

# Hoon Hay Community Association MINUTES

## Start Up Meeting

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**Background** In August of 2015 Melanie Cocker, our Community Board Member, asked for anyone interested to attend a meeting to discuss the possibility of setting up a Residents' Association in Hoon Hay. This meeting was held and run by Jay Sepia and it was decided to establish an interim steering committee to organize holding a public meeting to get an association for Hoon Hay started.

After this meeting we discovered that 90 Hoon Hay Road (formerly the Children's Library) had been on the Christchurch City Council property disposal list in 2015. This had occurred without consultation of the local residents. The Hoon Hay Residents' Association Steering Group added it to one of their missions to stop this from happening and re-open it as a community centre. The group's vision is "To live in a positive community where everyone belongs. Where we are known and we know others". In addition to this the Steering Group identified that the CCC Representation Review had split the Hoon Hay suburb in half and into separate Wards. A series of information meetings were held and submissions presented to request that they retain all of Hoon Hay and Hillmorton area in with the Spreydon-Heathcote Ward. This was accepted and included in the subsequent draft which is pending confirmation.

In December 2015, the HHRASG hosted a 12 days of Christmas to raise awareness of the building and of the possibility of having an association, by decorating the outside and finished with a community picnic and carols on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016. They held a further picnic on March 19<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting, the HHRASG asked those who attended if they thought the community needed a formal association. The response was a unanimous Yes. The steering committee then organized a public start up meeting on April 5 2016. The purpose was to: determine what an association is; does Hoon Hay need one?; what would we call it? what is important to residents?; and how can residents be involved?

### Meeting Opened at 7.30pm at 90 Hoon Hay Road

**Present** – Shiva Kolodner, Ben Kolodner, Ann Garton, Megan Fowler, Alan Jamieson, Peter Tuffley, David Barwick, Karina Sanweg, Alastair Berney, Phillippa Berney, Kieran Steele, Barbara Bee, Bernie Pullinger, Cherie Roper, Noel Collins, Andrea O'Neill, Francie Gnad, Chad Blair, Colin Burt, Campbell Langford, Ian Oxley, Kay Knowles, Nola Gordon, Alan Gordon, Josh Geddes, Eric Livingstone, Mary Johns, Brian Perkins, Judith Lance, Cynthia Salsbury, Philip Patterson, Daniel Hay, Robert Read, Riwai Grace, Cate Grace, Cathy Robbins, Suzie Sauer, Melanie Coker, Phil Clearwater, Jay Sepia, Rik Tindall.

### Apologies

Robbie Cunningham, Lolina Avia, Kendra Street, Ian Pawson, Malcolm Gooch.

### Introductions

Suzie Sauer introduced the interim committee, board and council representation and gave an overview of what had been achieved to date. We then went around the room, introducing

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ourselves, where we lived and why we were present here tonight. The reasons people described for attending and wanting to be a part of this Association included the following themes:

- Care for others in our community on a day to day basis and also in emergencies
- Become connected to one another and fight social isolation
- Build a stronger more cohesive community
- To help improve safety and security within our community
- To increase democracy and have a voice with Council
- Build a "heart in Hoon Hay" which currently has no central/focal point
- Caring for our neighbourhood through ecology, design and connectiveness.

### What is an RA and does Hoon Hay need one?

Phil Clearwater and Jay Sepia explained what is needed to formally create an association. Peter Tuffley from the Beckenham Association also added some valuable input into how they set up and ran their committee. The specific details given included the following points:

- to establish boundaries for your suburb,
- Identify if you will establish an Incorporated society as this impacts funding that the Association is eligible for and how debt is handled,
- Elect people for leadership roles
- Identify how people want to contribute
- Understand and agree to approximately 3-4 goals to focus on.

### What is important to the community

Suzie Sauer facilitated a session where people identified what is important to the community. We broke out into groups and chatted to someone we didn't know first, then listed ideas on post-it notes, shared them on to the communal board and summarised the main themes present.

### What should an association be called?

Suzie Sauer discussed that historically groups formed like this were called Residents Association, this was tabled as an option. Steering Committee Member Cathie Robbins talked about businesses and those who may have an association with the area but not live here, she tabled that being Neighbourhood makes it more inclusive. Another suggestion came from the floor suggesting that Community would encompass all that we talked about so far tonight. Phil Clearwater called for a formal open vote, with a show of hands.

1. Hoon Hay Residents Association
2. Hoon Hay Neighbourhood Association
3. Hoon Hay Community Association

It was unanimous with a majority show of hands that the name from this point is to be Hoon Hay Community Association.

### ***Nominated, Seconded and Passed as Hoon Hay Community Association***

### Hoon Hay Community Association Committee

Phil Clearwater called for nominations for the key roles of an association Chairperson, Deputy Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

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**Chair Person** – Suzie Sauer nominated by Mel Coker, Seconded by Cathie Robbins, no further nominations, voted with show of hands – Unanimous. YES

***Nominated, Seconded and Passed as Suzie Sauer as Chairperson - Hoon Hay Community Association***

**Deputy Chair Person** – Riwai Grace nominated by Campbell Langford, Seconded by Kieran Steele, no further nominations, voted with show of hands – Unanimous. YES

***Nominated, Seconded and Passed as Riwai Grace as Deputy Chairperson - Hoon Hay Community Association***

**Secretary** – No nominations. Attendees asked Cate Grace if she was available. She explained due to her health she would need assistance but would not want the committee to not have representation. Nominated by Campbell Langford, Seconded by Suzie Sauer, no further nominations, voted with show of hands – Unanimous. YES

***Nominated, Seconded and Passed as Cate Grace as Secretary - Hoon Hay Community Association***

**Treasurer** – No nominations. Attendees asked Cherie Roper if she was available. Nominated by Cate Grace, Seconded by Suzie Sauer, no further nominations, voted with show of hands – Unanimous. YES

***Nominated, Seconded and Passed as Cherie Roper as Treasurer - Hoon Hay Community Association***

### **Call for more committee members to form an Incorporated Society**

Phil Clearwater called for nominations for committee members, reminded attendees to become an incorporated society and ability to formalize this status we would need a quorum of 15 at least including the four key roles already voted for.

***All names were self nominated, seconded by the new committee Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson. Voted and Passed as Hoon Hay Community Association Committee Members***

### **2016 Committee Members**

Shiva Kolodner, Alastair Berney, Barbara Bee, Bernie Pullinger, Cherie Roper, Andrea O'Neill, Francie Gnad, Chad Blair, Karina Sanweg, Campbell Langford, Josh Geddes, Robert Read, Riwai Grace, Cate Grace, Cathy Robbins, Suzie Sauer. (pending some from the list of apologies).

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### Meeting Closed and next meeting date set

The new Chairperson Suzie Sauer, closed the meeting, thanked Phil Clearwater, the interim committee and all those in attendance for their input. She welcomed the new committee members and set the date for the next meeting as Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at 90 Hoon Hay Road.

### Public Meeting Visual Record

Cate Grace called for volunteers for a photograph to mark this historical event and meeting. Photo was taken and verbal approval for sharing this picture was received.

### Meeting closed at 9.40pm

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