <p>Phil moved that the members adopt the reviewer’s report and ratify the Treasurer’s report . Tony Morris seconded. No objections. Passed.</p>
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### 5. Sub-group reports.

5.1	<b>Hall School Museum &amp; Heritage Centre.</b>
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	<p>Alastair Crombie provided a verbal report. The Museum takes very seriously their association with the VHDPA.</p> <p>The museum is celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. A meeting was held at the Hall School in 2001 where the “Friends of the Hall School” group was formed under the inaugural honorary curator Phil Robson.</p> <p>Highlight of the year was the Governor General visit in March.</p> <p>Achievements during the past decade included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17 exhibitions, 3 on the road</li> <li>• 24 competitive grants totalling \$160,000. Half of the Museum’s income came from winning grants.</li> <li>• 25-30 volunteer force which has remained relatively stable over the decade. This is remarkable in such a small community</li> <li>• Taking in the Gillespie collection. A huge undertaking managed by curator Ken Heffernan</li> <li>• Establishing the schools program where hundreds of children have been able to compare the past and present</li> <li>• Local history in suitcases which has been viewed by 600 children</li> <li>• A centre wide computer network with its own server. This includes a data base of 18,000 archived photos, which can be searched and easily found</li> <li>• A shop front on the web of Ginninderra and Bush Schools exhibitions.</li> <li>• Recent initiatives have included documenting and registering all “residents” of the Hall Cemetery</li> <li>• Brooklands project, which includes selecting unusual artefacts from Kingsley and Cynthia Southwell’s property which has been in the Southwell family for 145 years. This exhibition will be included in next year’s Heritage Festival.</li> </ul>
<p>5.2</p>	<p><b>Hall Pavilion</b></p> <p>Verbal report by Tony Morris</p> <p>Bookings have started again with the easing of COVID restrictions.</p> <p>A Commonwealth grant allowed for the pavilion to have a complete re-paint, a toilet to be fixed and a new oven to be purchased.</p> <p>Tony and Margaret Morris have given up full time management of the pavilion but have formed a committee to manage the facility.</p> <p>Phil Robson moved a motion of thanks and appreciation for the many years of dedication that Tony and Margaret had given to running the Pavilion and the cottage. It was a labour of love for them.</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. Doug reported that it was a difficult year for the Mens Shed because of COVID.</p>

	<p>They have been very careful with managing attendance in requiring members to bring their own drinks and snacks. Since August there has only been 1 BBQ.</p> <p>The club has been involved in a number of projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tennis court at the Pavilion</li> <li>• Bird boxes for the ACT Government working with the Kaleen Mens Shed</li> <li>• Deck to the Annex fixed with the ACT Property Group</li> <li>• 2020 Christmas Party with an attendance of 75</li> <li>• Fixing grandstand for Sheep Dog Trials</li> <li>• Roster to collect attendance money at Sheep Dog Trials.</li> </ul> <p>The recent AGM identified additional community projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Park bench</li> <li>• Sign on top of the hill</li> <li>• Greater glider boxes working with ANU and Yass Valley Mens Shed to build 20 insulated boxes for burnt out areas.</li> </ul> <p>Doug thanked the VHDPA for their support.</p>
<p>5.4</p>	<p><b>Rural Fringe</b></p> <p>A verbal report was provided by Jo Hall, Editor of the Rural Fringe.</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 assisted by Margaret Monahan on accounts - who have to work to very tight deadlines every two months to publish the Rural Fringe.</p> <p>Advertising contributions make the Fringe viable. The financial year opened with a balance of \$7000 and closed with \$6400. Over ten years this is the only slight loss. The cost of printing has been reduced following negotiation with the printers. However delivery itself was problematic to roadside delivery residents due to the lower priority of unaddressed mail by Australia Post. Volunteers have been called for support. The December issue will be delivered by VHDPA members. The Mens Shed is working on a more permanent solution.</p> <p>Jo thanked everyone for their support of the Rural Fringe.</p>
<p>5.5</p>	<p><b>Collectors Club</b></p> <p>A verbal report was provided by Dennis Greenwood .</p> <p>Dennis thanked the VHDPA for their ongoing support since inception. The reason for incorporation of the Club was that the changed Rules of the VHDPA as recommended by the VHDPA Reviewer were not suitable to the Collectors Club.</p> <p>Currently there are over 80 members and the club holds regular events. The club has a good collection of motor vehicles. Members have been involved in</p>

community events including Markets, Christmas Fair etc. All procedures are ok. Only some minor issues to iron out.

Peter Toet congratulated the Club on its incorporation and wished it every success.

## 6. Election of Office Bearers and Committee

6.1

The President, Peter Toet, thanked all current committee members for their efforts during the year and declared all positions vacant.

The Public Officer, Robert Yallop stated that the Association closed nominations for positions at 12 noon on 15 October. Only if there were insufficient nominations would further be called for. Nominations were received as follows for:

- President - Robert Yallop
- Vice President - Olga Minion
- Secretary - Jan Klaver
- Treasurer - Phil Robson.

As there were no other nominations for the above four positions all were elected unopposed.

Robert Yallop stated that the following nominations were received for positions as Committee Members:

- Tony Morris
- John Starr
- Margaret Monahan
- Aaron Whittaker
- Heather Wilford
- Peter Toet
- Paul Newall

As there were 7 nominations for 7 positions no ballot was required. Robert announced that all nominees were therefore elected unopposed.

All nominations of successful applicants were accepted.

Robert thanked the outgoing committee and the two members whom have stepped down – Ross Hampton from the Mt Spring Association and Peter Howard. Ross has been replaced by Paul Newall who was welcomed by Robert. Peter Howard was a committee member for a number of years and involved in a large number of activities.

Robert thanked Peter Toet the outgoing President of the last three years for all of his work for the Association. Peter was a new resident of Hall when he took over the position and was required to deal with a number of issues and challenges including the sub groups. Peter was an engaging and bridge building president responsible for a number of significant improvements:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening of governance</li> <li>• Recruitment of Michael Sinclair as reviewer</li> <li>• Updated rules that were adopted at a General Meeting in June</li> <li>• Major upgrade of facilities , including school site, pavilion, tennis courts, repairs to paving in Victoria Street, future upgrade of commuter path to Clarrie Hermes Drive</li> <li>• Improving the Victoria Street gardens with Hall Honeys</li> <li>• Floriade events</li> </ul> <p>Robert was pleased that Peter was continuing on the committee given his relationships with the ACT Property Group and his participation with the sub groups in particular Mens Shed and Collectors Club.</p>
6.2	<p><b>Financial Delegations</b></p> <p>Robert Yallop, Olga Minion, Jan Klaver 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>• Two signatories required for the term deposit</li> <li>• One signature required for the cheque account</li> </ul> <p>Robert Yallop moved, Aaron Whittaker seconded.</p>

## 7. General Business

7.1	<p>Robert asked if there were any issues that members wanted to raise. He stated that the Association hopes to have two or three General Meetings during the year which will give members a greater opportunity to discuss issues and topics.</p> <p>Alastair queried when the agreement with the ACT government for the school site was due to be renewed. As there were a number matters of interest to all school site users, including safety issues that were common to the whole site, it would be preferable to reactivate the school site users group to consider these before renewal.</p> <p>Doug was concerned how the renewal would affect the Mens Shed. He was advised that all groups on the school site are in the same situation.</p> <p>Paul Newall who replaced Ross Hampton on the VHDPA Committee spoke of the issues that are occurring in Wallaroo. Residents are keen to get support. They see themselves as part of the Hall district a “Green Triangle” incorporating Hall, Mt Spring and Wallaroo. He encouraged all to think of it as a collective as the district has so much to offer including produce at the farm gate and local businesses. He will be pushing this strongly as a member on the committee.</p> <p>Paul mentioned that there were Yass council elections underway and the area was polling residents to get better council representation of their specific needs.</p>
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Meeting closed at 8:10

Next Meeting AGM August 2022 – to be advised

VHDP Vice President - Olga Minion