



VHDPA Committee Ordinary Meeting #2 – MINUTES

2025/26

Meeting Date	19 November 2025 at 7.00pm
Location	Hall Cottage & Zoom
Office Holders and Committee Present	Robert Yallop, Lee-Ann Brodrick, Jan Klaver, Jack McGrath, Margaret Monahan, Tony Morris, Phil Robson, Peter Toet, Aaron Whittaker
Apologies	Peter Toet, 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. 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 Aaron Whittaker Passed unanimously.

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

Seconded by Tony Morris Passed unanimously

c. Actions From October 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. Peter Toet has reported this problem and followed it up again on 14/8/2025. In August Robert Yallop again highlighted this issue out to Property Group officers. Peter Toet will follow up with Infrastructure Canberra again. **Ongoing**
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/Aaron Whittaker - Ongoing

4. Purchase and installation of AED for the Pavilion. Jan in consultation with Marion Banyard **Ongoing**
5. Extension of the portico over the entry to the Museum. Grant money was obtained for this purpose and this needs to be acquitted. Aaron is in the process of organizing a building design and local resident Tony Kovacs will assist with this work. **Ongoing**
6. Ask Gungahlin Rotary to remove container on the oval near bins at rear of Pavilion. The appropriate officer from Rotary, Brian Goldstraw is away at present and will be contacted on return. **Phil Robson - Ongoing**
7. 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) 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)

No further action on this matter – Jan Klaver suggests seeking a Heritage Assessment from Phillip Leeson however it seems that there would be little funding to allow this

ii) 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

No further action on this. Refer to Schedule 2, Correspondence. Two letters have been sent to Luke Halpin regarding this matter. It was suggested to contact Luke's associate Chris Doyle to seek more information.

e) Correspondence (Schedule 2)

Correspondence was primarily related to invitation to MLAs for Brass on the Grass and TCCS Pavilion Licence.

4. Reports of VHDPA Subcommittees

a. Hall Museum and Heritage Centre

It has been a busy month in the lead-up to Brass on the Grass. The event was a success with approximately 300 attendees. Food stalls were busy and well appreciated.

There had been three applications made for grants to assist the Museum and Heritage Centre, two to ACT Heritage and one to National Library. Unfortunately none of these were successful.

Heritage Festival 2026 registration is now open. The focus for this event by the Hall Museum and Heritage Centre will be a display on Palmerville.

There is a large cleaning project planned for the Heritage Centre, Buildings A to F. This will take into consideration Occupational Health and Safety requirements and will include cleaning of carpets. It does not involve storage areas or the DOJO room. This is subject to approval from the finance committee of the Museum.

b. Hall Men's Shed

The Shed continues with its normal gatherings on Thursday mornings. The BBQ run by Men's Shed at Brass on the Grass was successful and raised in the vicinity of \$750.

The new "Hall Reserve" sign has been installed and the Memorial Grove sign is almost ready. New tables for the Cottage verandah are being built using donated timber.

The Men's Shed Christmas Lunch will be held at the Pavilion on Thursday 4 December and numbers for this are expected to be around 90. Members and their partners are encouraged to join in.

Aaron expressed the intention for Men's Shed to donate payment for cleaning of the Cottage carpets.

c. Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage

Bookings are continuing well for both facilities. It was decided to change the lock-box code for the Cottage due to an incident of missing property. The new code will be operational from Tuesday 25 November.

It was noted that DOJO Karate have moved more equipment into the area that they currently occupy.

5. Other Business

a. NBN FTTP Briefing

(This item was dealt with at the beginning of the meeting to allow officers from NBN and Ventia to leave when they had finished.)

National Broadband Network ACT Engagement Officer Dee Kneip attended this evening's meeting to provide information regarding the work currently being undertaken as the starting point for upgrade of NBN services in the village. Also in attendance were two officers from Ventia, a construction partner to NBN which has been engaged to build fibre upgrade for the northside of Canberra beginning in the village of Hall. The budget for the ACT in this project is \$64million.

Presently Hall is using fibre to the node technology. The new technology will be Full Fibre to Premises (FFTP) and will provide greatly improved internet speed to households. Letters from Ventia have been sent to all households in the village outlining the work and inviting residents to register their contact details to enable receipt of updates on the project. Vanessa Curtain, Ventia Stakeholder Advisor Officer did acknowledge that many people in the village had disposed of the letter believing it to be junk mail. Work is expected to begin in the first half of 2026. NBN and Ventia expect to conduct a public consultation session for residents, perhaps as early as March 2026. This event will be advertised on the Hall Village website and Facebook page when it comes to hand.

b. Wallaroo/Spring Range Update

Toni reported that there has been no new information regarding the hearing of objections to the construction of the Solar Farm in the Wallaroo region.

The Wallaroo Rural Fire Brigade will be holding their annual Christmas Santa Run on 20th December.

The brigade is planning an upgrade to their premises and is working towards raising funds to facilitate this work through fundraising activities, donations and government assistance. Toni had no knowledge of any grant applications made by the brigade.

Robert Yallop will write to NSW Police to seek increased police patrols of the Wallaroo area during the Summer.

Jack McGrath from Spring Range reported that the Yass Council will implement a hefty rate increase of up to 60% over three years. Four Council members unsuccessfully opposed this action. Lobbying against this enormous increase is being undertaken by Mt Spring Association members.

c. Public Information and Membership Development

VHHDPA is planning an informal gathering for residents of Hall Village. All residents are invited to come along and meet other residents and members of the Progress Association Committee. This event is scheduled for Saturday 7th February, 3.00pm to 6.00pm at the Pizza/BBQ area beside the Cottage.

d. Electric Bike Riding in Village

There have been many reported incidents of high-speed riding of unregistered electric bikes around village streets, many of these by young riders without protective helmets. This is a significant safety issue and is a cause for concern. Robert will write to the Chief Police Officer seeking assistance in policing of this activity in the hope of avoiding a serious accident.

e. Proposed Waste Dump near John Starr's Property

A proposed waste dump for northside Canberra listed two Hall properties as potential locations, John Starr's property and the Bolton property. A recently released National Capital Authority consultation report states that both Hall sites have been deemed unsuitable.

NOTE: Three items on the agenda have been held over for future discussion due to the lengthy meeting. These are:

1. Bench Proposal for Hall Village
2. Blue Tree
3. Rail Fencing along Victoria Street Memorial Grove

Next Meeting is Wednesday 10th December 2025.