



VHDPH Committee Ordinary Meeting #8 - MINUTES

2025/26

Meeting Date	17 June 2026 at 7.00pm
Location	Hall School Staff Room and via Zoom
Office Holders and Committee Present	Robert Yallop, Lee-Ann Brodrick, Jan Klaver, Jack McGrath, Tony Morris, Peter Toet, Mardie Troth, Aaron Whittaker, Via Zoom: Toni Makkai, Margaret Monahan, Phil Robson

1. Welcome and Introductions

The President opened the meeting and welcomed the Committee of the VHDPH. The President acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the Hall District, Ngunnawal and Ngambri 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 May 2026 be accepted.

Moved – Margaret Monahan

Seconded – Peter Toet

Passed unanimously

b. Treasurer's Report – Review Financial Report and Dec/Jan/Feb Transactions

Treasurer Phil Robson reported that financial activity has been as expected although there were a couple of cancellations of Pavilion hire which meant that the income was down a little. The final payment \$2000 for works on the Heritage Centre entrance has been made. Any outstanding accounts will be paid before the end of the month and Treasurer asks that Men's Shed and Heritage Centre also have their outstanding amounts paid to give a clear picture at the end of the financial year.

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

Seconded Tony Morris Passed unanimously

Phil moved that financial transactions made for May/June be ratified by the Committee.

Seconded by Tony Morris Passed unanimously

c. Actions From May Meeting – Schedule 1

1. 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 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. Work is now underway to determine how to rectify this issue. **Ongoing but has been given a high priority due to the Education Program**

which will resume this week and involve many visiting children needing to use the facility.
Ongoing

2. 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
3. Extension of the portico over the entry to the Museum. Grant money was obtained for this purpose and this needs to be acquitted. After difficulty identifying a builder who will to do the work, a quote was received on 24 March and the contract signed on 26 March. Funds are in the Hall Heritage Centre Account. **Building works completed and final payment made. Some work on filling in holes and backfilling of the soil abutting the ramp will be undertaken with the next couple of weeks and is dependent on weather and availability of manpower.**
4. Ask Gungahlin Rotary to remove container on the oval near bins at rear of Pavilion. The appropriate officer from Rotary is unsure of which Rotary Club is responsible for this and investigation is under way. **Robert Yallop will ask Chris Doyle of ACT Sport & Recreation for advice on this.**
5. A new permanent sign be commissioned for fixing to the tennis court outlining rules for use. These rules would include no playing of loud music at the court, and that the court is not to be used for professional tennis coaching. **Sign has been supplied by ICP and will be attached to the tennis court fence shortly.**
6. Hall Cemetery proposed extension. Robert has written to Memorial Parks asking for current information. **Kerry McMurray has advised that there has been a large number of responses to the survey and his office is working through these. Ongoing**
7. Working group to attend to small tasks needing attention. Jack is pursuing this idea with prospective volunteers. A name has been decided for this group – *Hall Happy Helpers*. Small repair jobs and tidying will be the focus of this group. First working bee will be held on Sunday 21 June and will concentrate on tidying of the Hall Showground and surrounds. Further information regarding ongoing activities of HHH will be advertised in future editions of the Rural Fringe. **Ongoing**
8. Jan seeking quotations for works on new heating/cooling units at the Pavilion in order to make a request to EPSDD. Jan is also working on ways consideration to progress the recommended maintenance and preservation of the old Sheep Pavilion. **A draft submission has been sent to the ESPDD seeking funding for sustainable upgrades to facilities – UPDATE ON THIS ITEM WILL BE REPORTED AT Agenda Item 5c.**
9. Robert/Mardie to contact Property Group/Tree Department asking for specifics regarding the condition of the Monterey Pines on the boundary of the school site. This is a follow-up after advice from Dr Kim Wells, Forestry and Ecology regarding the dangerous condition of these trees. **Robert wrote to iCBR regarding this matter.**

Additionally, during the annual inspection of the school site by iCBR officers, the issue of fallen limbs and the heightened risk of serious injury due to the very poor condition of these trees was highlighted. This was acknowledged by iCBR. Ongoing
10. Letter to Yass Council regarding weed control in the Wallaroo/Spring Range area as a follow-up to previous correspondence. **Robert Yallop called Jasmine Jones from Yass Council and she has undertaken to follow up with Yass Roads and Environment. No update as yet. Ongoing**
11. Communication and Engagement Plan by Lee-Ann Brodrick. There have been two responses/comments to the first draft of this document and these will be incorporated into an updated version for presentation at a future meeting. **Ongoing**

d) Correspondence (Schedule 2)

Correspondence was primarily made up of letters to MLAs seeking assurance that the recent changes to RZ1 Dual Occupancy rules did not apply to Hall due to the restrictions set out in the Hall Precinct Code. It has now been confirmed that Hall Precinct Code prevails and RZ1 Dual Occupancy changes do not apply to the village of Hall. Other items of correspondence related to Community Meeting and thanks for Cycle Path and Stormwater Funding.

4. Reports of VHDPA Subcommittees

a) Hall Museum and Heritage Centre

Mardie reported that the Museum and Heritage Centre continue to be very active. Yass Library has donated several items to the Heritage Centre and these are being stored pending inclusion into relevant exhibits within the Centre.

Construction of the access ramp to the entry of the Heritage Centre is now complete. Visits that were postponed due to restricted access while building was underway have now been rebooked. Mardi advised that members were keen to assist with any jobs such as painting or gardening that were required to complete the project. It was noted that some railing needed to be added to ensure extra safety. A new sign for the Heritage Centre would now be investigated.

Graeme Bryce has conducted fire safety training at the Centre which was well-received and there is now the need to nominate a Fire Warden.

Heritage in a Suitcase will be launched in Term 3, 23 July.

Planning for Brass on the Grass, to be held on 18 October is well underway.

b. Hall Men's Shed

Men's Shed activities continue but it is much quieter during winter – several members are away and others have been ill. The last monthly BBQ was enjoyed by all. The Shed is working on a couple of projects within the Hall Community and will be involved in assisting the Heritage Centre with the finishing touches to the new entry way.

c. Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage

Forward bookings for the Pavilion are quite strong and there is ongoing enquiry for a variety of events. Cottage bookings are also stable with the usual activities such as Men's Shed, Ladies Craft Group and yoga classes.

NBN should be connected to the Pavilion and Cottage when upgrade works begin in the village and Robert will register both buildings with Ventia for inclusion in the programme.

5. Other Business

a. Wallaroo/Spring Range Update

Toni Makkai reported that it is fairly quiet in the Wallaroo region during Winter. An increased police presence has been noted since NSW Police Inspector David Cowell gave a briefing to the VHDPA meeting in April.

There is significant roadside piping being undertaken on the ACT section of Wallaroo Road close to the cemetery. This work is related to NBN cabling which is being undertaken along the Barton Highway.

NSW rural residents who are eligible for Japanese Encephalitis vaccination are able to receive this free service from the Crace Pharmacy.

Jack McGrath reported ongoing issues of dumping and speeding on Spring Range Road. A large dump of used tyres occurred recently, directly after a cleanup of previously discarded items by Yass Council. Council has scheduled road upgrading on Spring Range Road, they are a couple of weeks behind however work will begin soon.

b. Community Meeting – Cycle Path and NBN

A community consultation event was held on Monday 15 June to showcase two major projects scheduled for Hall Village. There were thirty-three attendees from our community.

1. Cycle Path

ACT Government officers Meg Roberts-Graver and Angela Hauser showcased plans for the cycle path from Hall Village along Victoria Street to Barton Highway/Clarrie Hermes Drive. This project is a joint venture with a total commitment of \$7M of funding in 2026/27 FY evenly split between ACT Government and Federal Government. The track is designed to be hard surface, 3m wide except for constraints such as trees where it will be 2.5m width. Works include 500mm of graded surface to both sides of the track, water/drainage management with some culverts and solar motion sensor lighting.

There will be an article in the August edition of the Rural Fringe seeking community comments on this project. The next round of community consultation is expected to be at the Final Sketch Plan stage.

2. NBN

NBN ACT Stakeholder Engagement Manager, Dee Kneipp gave a comprehensive overview of works to be undertaken in Hall Village to achieve NBN FTTP upgrades. Initial works will involve laying cabling on street verges before connections to this network will be made to each household electing to have the service connected to individual premises.

c. ECC Sustainable Business Programme

Jan heard back from the ACT Government Sustainability Team today and revised advice is that there is no capacity to fund \$42,000 for upgraded air-conditioning, lighting and hot water for the Pavilion as previously thought.

Jan moved that we commit to only upgrading the lighting at the Pavilion as part one of a move to improved sustainability. This would be at a cost of \$7000 but would be eligible for a 50% rebate on completion.

Seconded Aaron Whittaker Agreed unanimously

Next Meeting is Wednesday 15 July 2026 at 7pm.