



## VHDPA Committee Ordinary Meeting #3 – MINUTES

2025/26

Meeting Date	10 December 2025 at 7.00pm
Location	Hall Seniors' Kiosk
Office Holders and Committee Present	Lee-Ann Brodrick, Jan Klaver, Jack McGrath, Tony Morris, Robert Yallop, Aaron Whittaker
Apologies	Toni Makkai, Margaret Monahan, Phil Robson, 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 19 November 2025 be accepted.

Moved – Tony Morris

Seconded – Lee-Ann Brodrick

Passed unanimously

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

Robert Yallop presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Phil Robson who was an apology for the meeting.

Robert Yallop moved that financial report for this month be accepted by the Committee.

Seconded by Tony Morris Passed unanimously.

Robert Yallop moved that financial transactions made for October/November be ratified by the Committee.

Seconded by Aaron Whittaker Passed unanimously

### Actions From November 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. Tony Morris has identified the problem of seepage in the boys' toilets as coming from blocked guttering in the space between the boys' and girls' toilets. This will now be determined how to stop it. **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 has provided the information on an appropriate AED to Phil Robson to make the purchase. **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 has received the building sketch from Phil Robson and will follow up with local resident Tony Kovacs to undertake the 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)**

- 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](mailto: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**

**Nothing further has been heard regarding these two matters. Robert followed up with Chris Doyle and waiting an outcome.**

**Jan has requested Phillip Leeson to undertake a heritage assessment of the Sheep Pavilion.**

8. Robert Yallop will write to NSW Police to seek increased police patrols of the Wallaroo area during the Summer. **Done** If no response received before 17 December, Robert Yallop will contact NSW MP for Goulburn, Wendy Tuckerman, to follow up.

#### **e) Correspondence (Schedule 2)**

Correspondence was primarily related to ACT & NSW Police on respective concerns, storm water design and Sport & Rec matters.

#### **4. Reports of VHDPA Subcommittees**

##### **a. Hall Museum and Heritage Centre**

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.

The Heritage Centre will be closed from 21 December and reopen in the new year.

**b. Hall Men's Shed**

The Men's Shed Christmas Lunch was held at the Pavilion on Thursday 4 December and over 80 people attended including Men's Shed and Heritage Centre members.

Aaron confirmed 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.

A Hazmat Assessment was conducted on the Hall Community Precinct on Tuesday 9 December. Damaged bonded asbestos sheets were identified in the "Rotary Room" and in the "dojo". These have been repaired and the certified company is currently doing safety testing of the air in both buildings and are out of bounds to everyone until testing is completed and access is approved. Peter Toet has notified users.

The Committee reviewed the Report of the Sustainability Assessment undertaken on the Hall Community Precinct and the Hall Pavilion on 19 November. The Committee requested Aaron Whittaker to investigate replacing the gas water heater at the Hall Cottage with a suitable electric water heater enabling disconnection of gas from the whole site. Jan Klaver will prepare recommendations for the next committee meeting based on the Sustainability Assessment suggestions.

**5. Other Business**

**a. Wallaroo/Spring Range Update**

Toni reported that there has been some mowing by the ACT Government on their portion of Wallaroo Road. Illegal dumping is continuing with occasional removal by Yass Shire Council.

Jack McGrath reported a similar situation of dumping in Spring Range.

**b. Public Information and Membership Development**

VHDPA will hold an informal gathering for residents of Hall Village Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 3.00pm to 6.00pm at the Pizza/BBQ area beside the Cottage. All residents are invited to come along and meet other residents and members of the Progress Association Committee. Specific invitations will be delivered to recent arrivals to the village and an article in the February *Rural Fringe*. Aaron Whittaker and Robert Yallop will organise food and drinks and Lee-Ann Brodrick and Robert Yallop will organise some information panels to be prepared highlighting some VHDPA activity such as the Hall Reserve, Storm water, Cycle Path, etc.

**c. Bench Proposal**

The Committee reviewed a proposal from Dennis Greenwood that the VHDPA join with the Collectors' Club and Hall Rotary to purchase and install some benches in specific locations in the village.

The Committee recommended that brown coloured "Lids-for-Kids" produced benches be purchased and installed on the Hall Reserve. The Committee also recommended that some low, wider benches be identified that can serve as both sitting and picnic tables.

**d. Rail Fencing along Victoria Street Memorial Grove**

The post and rail fencing in parts of the Memorial Grove is badly in need of repair. In discussion, it seems that Hall Rotary is going to seek funding from Australian War Graves to repair the fencing.

**e. Hall Preschool Building**

The Principal of Gold Creek School, Daniel Breen, has advised that Gold Creek continues to "occupy" Hall Preschool although signage and all furniture has been removed.

Daniel Breen has advised that the Progress Association may use the building if we wish.

The Committee agreed to request access to the preschool building to consider its future use. Robert Yallop will contact Daniel Breen.

**NOTE: The Blue Tree item on the agenda was held over to a future meeting.**

**Next Meeting is Wednesday 18 February 2026. Some discussion is likely in late January to prepare for the Community barbeque event on 7 February.**