

## **HALL PAVILION AND COTTAGE 2025/26 ANNUAL REPORT**

This year saw consistent use of the Hall Pavilion and Cottage facilities.

The Pavilion Licence was renewed for 10 years and has remained the responsibility of ACT Government Sport and Recreation pending future consideration.

The Treasurer's report includes Pavilion and Cottage financial information.

From 01 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 there were a total of 259 bookings of the Pavilion, an average of 22 bookings per month. Of the total bookings, 120 were day or longer duration and 139 were shorter weekday bookings at the hourly rate. Activities included children's birthday parties, weddings, Christmas parties, baby showers, Tai Chi, Yoga, Hall Markets, National Sheepdog Trials, Irish Dancing, accessible craft activities, community meetings, Men's Shed meetings, and the VVMC Swap meet.

This year the Progress Association continued to subsidise the National Sheepdog Trials with free use of the Pavilion for the week, charging only for utilities consumption. The Pavilion is also used by a men's exercise group early on winter mornings free of charge. This group has kindly planned minor maintenance jobs such as fixing gutters and fastenings, removing cobwebs and tidying the tennis court.

Following an assessment by ACT Government the VHDPA participated in a rebated energy upgrade program. All outdated light fittings at the Pavilion were replaced with energy efficient LED lighting.

The Pavilion is professionally cleaned on Mondays, but otherwise maintained by volunteers.

The Cottage has received fairly continuous use, with 11 permanent bookings per week. Three of these bookings are for Hall community groups, Men's Shed and Ladies' Craft Afternoon and attract no fee for use. Eight sessions per week are reserved for a Wellness and Yoga Group who have been enjoying use of the Cottage for the past two years. This tenant has provided a substantial increase in the monthly income received for Cottage use. Other casual bookings fit in around these permanent bookings.

The Cottage has also been made available for some local groups free of charge including The Rotary Club of Hall. The National Sheepdog Trials Association has also had free use of the Cottage for periodic meetings.

This year the VHDPA Committee prepared a policy covering hire of the Cottage and care is taken to ensure that potential users of the Cottage do not have an impact on neighbours.

The management of the Cottage has been greatly assisted by members of the Men's Shed due to their willingness to conduct maintenance and repair needs.