

## HALL PAVILION AND COTTAGE 2024/25 ANNUAL REPORT

- This year saw consistent use of the Hall Pavilion and Cottage facilities.
  - The Pavilion Licence was renewed for 12 months pending ACT Govt consideration of which ACT Govt entity should be responsible for future management. The President and Committee have continued to remind ACT Sport and Recreation, ACT Government, about longer-term renewal of the Licence.
  - The Treasurer's report includes Pavilion and Cottage financial information.
  - From 01 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 there were a total of 228 bookings of the Pavilion, an average of 19 bookings per month. Of the total bookings, 109 were day or longer duration and 119 were shorter weekday bookings at the hourly rate.
  - Activities included children's birthday parties, weddings, Christmas parties, baby showers, Tai Chi, Yoga, Hall Markets, National Sheepdog Trials, Irish Dancing, use as electoral polling booth, community meetings, Men's Shed meetings, and the VVMC Swap meet.
  - There were a number of outgoings through the year including: replacement of the master key system, repairs to plumbing and drains.
  - The Pavilion is professionally cleaned on Mondays, but otherwise maintained by volunteers.
  - This year we continued to subsidise the National Sheepdog Trials with free use of the Pavilion for the week, charging only for utilities consumption.
  - Unfortunately early in 2015 some vandalism occurred at the Pavilion. This involved unauthorised entry with motorised bikes and resulting blackened and gouged damage to the timber and vinyl flooring.
  - During the year the conditions of use for the Pavilion were reviewed and amended in line with ACT Govt conditions placed on hire of their own facilities.
  - In particular the amendments aimed to address building exit and curfews and noise reduction, but also addressed acceptable uses and insurances.
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- The Cottage has received fairly continuous use, with 11 permanent bookings per week. Three of these bookings are for Hall community groups, Men's Shed and Ladies' Craft Afternoon and attract no fee for use. Eight sessions per week are reserved for a Wellness and Yoga Group who have been enjoying use of the Cottage for the past ten months. This tenant has provided a substantial increase in the monthly income received for Cottage use. Other casual bookings fit in around these permanent bookings.
  - The Cottage has also been made available for some local groups free of charge including Hall Rotary. The National Sheepdog Trials Association has also had free use of the Cottage for periodic meetings.
  - This year the VHDP Committee prepared a policy covering hire of the Cottage and care is taken to ensure that potential users of the Cottage do not have an impact on neighbours.
  - The management of the Cottage has been greatly assisted by members of the Men's Shed due to their willingness to conduct maintenance and repair needs.