



VHDPa Committee Ordinary Meeting #1 – MINUTES

2025/26

Meeting Date	15 October 2025 at 7.00pm
Location	Hall Cottage & Zoom
Office Holders and Committee Present	Robert Yallop, Lee-Ann Brodrick, Jan Klaver, Margaret Monahan, Tony Morris, Phil Robson, Peter Toet, Aaron Whittaker
Apologies	Jack McGrath, Toni Makkai, Mardi Troth

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 20 August 2025 be accepted.

Moved – Robert Yallop

Seconded – Tony Morris

Passed unanimously

b. Provisional Minutes of AGM 18 September 2025

These minutes will be provided at VHDPa November Committee Meeting.

c. Treasurer's Report – Review Financial Report and Sept/Oct Transactions

Phil Robson reported that there is nothing unusual in the financial reports. Normal processing of bills has continued with no unexpected expenses. Income from hire of Pavilion and Cottage has continued well.

Phil Robson moved that financial report for this month be accepted by the Committee.

Seconded by Tony Morris Passed unanimously.

Phil Robson moved that financial transactions made for September/October be ratified by the Committee.

Seconded by Margaret Monahan Passed unanimously

d. Actions From August Meeting – Schedule 1

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 – seepage in boys' toilets and leaking tap outside Cottage. **Ongoing. Peter Toet has reported this problem and followed it up again on 14/8/2025. No action as yet. Peter Toet will follow up with Infrastructure Canberra again.**
3. Waterproof Roof between the Cottage Building and the pergola – Peter Toet and Aaron Whittaker will do the necessary work when trades are available. Other issues – gutter cleaning, rabbit population on school grounds and mould in the Museum are all matters requiring attention. **Peter Toet**
4. Hall School Site - Need to remove basketball hoop from the cladding on the side of the building due to instability. Also need to remove chair near tennis court. **Aaron Whittaker Completed VHDPA will write a note to Doug/Men's Shed to thank them for working on this project.**
5. Purchase and installation of AED for the Pavilion. **Ongoing**
6. Extension of the portico over the entry to the Museum. Grant money was obtained for this purpose and this needs to be acquitted. Talk to Lauren Brown from ACT Heritage to have an extension of time for this project. **No action as yet. Peter Toet will raise this matter with Infrastructure Canberra with a view to the VHDPA proceeding with this work as soon as possible.**
7. Ask Gungahlin Rotary to remove container on the oval near bins at rear of Pavilion. **Phil Robson**
8. A number of issues would benefit from on-site inspection from ACT Government. These matters concern both Sport and Recreation as well as Property Group. A meeting with Sport and Recreation Officers Luke Halpin and Chris Doyle and VHDPA Robert Yallop and Aaron Whittaker was held on 2 September 2025 to discuss the following concerns:
 - i) Vandalism of rugby field, cricket pitch and showground area by local teenagers on motorized bicycles, go-karts and scooters.
Progress Association to report the situation to police. Luke Halpin will arrange for periodic Ranger visits to observe and deter perpetrators. VHDPA has reported to police on this matter.
No further action
 - ii) Need for significant maintenance of BBQ shed
BBQ shed (called Sheep Pavilion) is identified as a Place of Specific Value within the Hall Village Heritage Precinct list of Hall Village.
.Progress Association will ask for Heritage Assessment of BBQ shed
.Robert Yallop will send a copy of Hall Village Master Plan and Hall Heritage Precinct Code to [Sportsgrounds@act.gov.au](mailto:sportsgrounds@act.gov.au)
.Luke Halpin will explore the potential for ACT Heritage funding for refurbishment of the Sheep Pavilion (BBQ Shed)
 - iii) Container beside cricket pitch
Has been removed
 - iv) Massive increase in use of Showground arena as de facto "dog park" and dangerous incidents involving dogs, horses and people.
Progress Association will encourage any victims of incidents to report such to sportsgrounds@act.gov.au VHDPA will also place article in Rural Fringe with link to complaints reporting facility on ACT Government website. VHDPA will also consider requesting a rezoning of Showground from PRZ1 (free for all users) to PRZ2 (restricted access)
Luke Halpin will explore removing gates to open the enclosed, fenced area of arena to replace with a chain
 - v) There is a large uncovered deep hole at entrance to Polocrosse Field.
Needs follow up with Sport and Recreation.

e) Correspondence (Schedule 2)

Correspondence was primarily related to comments relating to the Stormwater Pop-Up and these have been shared with the design team. A recent media article stating that the population of Hall Village is declining and will be non-existent in another twenty-five years was noted.

4. Reports of VHDPA Subcommittees

a. Hall Museum and Heritage Centre

The Museum and Heritage Centre continues to be a busy hub. There was a recent visit from the Chevrolet Club with 47 vintage vehicles arriving to enjoy a tour of the Museum followed by a lunch provided by volunteers. This was a very successful day.

National Trust Heritage Walk was conducted around the village led by Phil Robson, Tony Morris and Rosemary Blemings. This is the second of these walks for the year and they have proven to be popular.

Planning for Brass on the Grass concert is well advanced and it is set to be another successful event for the Museum.

Investigations are underway with a view to upgrading the alarm system at the Museum. This work will be a major investment and ways of funding the project will require significant research.

A Steering Group for the Museum and Heritage Centre met to discuss planning and development issues relating directly to the running of the Museum. Matters covered include shortage of human resources and volunteers, issues that are common among other like organisations. University of Canberra has offered to prepare some content for short term promotional campaigns eg via social media. A communication and marketing report is due for delivery within the next few weeks.

b. Hall Men's Shed

The Shed continues with its normal gatherings on Thursday mornings. The new "Hall Reserve" sign will soon be ready for installation. Dead branches from pine trees on the school site have been removed.

The Men's Shed was approached by a local parishioner of the St Francis' Catholic Church seeking assistance with repair work on the old timber doors of the Church. These had recently been significantly damaged by vandals prising the doors open. The Church was secured with temporary doors while work was undertaken. The doors were beautifully repaired and restored and are now back in place on the Church.

Many thanks to the Men's Shed for their invaluable work and generous community spirit.

c. Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage

Bookings are continuing well for both facilities with nothing unusual happening over the past month.

Other Business

a. Wallaroo/Spring Range Update

Nothing to report this month as both representatives, Jack McGrath and Toni Makkai were apologies for this meeting.

b. Report on Hall Reserve Work Day

A very successful working bee was held on the Hall Reserve on 21 September. There were 20 attendees working on a new garden bed and 70 new plants were planted. Lunch was provided for workers and this enabled pleasant social interaction at the completion of the day's work.

c. Update on Christmas Fair/Street Party

Plans are underway for this event to be held on Friday 21 November in the main street. There will be barricades on Victoria Street at the Gladstone Street and Loftus Street intersections. The Fair this year will be held in conjunction with St Michaels and All Angels Anglican Church. It is understood that all permits are in place. Men's Shed have been asked to complete some repair works prior to the Fair.

d. Brass on the Grass Update

Planning for this event on 16 November is advanced. Men's Shed will be running the BBQ, there will be an icecream van. Tea, coffee, sandwiched and cakes etc will be provided by Museum volunteers. Invitations to this event have been sent to ACT MLAs.

e. Public Information and Membership Development

The VHDPa is aware of many new people now living in the region of 2618 and would like to develop a strategy to raise awareness of the role and achievements of the VHDPa. Work has been done over the past six years to stabilize the role of the VHDPa and much has been achieved in this regard. Examples of this are the development of projects including the Cycle Path, Stormwater planning and beautification of the Hall Reserve. The Committee sees benefit in increasing the profile of the VHDPa with a view to attracting new members and providing more public information on the work that this organization does and the benefits to the community. It is hoped that this will become an active initiative in early 2026. It is proposed to hold two open meetings per year. It was also noted that any member can present items of interest or concern to any meeting by being in touch with a Committee member and asking for inclusion.

A proposed initial step is to hold a pizza/ barbeque event on Saturday 7 February 2026 for Hall Village residents.

Next Meeting is 19 November 2025 at 7pm.