



Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

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President: Robert Yallop.

2021/2022

VHDPA Committee AGM – Minutes

Meeting date	21 September 2022
Location	Hall Pavilion
Office holders and committee	Robert Yallop, Olga Minion, Jan Klaver, Phil Robson, Peter Toet, Tony Morris, John Starr, Aaron Whittaker, Paul Newall, Heather Wilford, Margaret Monahan
Members	Doug Anstess, Brian Banyard, Marion Banyard, Ian Brodrick, Lee-ann Brodrick, Alastair Crombie, Joanna Hall, Kenneth Heffernan, Toni Makkai, Peter Malone, Olga Minion, Allan Monahan, Margaret Morris, Judy Roberts, Yvonne Robson, Ralph Southwell, Kevin Stone, Jenny Whittaker, Alf Wilford
Guests	Michael Sinclair (Independent Reviewer)
Apologies	Peter Howard, Rania Yallop, Andrew Yallop, Kate Heffernan, Ann Toet, Daryl Minion

Welcome and introductions

The President opened the Annual General Meeting at 7 pm and acknowledged Traditional Owners of the land on which the meeting is held, including Elders, past, present, and future.

1. Minutes of previous meeting.

1.1 Minutes of Annual General Meeting – 17 November 2021

It was proposed to accept the minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

Moved – Kenneth Heffernan

Seconded – Ian Brodrick

Carried unanimously.

2. Correspondence

2.1 Nil raised

3. President's report

3.1 Overview of activities – Robert Yallop

The President referred members and guests to his Annual Report available on the Association's website.

Robert provided attendees with an overview of the VHDPA's objects and aspirations with regard to the Village of Hall and District and its role in support for special interest groups, including the Museum & Heritage Centre and the Men's' Shed

Robert drew attention to several topics that the Association had engaged with over the past year, including: stormwater impacts on the Village; the workday on the Victoria Street Reserve in June, representations received about the safety of the Barton Highway and its intersections with Gladstone Street and Wallaroo Road; and the proposal for the Wallaroo Solar Farm.

Robert outlined the function of the VHDPA to provide overarching governance for two special interest groups of the Association and the Rural Fringe. These are three gems in the community – Hall School Museum and Heritage Centre, Hall Men's' Shed and the publication of the Rural Fringe, which is delivered to roadside mail boxes by volunteers from the Men's' Shed. Robert noted some changes in facilities management including the Pavilion, Hall School site and the Cottage. Robert particularly thanked Peter Toet for his efforts to keep abreast of the maintenance of the School site.

Robert also thanked the Committee for efforts and engagement over the past 12 months.

Robert thanked Committee members - Paul Newall, Heather Wilford, and John Starr - who are not applying to renew their positions on the Committee.

Robert noted he has appreciated the experience as President of the Association over the last year and the honour it is to represent the wonderful community of Hall Village and District and would like to thank members for their support.

4. Treasurer's report.

4.1 Tabling of Annual Report and Financial Statements

Phil Robson presented the Annual Report noting that copies are available on the website, and copies are also available at this meeting. Phil noted the Independent Review was performed by Michael Sinclair.

Phil drew attention to a couple of events, including:

- cessation of the Collectors Club as a special interest group (subcommittee) of the VHDPA. (Collectors Club funds were removed from the VHDPA accounting.)
- a scam on the VHDPA payments system with a loss of \$1841.00, which is still under investigation by the ANZ Bank.
- relaxation of Covid restrictions which improved revenues of the Pavilion

Phil thanked the treasurers of the Special Interest Group Subcommittees – Jo Hall, Jonathon Palmer and Margaret Foley. Phil also thanked Michael Sinclair for his assistance with accounting matters throughout the year and his performance of the Independent Review.

Phil reported that overall, the VHDP A ran at a loss due to the transfer of funds to Collector's club, school site fees and reduced Pavilion takings.

It was proposed that the Annual Financial Report be accepted.

Moved – Phil Robson

Seconded – Jo Hall

Passed unanimously.

5. Sub-group reports.

5.1 Hall School Museum & Heritage Centre

Alastair Crombie discussed the museum's activities over the past year. Alastair noted that Covid restrictions significantly impacted on the museum operation, however, highlights included: installation and opening of the above ground tanning pit, and delivery of some donated display cabinets from a Canberra institution. Alastair noted the museum is very conscious of the impending renegotiation of the school site lease and very aware of the shared responsibility for the facilities.

Alastair noted that while visitation to the museum was about a twelfth of the norm, web traffic had increased tremendously. The Education and Schools program is continuing to be run very effectively. The Collection Management System is operating well and is sophisticated given the size of the museum and collection. All items are uploaded and searchable and QR codes are being placed on story boards to offer more information. The active museum membership of about 30 has been maintained and there is considerable volunteer support. In the last financial year three grants were received to the value of approximately \$27 thousand. Alastair noted that over the last ten years the Museum has successfully obtained around \$180 thousand in grant funding.

Alastair noted that the sponsor of the annual concert Brass on the Grass - Barnett and Lilly – has retired.

Alastair also noted the Museum is consulting on a name change – to the Hall Heritage Centre (inc the Hall Museum) and it will be officially announced soon.

5.2 Hall Men's Shed

Doug Anstess spoke about the Hall Men's Shed. Doug related that the last year was a good one despite Covid lockdowns. Activities through the year included: constructing the community oven, work with the Yass Men's Shed to produce 80 nesting boxes for Greater Gliders, assisting with the Sheepdog Trials, assisting Kingsley Southwell with his farm clean up, delivering the Rural Fringe, repairing the footbridge over Halls Creek and refurbishing picnic tables, helping at the Preschool and participating in their Book week event. Doug noted the Men's Shed was looking forward to catching up with the Yass Men's Shed and ANU representatives, involved in the nest box project, for a pizza day.

Doug noted that memberships stood at around 68 (down from 75 last year) and a group of about 30 members catch up regularly on Thursdays. About 70 members attended the last Christmas party and the Men's Shed will sponsor 50 % of the cost of this year's party, which will be held at Gold Creek Station.

5.3 Rural Fringe

Jo Hall discussed her role as editor and accounts officer of the Rural Fringe and thanked her team, consisting of Kevin Stone (proof reader), Gail Condy and Andrew Purdam (layout) for their sterling efforts during the year, and particularly when Jo needed to take leave and attend to commitments overseas.

Jo noted the Rural Fringe had broken even over the past year's operations. Income and expenses both totaled eleven thousand dollars. Six issues had been prepared, with 660 prints per issue supported by 37 advertisers. Jo thanked the Men's Shed for undertaking the deliveries to roadside mailboxes. Jo also noted her thanks to the printer, Instant Colour Press, for renegotiating printing costs. A better deal was achieved for the Fringe and more colour pages are now included.

Jo also thanked contributors to the Rural Fringe over the past year.

6. Election of Office Bearers and Committee

6.1 Nominations for:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Committee Members (up to 7)

The President declared all positions of office bearers and committee members vacant. The President noted that nominations had opened when the AGM was advertised and closed at noon last Monday.

Robert handed over to Phil Robson, Public Officer.

Phil stated he has received and checked 11 nominations and they are valid.

Four nominations were received for Committee positions:

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

Seven nominations were received for Committee membership:

- Peter Toet
- Leanne Broderick
- Tony Morris
- Ralph Southwell
- Toni Mattai
- Aaron Whittaker
- Margaret Monahan

Phil declared that the positions were duly filled.

6.2 Financial Delegations

Financial Delegations

It was proposed that the President, Secretary and Treasurer are to be authorised signatories with full authority for the following accounts:

Cheque Account BSB 06 2919 Account Number 00925470

Term Deposit BSB 06 2915 Account Number 50035702

- All previous signatories are voided
- Two signatures are required for the term deposit
- Two signatures are required for the cheque account

Robert Yallop, Jan Klaver and Phil Robson to be recorded as operational. Two signatures required.

Moved - Robert Yallop

Seconded - Phil Robson

Carried unanimously.

6.3 Appointment of Independent Reviewer

Robert Yallop advised his pleasure that Michel Sinclair has agreed to continue as Independent Reviewer of the VHDP

It was proposed that Michael Sinclair be appointed as Independent Reviewer.

Moved: Robert Yallop

Seconded - Phil Robson

Carried unanimously.

7. General Business

None

The meeting closed at 7.57 pm