

1. HOON HAY NEEDS ANALYSIS

Researcher, Karen Wason, spoke to the recommendations contained in the Needs Analysis report, which included:

Short-Term Recommendations

Recreation Needs

1. The provision of more affordable sport, recreation and leisure programmes for children and youths in the Rowley area be investigated and funded. Consideration to be given for the delivery of such programmes by recreation providers outside of the Hoon Hay area, as well as those existing providers.
2. A partnership arrangement be specifically developed with Hillmorton High School for the development of education and leisure programmes.
3. Hoon Hay Park be upgraded with play equipment for children, and seating and trees around the skate park area. Other options could also be considered.
4. The Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board approach local sport and recreation clubs to carry out a special recruitment drive in the Rowley area.

Social Needs

1. A means of co-ordinating and developing activities and initiatives aimed at improving the health of children and youth under 18 years of age in the Rowley area be investigated and implemented. Funding of special initiatives is strongly recommended.
2. A means of co-ordinating and developing employment, life and vocational skills training for all of those unemployed in Hoon Hay be investigated and implemented.
3. The churches linked with the different communities in Hoon Hay be invited to increase dialogue with the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board with the aim of improving communication regarding Hoon Hay initiatives.

Community Needs

1. The Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board, in association with the New Zealand Police, work closely with the Rowley community to promote and set up Neighbourhood Support Networks.
2. Funding be made available for the development and delivery of a programme of Professional Development for committee members and management staff of community organisations in Hoon Hay and interested residents. The programme might include strategic development of organisations, governance and management issues, long-term planning, running meetings, etc.

Medium-Term Recommendations

Community Needs

1. The relocation of all community organisations currently located in the McCarthy Street area be investigated, including consideration of a "Rowley Cottage" modelled on the Manuka Cottage concept. Other options should also be considered.

Long-Term Recommendations

Strategic Recommendations

1. The ownership of Hoon Hay's issues of concern is returned to the communities of Hoon Hay in a way that is culturally sensitive, supported, energizing, optimistic and forward thinking. This needs to be planned for, implemented and celebrated with the communities of Hoon Hay.
2. Attention and funding be focused on initiatives that focus on improving the economic well-being of Rowley residents, celebrating its unique ethnic mix, and increasing the level of life skills among its families, particularly those related to family health.

In terms of recreation needs, it was noted that the Hoon Hay Youth Centre is overwhelmed trying to meet everyone's needs. Better delivery of activities may be achieved by using outside providers.

Karen emphasised that the recommendations were not made with the expectation that the Community Board would adopt all of the recommendations and actually undertake them. The expectation was that the Board select one or two recommendations and pass the rest back to the community for implementation. It was noted that there might be some recommendations that the Board would not wish to take back to the community.

Mary Richardson raised her concern that if the current report and recommendations were provided to the community, it may develop expectations. It needs to be made clear these are recommendations that have been provided to the Board and the Board is now seeking feedback from the community.

The Board **resolved**:

1. That the document be provided to the Hoon Hay Network with a covering letter.
2. That other community organisations/individuals who have contributed to the research project be provided with the executive summary of the research document.
3. That once feedback is received, this provide the basis for a stock-take of existing community and government provisions in the area.
4. That Mary Richardson be requested to provide information on critical paths to assist with implementation from prior evaluations.

The Board thanked Karen Wason for the manner in which the research project had been undertaken.