



2024/2025

## VHDPH Committee Ordinary Meeting #5 – MINUTES

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| Meeting Date                         | 16 April 2025 at 7pm   |
| Location                             | ZOOM   |
| Office Holders and Committee Present | Robert Yallop, Lee-Ann Brodrick, Jan Klaver, Aaron Whittaker, Toni Makkai, Peter Toet, Margaret Monahan, Ralph Southwell and Phil Robson |
| Apologies                            | Tony Morris (technical difficulties) Jack McGrath  |

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

The President opened the meeting and welcomed the Committee of the VHDPH. 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 19 March 2025 be accepted.

Moved – Margaret Monahan

Seconded – Toni Makkai

Passed unanimously

#### b. Treasurer's Report

Financial Reports were as expected with no unusual transactions during the month. Term deposit was renewed for a period of nine months at 4.5% interest.

Phil Robson moved that the Financial reports be accepted by the Committee.

Seconded – Peter Toet

Passed unanimously

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

Seconded by Margaret Monahan

Passed unanimously

#### c. Actions From March Meeting

1. Gold Creek School Principal will visit the Hall Pre-School building in early 2025. **(Robert Yallop) Work in progress – on Robert's return from holiday.**

2. Men's Shed – investigate costs associated with purchase of a mower to use for School Site grass cutting. **(Aaron Whittaker) This proposal is still under investigation. Ian Brodrick has a contact who may be able to source a second hand machine in excellent working order.**
3. Contact residents of 1 Hall Street, opposite the Hall Pavilion to discuss issues relating to hire of the facility. **Robert Yallop on return from holiday. In the meantime Lee-Ann has spoken to these residents and flagged with them that Robert would like to meet.**
4. ACNC Application for charitable status. Contact other Progress Associations who have achieved this status to gain an understanding of their operations in comparison with VHDP. **(Robert Yallop) Ongoing. One other organization has responded with details of their successful application. It seems that the VHDP submission will need to be dramatically revised.**
5. ACNC Application – letter to Andrew Leigh seeking assistance and support to achieve charitable status as above Item 4. **(Robert Yallop) There has been no response from Dr Leigh – letter seeking assistance was sent prior to the date of the election being announced.**
6. Jack McGrath to ask Shaun O'Connor to replace sensor light at the entrance to the Cottage. **Done – sincere thanks to Shaun for his work on this. It has meant a much safer access/departure for Cottage hirers.**
7. 2022-23 and 2023-24 Tax Filing. **(Phil Robson with assistance from Michael Sinclair – completed)**
8. Hall Heritage Centre disability ramp. **Peter Toet has received a very reasonable quote from Capital Asphalt for this project and is now waiting for ACT Property Group to approve the works.**
9. Contact ACT Property Group regarding mowing of the Victoria Street nature strip of the School Site. **Peter Toet spoke to lawnmowing contractor regarding this and was advised that the grass area outside the school fence was not marked on their GPS as being part of the contract. Peter will speak to appropriate officer to try and rectify this.**
10. Contact Richard Daintree, ACT Property Group, regarding the alarm systems on buildings on the School Site. **Richard Daintree advised Peter Toet that he has a work order out on this job. Peter will call Richard again to follow up.**

#### **d. Correspondence**

The main items of correspondence this month further related to:

1. ACNC Registration
2. Storm Water and Cycle Path projects

#### **4. Reports of VHDP Subcommittees**

##### **a. Hall Museum and Heritage Centre**

It is a busy time for the Centre. On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Hall Museum and Heritage Centre will have a display at Tuggeranong Homestead as part of ACT Heritage Week 2025. The following day the Hall Heritage Centre will launch a reprint of the Lyall Gillespie publication "*Ginninderra: Forerunner to Canberra*". The Intellectual Property for this publication is an important component of the Gillespie Collection which was donated to the Hall Museum and Heritage Centre by the Gillespie family.

The Centre will shortly begin selling a brochure produced by Ken Heffernan about the Gillespie Collection.

Volunteers at the Centre have been assembling small displays representing the theme of this year's Heritage Festival – *Unearthed* - for display during the festival which begins 18<sup>th</sup> April.

There are a couple of bookings for late May for school groups to visit the school museum. These tours have proven very popular and more groups are expected to book over the next couple of months.

Robert suggested that a time be identified to invite the new Governor General, Her Excellency Sam Mostyn, to visit the VHDP, the Men's Shed and the Museum and Heritage Centre.

Hall Rotary will again conduct an Anzac Ceremony in the village at 12noon on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April. This event will be attended by Lieutenant Matthew Woods, Royal Australian Navy, who will give the address. Lieutenant Woods has asked for information regarding the local men who lost their lives in the service of this country. The Catafalque Party will be formed by a group of Cadets from Gungahlin.

#### **b. Hall Men's Shed**

It has been a quiet month at the Shed. Members have completed distribution of the April edition of the Hall Rural Fringe to all roadside delivery points in the 2618 region. Several members are away at present – some holidaying and others unfortunately due to illness.

The Men's Shed will be organizing a sausage sizzle on Election Day – 3<sup>rd</sup> May at the Hall Pavilion Polling Booth. This event will be added to the Democracy Sausage Sizzle Map on the internet.

#### **c. Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage**

Bookings are continuing well for both facilities and costs are being covered.

The Pavilion was used to facilitate the National Sheep Dog Trials for ten days and the electricity costs for this usage have been paid to the VHDP. Toni has heard many positive comments regarding the recent Sheep Dog Trials. Increased interest is perhaps due in part to the television show Muster Dogs. Previous Governor General, His Excellency David Hurley and his wife Linda attended the trials again this year.

A recent hirer of the Pavilion lost the keys to the building which resulted in an unauthorized visit from unknown person/s – probably after this individual/s found the lost keys. There was some damage to the floor which has since been repaired by Tony Morris. As a result, a total new set of locks and keys was required, at considerable expense. The new keys will be distributed to the weekly hirers of the Pavilion as well as relevant Committee members.

The Pavilion will be used on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> May by the Australian Electoral Commission for voting in the election.

The Cottage is bubbling along well with a regular income stream at present.

### **5. Other Business**

#### **a. Wallaroo/Spring Range Update**

Yass Council has undertaken resealing work on sections of road in the Wallaroo area. A Give Way sign has been erected at the corner of Southwell and Wallaroo Roads. This new signage has been welcomed by local residents.

Unfortunately dumping continues in the area and there has recently been a burned out car at the ACT end of Wallaroo Road.

No news on the solar farm.

#### **b. Special Interest Group Incremental Costs**

It has come to the attention of the Committee that there is no mechanism in place to seek the prior approval of the VHDP Committee before amendments or increases of costs are agreed with a third

party provider (eg internet provider). This situation would occur in instances where the VHDPA pays for services which are predominantly used by a Special Interest Group.

This topic came to light with a very slight increase in the monthly charge for internet services used by the Museum and Heritage Centre. In this case the VHDPA will certainly agree to the slight increase in cost however it does raise the question of an appropriate process being implemented to overcome any potential issue if there were to be a very significant increase in any services provided in the future.

The President will write to the leadership of the Heritage Centre and the Men's Shed to advise them of the importance of seeking agreement from the VHDPA Committee before committing any additional costs to be borne by the VHDPA.

#### **c. Hall Reserve Work Day**

The work day on 23 March 2025 at the Hall Reserve was very successful with a good turnout of 14 volunteers. The Reserve is looking wonderful and there are already plans to hold another working bee in early Spring to continue this beautification project. A lovely lunch was provided at the completion of the work, paid for by the Ginninderra Catchment Group, which was enjoyed by volunteers.

#### **d. Storm Water and Cycle Path**

Robert Yallop and Lee-Ann Brodrick met with Richmond Henty from Infrastructure Canberra on 20<sup>th</sup> March to discuss updates regarding the Cycle Path. Tim Norton the officer managing the Hall Storm Water project also attended this meeting.

Tim Norton advised that the design work for the storm water project was developing well and that the anticipated final stages of design would be ready to present to the community towards the end of August. He acknowledged that community consultation was a critical part of the process and that he would remain engaged with VHDPA to achieve community involvement. Tim advised that at this point in time there is no commitment for funding to undertake construction of the stormwater project.

Regarding the cycle path, Richmond Henty advised that there was joint Commonwealth/ACT Government funding to complete the Hall Main Cycle Path from Hall Village to Clarrie Hermes Drive in the 2026 ACT Budget. Currently two possible paths are being considered and Richmond believes that it is critical to have a community meeting to allow questions before finalization. This meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at the Hall Pavilion. This will be confirmed with Richmond early in May after more work on this project is completed. This scheduled meeting has missed the opportunity to advertise in the current edition of the Rural Fringe however signs will be put up in the village noticeboards and on the blackboard on Victoria Street closer, once the meeting has been confirmed by Richmond.

#### **e. Disability Ramp for Access to the School Site**

Discussed in 3c Actions

#### **f. Lawn Mower Purchase**

Discussed in 3c Actions

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 21 May 2025**