



VHDPH Committee Ordinary Meeting #7 – MINUTES

Meeting Date	18 June 2025 at 6.30pm
Location	Hall Cottage & Zoom
Office Holders and Committee Present	Lee-Ann Brodrick, Jan Klaver, Toni Makkai, Margaret Monahan, Tony Morris, Ralph Southwell and Peter Toet, Aaron Whittaker, Robert Yallop
Apologies	Jack McGrath, Phil Robson

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 21 May 2025 be accepted.

Moved – Aaron Whittaker

Seconded – Tony Morris

Passed unanimously

b. Treasurer's Report

Financial Reports were received late this afternoon due to Phil being away. There was no chance to look at them before meeting and so it was decided to hold over till next meeting when Phil will be back. They will be examined and dealt with in conjunction with next month's reports.

c. Actions From May Meeting

1. Gold Creek School Principal will visit the Hall Pre-School building in early 2025. **(Robert Yallop)**
Daniel Breen, Gold Creek School Principal and the Deputy Principal visited the Hall Pre-School building on 22 May 2025. They were accompanied by Phil Robson and Mardi Troth from the Hall Museum. The officers were shown around the Museum and were accompanied on a visit to the Men's Shed by Aaron Whittaker and Doug Anstess before going to the Pre-School site. The Pre-School remains under the jurisdiction of the Gold Creek School. Daniel Breen maintains that the building is non-compliant for educational purposes but feels that the Education Department needs to explore future options for the site. He believes it is a political issue. It was noted that children visiting the area would see the play area near the pre-school building and be enticed to play there. This was a dangerous situation due to broken glass, long grass and other safety issues related to the derelict condition of the site.

2. 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.**
3. ACNC Application – letter to Andrew Leigh seeking assistance and support to achieve charitable status as above. **(Robert Yallop) There has been no response from Dr Leigh.**
4. Hall Heritage Centre disability ramp. **Peter Toet. All is ready to go with this project and now waiting for ACT Property Group to approve the works.**
5. Waterproof Roof between the Cottage Building and the pergola – Peter Toet and Aaron Whittaker will do the necessary work. **Aaron has the materials and waiting for fine weather.**
6. Contact ACT Government about pruning the plane trees in CBD. **This matter is under government investigation however action seems unlikely at present.**
7. Submission to ACT Government on Missing Middle Housing Design Guide. **Jan Klaver Enormous amount of documents to work through. Submissions close in mid August. Policy has many references to other sites and should not impact Hall due to heritage covenants. Jan is working through this and is mindful of the timeframe.**
8. CBA limiting locations for cash deposits – Phil will investigate the advantages and disadvantages of changing the VHDPA (including SIG) banking to another bank. **Held over until Phil's return next month.**

d. Correspondence

Correspondence was primarily related to consultation on the Hall Storm Water project. This will involve a Pop-Up information event at the Pavilion on 13 August to present an action plan for the project. Robert has also emailed Richmond Henty regarding the Hall Cycle Path, no response as yet.

4. Reports of VHDPA Subcommittees

a. Hall Museum and Heritage Centre

The Heritage Centre has decided that the next exhibition will be on Palmerville and will follow the story of Palmer and Davis and their interactions with the local indigenous community. This will be presented at the 2026 ACT Heritage Festival. This project is in the early stages of development.

Phil Robson is working on a grant application to enable the Gillespie Collection to be recorded on a data base. This is a large undertaking.

Brass on the Grass is being held on 16 November.

There are a couple of maintenance issues at the Museum. Boys' toilets have a seepage issue and there is a leak at the Cottage outside tap. Peter Toet will investigate these problems.

b. Hall Men's Shed

The dust extraction system in the Men's Shed workshop is now operational and earthed out. The Shed has been commissioned to construct 15 more Glider Boxes for the Namadgi National Park.

There is a Pizza Day planned for an upcoming lunch. Payments are now due for memberships.

c. Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage

Bookings are continuing well for both facilities and costs are being covered. Cleaners for the Pavilion are paid bi-monthly. There is a leaking tap in the bathroom that will require attention. A local men's fitness group are using the Pavilion early on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

5. Other Business

a. Wallaroo/Spring Range Update

It is very quiet, perhaps due to Winter. Dumping has continued in Wallaroo, mattresses and burnt out cars are often left on roadsides.

b. 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 VHDP is enabling the Community Meeting but the discussion is convened and managed by Canberra Memorial Parks. We will set up around 6:30pm for approximately 30 people.

Community interest seems quite high. Aaron will put a notification on the Hall Facebook page with details of the meeting. There are flyers advertising this event at the Daughters of Hall, inside and outside, as well as the Hall Post Office. Information was also included in the June edition of the Rural Fringe.

c. Storm Water Drainage Infrastructure Consultation, 13 August 2025

The pop-up consultation will be held at the Pavilion on 13 August 2025. Tim Norton is on leave at present and in his absence this event will be managed by Leon Mayers. It will be advertised in the August Rural Fringe, and there will be signs in the notice boards around the village.

d. Hall Memorial Grove, Brass Plaques and Planter Boxes

A resident has raised the issue of the neglected state of the Memorial Grove, making particular mention of the overgrown planter boxes and the untended state of the brass plaques. It was suggested that perhaps the Men's Shed may be interested in doing some restorative work on the brass memorial plaques at the Grove. The planter boxes were an initiative undertaken by Hall Rotary under the management of Jonathon Palmer. Ralph Southwell will talk to Jonathon about this.

e. Hall Community Precinct Driveway

There are no developments on this matter. There appears to be a fungus growing under the asphalt perhaps causing the breakdown of the hard surface. Peter Toet will seek advice and quotes on repair options.

f. Hall Reserve Working Bee

The next working bee at the Hall Reserve will be held on 21 September, just before the school holidays. It is planned to make another garden bed at the Loftus Street end of the Reserve.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 16 July 2025