Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

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President: Robert Yallop.

2025/2026

VHDPA AGM - MINUTES

Meeting Date	18 September 2025 at 11.00am
Location	Hall Heritage Centre
Office Holders and Committee Present	Robert Yallop, Lee-Ann Brodrick, Tony Morris, Aaron Whittaker, Peter Toet, Margaret Monahan, Toni Makkai, Jack McGrath, Phil Robson
Members Present	Doug Anstess, Marion Banyard, Rosemary Blemings, Ian Brodrick, John Carey, Anna Cowan, Alastair Crombie, Dennis Greenwood, Paul Howarth, Olga Minion, Allan Monahan, Karen Moore, Margaret Morris, Graham Moss, Bruce Murray, Hamish Oberoi, Bob Richardson, Judy Roberts, Rod Roberts, Graham Smith, Kingsley Southwell, John Starr, Christian Stricker, Ann Toet, Mardie Troth, Jenny Whittaker
Apologies	Jan Klaver, Ken Heffernan, Graham Wilson, Yvonne Robson, Ralph Southwell, Anne Lomax, Danny Clynk, Graham Wilson, Jo Hall, Andrew Yallop, Rania Yallop
Proxies Recorded	Jo Hall, Ken Heffernan, Jan Klaver, Anne Lomax, Ralph Southwell, Andrew Yallop

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Welcome and Introductions

The President opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. The President acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the Hall District, Ngunnawal and Ngambri Peoples, and paid respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging. It was noted that again this year, the AGM was held earlier in the day to provide an opportunity for members of the Museum and Men's Shed to participate directly after their weekly meetings.

The President called for apologies and proxies, both of which were recorded.

1. **Minutes of Previous AGM**
   Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 17 October 2024.
   https://www.hall.act.au

   Proposal to accept the minutes of the 2024 AGM.
   Moved – Aaron Whittaker
   Seconded – Tony Morris
   Carried unanimously

2. **Correspondence**

   Nil correspondence.

3. **President's Report**

   Robert Yallop Annual Report

   Copies of the President's Report were available at the AGM and the document has been uploaded to the VHDPA website.

   The President noted that there have been several major projects which have occupied the Committee over the past twelve months. Two of these continuing projects are:

   a) Stormwater and drainage issues within Hall Village. In August approximately 40 people attended the "pop-up" consultation evening where there was opportunity to view detailed maps showing storm water flows, mitigation measures and the proposed storm water drainage infrastructure master plan. Comments and questions were encouraged by officers from the ACT Government. Planning and design work is continuing and the Progress Association will continue to advocate for the funding and completion of this project.

   b) The Progress Association has been working to have a safe pedestrian and cycle pathway from Barton Highway to Gladstone Street, Hall. Joint ACT Government and Federal Government funding has been announced for this project. We are now waiting for the final alignment for this sealed path which will be approximately 2.3kms long and 3m wide. The ACT Government has called the pathway "Hall Village Main Route".

   Other activities of the Association have included involvement with Hall Heritage Centre, Hall Men's Shed and Rural Fringe as well as management of the Hall Pavilion and Cottage. There are also members on the Committee representing the concerns and interests of Wallaroo, Spring Range and Nanima Roads. This involvement has broadened the knowledge of the Committee to enable a more complete representation of the entire 2618 postcode.

   Weeding, planting and mulching work on the Hall Reserve in Victoria Street has been undertaken via community working bees. These events have seen a significant

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improvement in the appearance of the Reserve and have also provided an opportunity to meet neighbours and enjoy lunch together.

A question came from the floor asking what the timeframe was on the completion of the pedestrian and cycle path. It was explained that the VHDPA would seek community consultation on the proposed alignment of the path and maintain advocacy to ensure that funds will become available and work will progress to completion.

The Progress Association Committee will continue to seek community ideas and suggestions and we look forward to another happy and successful year for our district and village.

Proposal to accept the President's Report – Robert Yallop
Seconded - Tony Morris
Carried unanimously

4. Treasurer's Report

The annual accounts of the VHDPA have been reviewed by Michael Sinclair. The financial statements include all sub-groups. It was noted that there was a surplus of $2,000 this year as compared to a loss of approximately $11,000 in the previous financial year.

There was a question from the floor regarding an item in the financial reports relating to fraudulent payment. The Treasurer explained that a fraudulent transaction had been made against the VHDPA account in FY 2023 but the bank had recovered and repaid the funds to the Association's account.

Financial Statements are available on the VHDPA website.

Phil Robson moved that the Financial Statements and Reports be accepted.
Seconded by Aaron Whittaker
Carried Unanimously

5. Sub-Group Reports

5.1 Hall Heritage Centre

Alastair Crombie spoke to his annual report which is available on the Hall website. He thanked Peter Toet for his knowledge and assistance with maintenance issues at the Centre and also acknowledged the valuable work done by Hall Men's Shed to help the Hall Heritage Centre.

5.2 VHDPA Hall Pavilion and Cottage

Margaret Monahan spoke briefly to the Facilities annual report prepared by Jan Klaver which is available on the Hall website.

5.3 Hall Men's Shed

Doug Anstess spoke to his annual report which is available on the Hall website.
He outlined the work done by volunteer members of the Men's Shed in delivering the Rural Fringe to roadside letter boxes in the 2618 postcode and the benefit that the funds raised

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through this activity have as a flow-on effect to assist other community activities. The Men's Shed have had diverse and interesting guest speakers throughout the year and have completed another commission from the ANU to build Greater Glider Boxes. They have also installed a dust extraction system for the workshop which is working well.

5.4 Rural Fringe

Jenny Whittaker spoke to her annual report which is available on the Hall website. Jenny reported a healthy financial position for the Fringe and thanked the entire team who make the production of our local newspaper possible. There has been no increase in the cost of printing the Fringe and the distribution is streamlined with the valuable assistance of Karen at the Hall Post Office and Hall Men's Shed. There are 34 ongoing advertisers and the local MLAs are sent a copy of each edition.

Proposal to accept the Sub-Group Reports – Aaron Whittaker
Seconded – Lee-Ann Brodrick
Carried Unanimously

6. Election of Officer Bearers and Committee

6.1 Nominations for:

. President
. Vice President
. Secretary
. Treasurer
. Committee Members (max 7)

All office bearers and committee member positions were declared vacant. Nominations were opened when the AGM was advertised and closing date was Monday 15 September 2025 at 12 noon.

Phil Robson as Public Officer listed the following nominations received for office bearers:

President – Robert Yallop
Vice President – Lee-Ann Brodrick
Treasurer – Phil Robson
Secretary – Margaret Monahan

Committee members: Jan Klaver, Jack McGrath, Toni Makkai, Tony Morris, Peter Toet, Mardie Troth, Aaron Whittaker

Robert Yallop acknowledged the contribution made by outgoing Committee Member Ralph Southwell, particularly in facilitating the transfer of the Southwell Historical Society material to the Hall Heritage Centre. Ralph's valuable advice and wisdom are well appreciated and noted.

Proposed to recognize and acknowledge Ralph's contribution – Robert Yallop
Seconded – Aaron Whittaker
Carried Unanimously

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Phil Robson as Public Officer declared all positions filled.

6.2 Financial Delegations

It was proposed that the following delegations be instated: Two signatures required for the cheque account

President, Secretary and Treasurer to be authorised signatories with full authority for the following accounts:
Cheque Account BSB 06 2919 Account Number 00925470
Term Deposit BSB 06 2915 Account Number 50035702

. All previous signatories voided
. Two signatures required for the term deposit
. Two signatures required for the cheque account

Moved by Robert Yallop
Seconded Phil Robson
Carried Unanimously

6.3 Appointment of Reviewer

Robert Yallop thanked Michael Sinclair for his diligence and the enormous amount of work he does to assist the Association with the financial reporting.

In this context Michael Sinclair has agreed to continue in his role as Financial Reviewer for the Association. Michael values his remaining links to Hall and is happy and willing to continue.

Moved Robert Yallop
Seconded Margaret Monahan
Carried Unanimously

Proposed to acknowledge and record appreciation to Michael Sinclair – Robert Yallop
Seconded – Margaret Monahan
Carried Unanimously

7.1 General Business

Question from the floor – Olga Minion asked whether there will be any open meetings in the near future.
Answer – Robert Yallop.
This will be considered by the new Committee and perhaps one or two a year noting that the opportunity always exists to bring issues or concerns to the Committee at any monthly meeting. All that is required is to contact a Committee member and advise that you wish to bring an item for discussion. It was also noted that the Progress Association had hosted the community “pop-up” consultation on storm water drainage plans on 13 August. This will be added to the Committee agenda.

The AGM closed at 12:10pm.

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