



December 2020 – HPRS Committee update

Dear fellow residents

We would like to update you on the work undertaken by your committee over the first 3 months and to share some of the plans in place for the New Year.

The Society Itself

The Society is only as good as the intentions and behaviours of its members. It requires constant care and broad community support to ensure the committee volunteers can focus on their core responsibilities of governance on your behalf.

Current Committee

Every member of this committee trusts in the values of anti-corruption, transparency and integrity. These values underpin everything that we do. Our focus is on serving the whole community and in doing so we are committed to set aside / guard against any personal agendas or financial gain.

We are a strategic, level headed group that hold each other accountable. Other voices in our community may not agree with some of the decisions that we make, and we accept that we cannot please everyone, but they should be confident that all decisions are consistent with our core values.

Please know that your committee are united in working on your behalf to benefit the wider community and engage with as many of you as we can in the process.

Priorities

Our priority is to ensure that **transparency** and **integrity** are non-negotiable. Everything we do is aimed at ensuring complete independence around any decisions (especially those involving funds). If there is even the slightest conflict of interest (perceived or actual) we take a very conservative approach.

We have just completed our 3rd meeting since the AGM and every key decision made has been given unanimous support and every meeting well attended with just 1 absentee in Nov and 1 in Dec.

What this means is that you have a team of people who are focused and keen to use all available time to deliver good / honest outcomes for the community.

PS. We also have a sense of humour and drink wine (in case anyone wanted to know) – LOL.

Key Activities

There are many more things that have been achieved and are in progress which can be obtained from the published minutes, so below we have listed just a few examples:



- **Code of Conduct:** A committee code of conduct has been created and accepted by all members to help guide this and future committees and published on the Community Portal.
- **Contracts:**
 - The Zillionstars contract was terminated in November
 - The lawn mowing contract has been renegotiated and extended until 31 August 2021 to allow sufficient time for a comprehensive tender process.
 - The website contractor has been retained and the services provided to HPRS expanded.
 - Finally, the Streetscape contractor has been retained until the end of Feb on a limited hours basis.
- **Administration:** For the first time ever a summary of the monthly financials are posted along with the meeting minutes on the Community Portal. G-Suite and other important tools are now handled by a 3rd party to ensure a smooth continuation from one committee to the next
- **Chichester Cottage:** An online booking and payment system has been created and will go live very shortly, removing a lot of manual handling / intervention
- **Alterations and Breaches:** This will also be automated in the New Year to speed up the application and review process for residents and reduce the volume of emails
- **Marine Recreation Centre:** We are undertaking supporting activities for progression through Council procedures and beyond



Moving Forward

The first 3 months have definitely been very 'admin heavy' but now that we have much of the framework in place, it's the wish of the committee to spend the next period **reaching out** and engaging with as many residents as possible. So watch out for:

- **Committee open days:** Meet members of the committee in person to discuss anything related to Hobsonville Point
- **Survey:** We want to ask for your input on what is important for 2021 and the results will most likely be followed by a mid-term public forum so we can better plan / budget for the next committee year
- **Digital Tools:** The committee will be working to upgrade and improve the HPRS website and what it offers residents in terms of relevant information and answers to frequent / common questions
- **Community Events:** To focus on activities that engage and connect a significant number of residents and / or improve the visual environment

In trying to keep this update brief, it of course does not represent the many hours and even days that your committee has already given. As chair, I would like to thank on your behalf (in no particular order) Stuart, Louise, Naveed, Christine, Kobus, Kim and Amar or their hard work, whilst also trying to make it fun.

Finally, if you got this far in reading the letter, then a special thank you for taking just a few moments of your time to hear how your committee has been spending a considerable amount of theirs. We are not perfect but we are united, happy, ethical and focussed – so any offers of wine are greatly appreciated but we will of course have to politely decline – it's the thought that counts.

Thank you again and we hope that 2021 brings you all hope, good health and happiness.

Regards

David Allen
Chair – Hobsonville Point Residents Society Inc.

