



2024/2025

VHDPH Committee Ordinary Meeting #6 – MINUTES

Meeting Date	21 May 2025 at 7pm
Location	Hall Cottage & Zoom
Office Holders and Committee Present	Jan Klaver, Toni Makkai, Tony Morris, Phil Robson, Ralph Southwell and Peter Toet, Aaron Whittaker, Robert Yallop
Apologies	Lee-Ann Brodrick, Jack McGrath, Margaret Monahan

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 16 April 2025 be accepted.

Moved – Peter Toet

Seconded – Aaron Whittaker

Passed unanimously

b. Treasurer's Report

Financial Reports were as expected with no unusual transactions during the month.

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 Tony Morris

Passed unanimously

c. Actions From April Meeting

1. Gold Creek School Principal will visit the Hall Pre-School building in early 2025. **(Robert Yallop)**
Daniel Breen will visit tomorrow (22 May) with Associate Principal (Junior School).
2. Men's Shed – investigate costs associated with purchase of a mower to use for School Site grass cutting.
(Aaron Whittaker)
Aaron has secured a donated mower and is currently working on its servicing and repair ready for use. Ian Brodrick is still working on 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. **Lee-Ann has talked with Alycia who has said to me that they do not want to pursue a complaint about the noisy disturbance at the Pavilion. They had wondered if the Police should have been called as they were only concerned for the safety of the guests. Fortunately the revised terms and conditions of hire of the Hall Pavilion address this particular issue.**
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 VHDPA. **(Robert Yallop)**
Ongoing. One other organization has responded with details of their successful application. It seems that the VHDPA 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. Follow up was sent to Andrew Leigh on 11 May and still no response.**
6. 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. Approval has not yet been received and Peter will follow up with ACT Heritage Unit for Property Group approval.**
7. Contact Nicholls Mowing Depot regarding mowing of the Victoria Street nature strip of the School Site. **Peter Toet spoke to Nicholls Depot and they will include the verges around the Hall Community Precinct on the mowing maps.**
8. 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

There was a limited amount of correspondence about the Pavilion Licence, ACNC, Cycle Path and Hall Open Space Management Plan.

4. Reports of VHDPA Subcommittees

a. Hall Museum and Heritage Centre

On Saturday 3rd May Hall Museum and Heritage Centre had a display at Tuggeranong Homestead as part of ACT Heritage Week 2025. The following day the Hall Heritage Centre launched 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 brochure produced by Ken Heffernan about the Gillespie Collection was also launched on 4 May.

School groups to continue to visit the school museum. These tours have proven very popular and more groups are expected to book over the next couple of months. An additional set of "Heritage In A Suitcase" is being prepared to loan to schools unable to visit the Heritage Centre.

A grant application to the National Library for around \$15,000 for cataloguing of the Gillespie Collection is being prepared by the Heritage Centre. Phil will provide the information to Robert before being finalised.

b. Hall Men's Shed

The dust extraction system has now been fully installed in the Men's shed workshop.

The Men's Shed organised a sausage sizzle on Election Day – 3rd May at the Hall Pavilion Polling Booth. A number of Men's Shed members assisted in the Sausage Sizzle which raised around \$700 for the Men's Shed.

c. Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage

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

The Pavilion was used on 2nd and 3rd May by the Australian Electoral Commission for voting in the election.

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

Damage to the water bubbler outside the Pavilion necessitated urgent plumbing repairs.

5. Other Business

a. Wallaroo/Spring Range Update

Dumping has continued in Wallaroo that recently included a pile of mattresses. Fortunately, Yass Council very quickly clear the dumped items.

There have been NSW Police patrols in Wallaroo which is encouraging as response to the advocacy from the VHDPA.

Benjamin Faulks and Johnny Roso have appealed to the NSW Land and Environment Court the Independent Planning Commission's 11 September 2024 grant of development consent to the Wallaroo Solar Farm Project (SSD 9261283). Following unsuccessful Conciliation, the Court has listed the appeal for hearing from 1 to 4 September 2025 commencing in Wallaroo.

b. Waterproofing Between the Cottage Building and the Gazebo

The Men's Shed have raised concerns about the leaks in the connection between the Cottage roof and the pergola roof. It is particularly bad leaking during and after rain.

Peter Toet and Aaron Whittaker will undertake the required maintenance.

c. Hall Cemetery Community Meeting

A Community Meeting for input to Canberra Memorial Parks about the future of the Hall Cemetery is scheduled on Wednesday 25 June at 7:00pm. The VHDPA is enabling the Community Meeting but it is a meeting by Canberra Memorial Parks. We will set up around 6:30pm.

There is information in the June edition of the Rural Fringe and we will post something on the Hall Village Community Facebook page a couple of weeks before.

d. Plane Trees in CBD

A number of people have asked if anything can be done to reduce the inundation of leaf litter from the plane trees in the CBD. The leaf litter clogs drains and becomes slippery and dangerous when wet.

Aaron said that the trees should be regularly pruned and we should request the ACT Government to undertake the required management of the trees. Aaron will get the details of the area in the ACT Government where the request for tree maintenance should be addressed.

e. Missing Middle Housing Design Guide

On Tuesday 20 May, the ACT Government released a Design Guide for “Missing Middle” housing with the indication that it could apply to all RZ1 property in the ACT. Statements by ACT Government spokespersons about Heritage limitations have been vague and ambiguous.

It is proposed that the VHDPa make a submission to the consultation on the Missing Middle Housing Design Guide emphasising the primacy of Heritage Precinct codes.

Jan has read through the guide and will draft points for a VHDPa submission.

f. Commonwealth Bank Changes

The Commonwealth Bank is limiting the deposit of cash and cheques and this affects the Heritage Centre (as it does other community groups). Phil will investigate the advantages and disadvantages of changing the VHDPa (and SIG) banking to another bank.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 18 June 2025