

BUILDING HOPE ROLLESTON



INTRODUCTION

As you may be aware, Hope Presbyterian Church has been involved in a major building programme since 2017 in response to what we felt was God's call to us as a people. This call was not limited to our own geographical locations but extended to our global mission partners as well.

The first project saw the completion of an orphanage called 'The Little Lighthouse' at Sano Diyo in India. As a faith community, it was a real privilege stepping into our building programme by looking outside our immediate vicinity.



Secondly, in response to the significant and on-going growth at West Melton and Rolleston, Hope established a build project at each site. It was a joy to join together to celebrate the official opening of the West Melton building on the 21st May 2022, to recognise all the time, energy and expertise from all those who played a part and to celebrate God's faithfulness.



As we look to the final phase of these projects - the Rolleston build - a lot has changed in the local and global landscape since 2017. However, we feel God has continued, through the leading of His Holy Spirit, to stay the course in order for Hope Rolleston to have a presence and a home that stands as a beacon of hope to welcome and support the local community with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

So, it is with much gratitude to God and his provision through you - the Hope Presbyterian community - Alpine Presbytery Mission Fund and PressGo, that we are taking the exciting step of presenting to Hope Presbyterian Church the recommendations for voting on the Rolleston Build.

WHO IS INVOLVED IN BRINGING THESE RECOMMENDATIONS?

In bringing these recommendations the Network Elders wish to thank the large numbers of people who have been working behind the scenes providing valuable expertise and feeding into this decision. This includes but not limited to:

- Local Rolleston project team
- The Board of Managers Finance Committee
- The Project Steering Committee
- The Network and Sites Elders
- The Hope Management team

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Network Elders have passed the following recommendations at their meeting on the 18th May 2022. We now look to the Hope Community for their input. It is important to note that together we have already voted to proceed with the concept plans and indicative costings in 2020 for the Rolleston build and now we vote to push 'go' on the build contract. The recommendations that are put to Hope Presbyterian Church for voting are as follows:

1. As their first motion, and on behalf of Hope Presbyterian and all those in it, the Network Elders honour God in bringing us to this point for Hope's building project and the new Rolleston church build within it.
2. The Network Elders, on behalf of all Hope elderships, request that the Hope congregations continue to pray for the success of, and blessing on, the building of the new Rolleston church.
3. The Network Eldership has received a report from the Hope Finance Committee that recommends that Hope proceed with the Rolleston church build as they are confident that there is sufficient finance, funding and realisable assets available to do so. The funding includes a debt facility of up to \$2.25m with the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees (that shall be used if required), which the Network Eldership approves. The Network Elders stand on the promises of God in relation to the completion of this build, including this lending, for His purposes. The

church shall, however, continue to explore all available funding steps that are prudent and that will secure the best financial outcome for the Hope building project as a whole. As a matter of last resort, and with all other funding options having been exhausted prior, church property housing assets may need to be sold.

4. The Network Elders approve the plans and budgeted cost of the total project of \$6.73m plus GST for the construction of the new Rolleston church. This cost includes components for construction, contingency, consents, consultancy, and chattels. The church is approved to proceed with the award of the relevant construction contract but subject to final approval by the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees and any other required internal church processes.

WHY HAS THE COST INCREASED?

The indicative budget for the project was \$6.45 million + GST and the costings have come back in line with the budget. However, while we are looking to finalise the fixed price contract, it was felt by all concerned to add an additional \$280,000 to the cost while final details are confirmed. This brings the total project cost to \$6.73 million + GST.

WHAT IS OUR CURRENT FUNDING POSITION?

The current funding position for the **total Rolleston build** is summarised in the following table. It identifies that we have the funding to meet the **build contract price** and begin the project.

ROLLESTON BUILDING PROJECT	
Total Cash Received	2,492,706
Total Cash Pledges to be Received	390,019
Alpine Mission Fund	1,000,000
Total Cash Received / Funds to Come	3,882,725
Budgeted Cost (Total Project)	6,735,606
Net Cash To Fund	(2,852,880)
Proposed Funding	
Church Property Trustees Loan	1,500,000
Funding Plans	850,000
Contingency Plans: Sale of property assets	650,000
Total Proposed Funding	3,000,000

Full financial details of both the Rolleston and West Melton builds are freely available. Please contact David Dally at david.dally@hopechurch.net.nz

WHAT IS THE OPERATIONAL COST?

The proposed costs of servicing the full loan if we do draw this down is \$11,450 per month. We have several plans in place to look at identifying and securing interest free loans to avoid interest payments. The management team are already working on options to provide provision to cover this cost.

WHAT NEXT?

The next step is to pray and seek God's leading and for his financial provision. We will be holding a forum for you to come and ask any questions on Wednesday

25th May at 7.30pm at Rolleston School Hall (where Hope Rolleston meets on a Sunday). We will be videoing this time and making it available for those unable to attend. If you have a question for that evening, then please feel free to send to david.dally@hopechurch.net.nz

This meeting will be followed by a vote at all sites on Sunday 29th May.

If we receive this final congregational endorsement, we can proceed with the final application to Presbytery and the Church Property Trustees to proceed with the build.

FINAL THOUGHTS

We think back to the words that God has placed upon our heart at the very start of this project.

**'Hangaa e te Atua he whakapaparanga mo nga wa e heke mai nei'
Offering Hope in a Broken World Build, O God, a generation for the times that are coming.**

And we ask you to pray as we make this decision together, for it is together in dependence on God that we need to move forward in this project. We recognise that Hope Church has provided for people's spiritual, emotional and social needs for over one hundred years and that Hope Hornby, Rolleston, West Melton / Halkett stand on the shoulders of this history as we further embed ourselves within the community. As we push forward together, we are planting something for generations to come, using a physical presence to firmly establish a spiritual presence and a beacon of Hope for Rolleston.