



VHDPa Committee Ordinary Meeting #8 – MINUTES

Meeting Date	16 July 2025 at 7.00pm
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, Margaret Monahan, Peter Toet

1. Welcome and Introductions

The President opened the meeting and welcomed the Committee of the VHDPa. 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 18 June 2025 be accepted.

Moved – Tony Morris

Seconded – Toni Makkai

Passed unanimously

b. Treasurer's Report

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

Tony Morris moved that the Financial reports be accepted by the Committee.

Seconded – Robert Yallop

Passed unanimously

Phil Robson moved that financial transactions made for the periods of June and July financial reports be ratified by the Committee.

Seconded by Tony Morris

Passed unanimously

c. Actions From May Meeting

1. 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.**
2. 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. **Robert Yallop to write to ACT Property Group to expedite their approval.**

3. 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.**
4. Submission to ACT Government on Missing Middle Housing Design Guide. **Done thanks to Jan Klaver**
5. CBA limiting locations for cash deposits – Phil will investigate the advantages and disadvantages of changing the VHDPA (including SIG) banking to another bank. **Phil to discuss with Michael Sinclair**
6. Hall Heritage Centre – seepage in boys' toilets and leaking tap outside Cottage **Peter Toet**
7. Hall Pavilion leaking tap in bathroom to be fixed. **Tap fixed.**

d. Correspondence

Correspondence was primarily related to consultation on the Hall Storm Water project, Hall pavilion and the Cycle Path. All items will be discussed in the Agenda.

4. Reports of VHDPA Subcommittees

a. Hall Museum and Heritage Centre

The Heritage Centre Annual Meeting will be held on 28 August. There will also be a Heritage Centre planning meeting on 21 August looking at the future of the Heritage Centre in relation to volunteers, publicity, Hall Community Precinct Licence and other matters.

The grant application to the National Library was initially rejected but further information has been provided to the National Library and the grant application is being reconsidered. ACT Heritage grant applications are now open and will close on 15 August.

b. Hall Men's Shed

The Pizza Day was held on 3 July with about 30 attendees.

The Glider boxes are nearing completion.

Memberships are being slowly renewed.

c. Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage

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

There has been another incident at the Pavilion with the rear doors being forced open and further electric bike "burnout" activity in the Pavilion.

Consideration will be given to mounting CCTV at the Pavilion.

5. Other Business

a. Wallaroo/Spring Range Update

There was a large amount of rubbish dumped on Wallaroo Rd in the ACT near the Hall Cemetery. The ACT Government acted quickly to remove the rubbish. Yass Valley Council appear to only remove dumped rubbish a couple of times per year.

b. Hall Cemetery Community Meeting

A Community Meeting for input to Canberra Memorial Parks about the future of the Hall Cemetery was held on Wednesday 25 June at 7:00pm. Twenty people attended the meeting.

Canberra Memorial Parks were encouraged to undertake a survey that should be widely publicised in Hall Village and District, through the Rural Fringe and other Progress Association media. Kerry McMurray subsequently notified the *Rural Fringe* team that they would not meet the deadline for the August edition of the *Rural Fringe* but would submit for a later edition.

A “straw poll” at the meeting showed about 2/3 in favour of expansion of the cemetery and about 1/3 undecided, concerned about the implications or not in favour.

The Community Meeting was held at the same time as the Wallaroo Bush Fire Brigade monthly training so limited participation. Comments from Wallaroo residents also seemed to have mixed views on the expansion of the cemetery.

c. Storm Water Drainage Infrastructure Consultation, 13 August 2025

The pop-up consultation will be held at the Pavilion on 13 August 2025. It will be advertised in the August Rural Fringe, and there will be signs in the notice boards around the village.

d. Pavilion Licence

An email was received from TCCS Land Use in late June advising that, as the Pavilion Licence is up for renewal in December, the application for renewal needs to be completed.

We contacted the person who had facilitated the “interim” 12-month Licence to ask for their advice and were told to go ahead and submit the renewal request to TCCS Land Use. This was done in early July.

e. Cycle Path

The Hall Cycle Path – “Hall Main Route” – has been highlighted in the ACT Budget outcomes for Gungahlin. The ACT Government project manager advised that they are assessing the path through the “buffer” paddock between Victoria St and the Starr lease this week.

f. Christmas Fair and Street Party

Zina Richardson has sent an email to various recipients (including the Rural Fringe) that a Christmas Fair and Street Party is being scheduled for Friday 21 November 4:30 – 8:30 in Victoria St between Gladstone St and Hoskins St. This is being organised in conjunction with St Michael and All Angels Anglican parish. The Progress Association has not been approached about the event and no request has been received by the Progress Association.

g. Kangaroo Numbers in Close Proximity to Hall Roads

A member of the Heritage Centre has expressed concern about the increased number of kangaroos on the road access to the village with the risk to motorists and the animals. Approximately, a kangaroo each week is being found dead on Victoria St.

The Committee agreed to write to Minister Cheyne and request kangaroo signage at each end of Victoria St and on Gladstone St.

h. Recent Altercation Between Dog Owner and equestrian at Hall Showground

An incident occurred on Sunday, 13 July, at the Hall Showground where the Police were called and attended to prevent further escalation.

Apparently, an equestrian who agists horses in the ACT Government Horse Paddock in Hall rode their horse to the Hall Showground wanting to exercise their horse and train in the Showground area. When the rider arrived at the Showground, the rider asked the dog owners that were there if they would either put their dogs on a leash or leave the Showground so that the person could ride safely without being chased by dogs or the horse injuring a dog.

The Progress Association were informed that the interaction between the rider and one dog owner escalated significantly with abuse and threats and eventually Police were called. The Police arrived, defused the situation and advised the horse rider to leave the area.

The Committee agreed to recommend that the informant contact ACT Sport and Recreation to suggest appropriate action to protect equestrians and dog owners at Hall Showground. The Committee also agreed to contact Sport and Recreation to take appropriate action.

i. VHDPA Annual General Meeting

Michael Sinclair has been in touch with the Treasurer to reconcile VHDPA accounts in preparation to close FY 2025 and prepare for the Annual Review.

The Committee suggested that a date for the AGM be proposed to Michael Sinclair of Thursday 18 September at 11:00 in the main display area of the Hall Heritage Centre, Hall Community Precinct, followed by a light lunch.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 20 August 2025