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Welcome

TO

HOPE

PRESBYTERIAN

WEST MELTON



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FROM THE

LEAD PASTOR'S DESK



Hi there!

Welcome to Hope Presbyterian. We are excited to be connecting with you and grateful for this opportunity to officially welcome you. We consider it a blessing to be able to share a bit about who we are as well as our heart for the people of this community.

God is our foundation—We are a Presbyterian church consisting of four sites located at Hornby, Rolleston, West Melton and Halkett. Our structure is interdependent, yet we remain fully dependent on the Lord.

People are our priority—and the heart of Hope! Our desire is that you, along with every person who calls Hope home, would know that God has a plan and a purpose for your life and that you are equipped to fulfil that purpose.

Holiness is our pursuit—We know that the message of Jesus Christ is transformational and that His all-forgiving, all-encompassing love brings about freedom and new life. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!” As we play our part in that transformation, we not only bless others but live fulfilled lives ourselves. Together, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can be the hands and feet of Jesus as He calls us to “build hope in a broken world”.

If you would like more information, please complete the welcome card included in this booklet and put it in the giving box at the back of the church. We look forward to being a part of your journey in Christ.

Thank you and may God bless you,

Steve Talbot
Lead Pastor



WELCOME!

TO HOPE PRESBYTERIAN WEST MELTON

Haere mai, welcome! We are excited to have you here! In this booklet you will find out a little bit about who we are, what we do, and our various ministries. If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to speak to one of our team. You can also email us at info@hopechurch.net.nz or give us a call on (03) 347 7509.

We hold one church service on a **Sunday morning at 9:30am, at Hope West Melton, 726 Weedons Ross Road.** We have creche and children's programmes available and a parents room for parents of infants. We aim to keep the service to 75 minutes in length and morning tea is provided afterwards.

We also hold a traditional service on the **first Sunday of every month at 11:00am at Hope Halkett, 662 Halkett Road.** This is a different expression of doing church and involves singing hymns and responsorial psalms.

We have a midweek morning tea for the Halkett congregation which everyone is welcome to attend, **every third Wednesday at 10:00am at people's homes.** Notification of venue goes out in advance.

SERVICE TIMES



Mark Ambundo

Pastor - Hope West Melton and Halkett

WHO WE ARE



Hope Presbyterian (Hornby, Rolleston, West Melton and Halkett), is a prayerful, vibrant, growing, community-serving church. Our congregations are unique but our values are the same. At Hope we want to be a place that supports and encourages you in your journey with God so that you can be released into what He is calling you to do.

Our Vision: Building hope in a broken world

Our values are the expressions of life and character that we want to preserve and encourage as we seek to realise our Vision:

- 1. God** is our foundation
- 2. People** are our priority
- 3. Holiness** is our pursuit

WEST MELTON & HALKETT LEADERSHIP TEAM

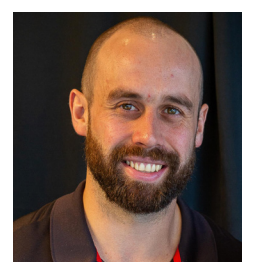
STAFF



Mark Ambundo
Site Pastor



Rosemary Allison
Church Administrator



Vinnie Wallace
Youth Pastor

ELDERS



John Vargo

Murray England

Reuben Shaw

Amanda Thompson

Mark Richardson

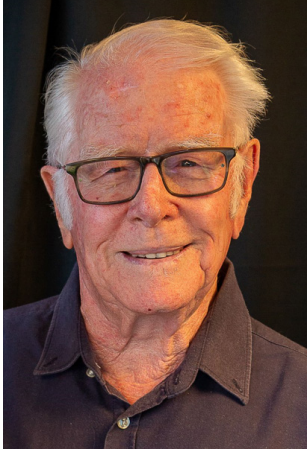


**OUR VISION
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GROWTH GROUPS

AT HOPE WEST MELTON & HALKETT



At Hope West Melton, we are very keen to see people encounter Jesus Christ for the first time, to grow spiritually, and to deepen their relationships with the faith community around them. Growth Groups are places where people can be authentic, take risks and grow in their faith within a small group; a place where people feel they belong. We encourage as many people as possible to be active members of a small group for these reasons. We'd love you to come and join us on this journey. We have both men's and women's groups as well as mixed groups.

Alf Richardson, Growth Group Co-ordinator
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MIXED GROUPS



Susan and Allan Meredith

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Our group is open to everyone and reflects a mixture of ages, singles, couples, men and women. We are a close group which is exploring what living the Christian life means through bible study, prayer, action and fellowship. Our group shares hospitality and provides opportunities for shared leadership. We meet every second Wednesday evening.



Robyn Farrar

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“A place to Grow”

We meet fortnightly on Tuesday nights, and are a mixed group of couples and singles, over 50 but young at heart! We enjoy fellowship together, worship, study, and prayer. You are welcome to come and check us out.

HOPE Women



WOMEN OF HOPE

Julie Blain, Group Co-ordinator

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Elsbeth Kong, Group Co-ordinator

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We aim to create an environment that fosters friendships between women in their senior years through bible study and social events. We meet on the last Friday of every month, share afternoon tea and enjoy time together. There is always space for new ladies to join in.



WOMEN'S GROUP

Shary Vargo, Group Leader

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We meet every fortnight on Monday evenings to connect and build friendships as we connect with God's word through different studies. Our events range from Hope network women's evening conferences to annual weekend retreats. Come along and experience a supportive community of like-minded ladies.

HOPE MEN



MEN'S GROUP

Murray England, Group Leader

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Our group encourages men to support and encourage one other; and lays a strong foundation for fun and character building for men of all ages. We want to spend time getting to know each other through sharing life experiences, and to see lasting friendships grow.

Hope Network Men's Ministry runs a monthly men's breakfast on Saturdays, with good food, great discussions and guest speakers. We also hold various events throughout the year which provide great opportunities for guys to get away and just be guys.



HOPE KIDS

Amanda Thompson

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We want to work with parents and caregivers to help them equip their kids to take their place in God's world. We work hard to lead kids into a living relationship with Jesus that is worked out 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. While our programmes are entertaining and fun we want their faith to be alive so that they experience God's Word and see it working in their lives so they are impacting their homes, neighbourhoods and the world for the extension of God's kingdom.



As the home is the key place where faith is grown and fostered, we partner with parents and caregivers by providing ideas, resources and support to help them nurture a lifelong faith in the next generation

We run Sunday school every Sunday morning. We run the teaching from a curriculum and have craft and activities as well as teaching. For those with young babies, a parents room is available for feeding, changing or settling them. You will find the room to the rear of the auditorium.

MAINLY MUSIC

Thursdays 9:30am // Under 5s

Contact: Rachel DeVries // racheldv30@gmail.com

Location: Hope West Melton

Cost: \$3 per session

30 minutes of music and movement for preschoolers and their caregivers. We have a shared morning tea afterwards.





HOPE YOUTH

Hope Youth exists to care for, nurture and support young people's wellbeing from Intermediate (Year 7) right through to senior High School (Year 13). We are a dedicated and passionate team that love doing life together, journeying with young people in schools, at church, and throughout the week in the myriad of programmes that we offer. Our Youth Pastors, 24/7 Youth Workers and Youth Leaders are committed to connecting with young people and empowering them through mentoring and discipleship.

Hope Youth is extreme, we wholeheartedly love God and are constantly in pursuit of Him. We do life well and enjoy the progression with all its turbulence. If you are wanting to be challenged in a safe and fun environment then come along.

YOUTH PROGRAMMES

Contact: Vinnie Wallace // West Melton Youth Pastor
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YOUTH HANGOUT

Years 7-13 // Wednesdays (during school term), 3:00pm

RAMP

Years 7-13 // Fridays (during school term), 7:00pm


AT THE TABLE (ATT)

Years 7-10 // Sunday morning

AS YOU ARE (AYR)

Years 9-13 // Sunday fortnightly youth service, 6:45pm





**WE SEEK TO BE
AGENTS OF CHANGE
WHO BUILD HOPE
IN THE LIVES OF
YOUNG PEOPLE**

HOPE ELDERSHIP



Mark Henderson
Chair of the
Council of
Elders

Hope Presbyterian, not just Hope Church - why? Just as the term “hope” gives meaning and builds on one of the three great realities of the Christian life, so the term “Presbyterian” describes our form of church governance.

The Presbyterian Church is governed by a hierarchy of three courts or governing bodies which exercise their authority at a local, regional and national level.

The Church Council of Elders (all of whom are ordained as per the Book of Order) are made up of three groups of Site Elders (West Melton/Halkett, Rolleston, Hornby) and one group of Network Elders.

Network Elders have a focus on strategic issues that impact all sites, for example, supporting the senior pastor, driving and monitoring the overall direction, vision, mission and values of Hope Presbyterian including financial health. They also manage relationships with Presbytery, the national church, associated trusts and other external organisations.

Site Elders will be responsible for the governance of their site in the areas of pastoral oversight, upholding our values, pastoral care and ensuring the local delivery of the 5-year strategic plan and annual mission plan. Site Elders will also exercise discipline and monitor the local spiritual climate and look for local opportunities for mission.

The next governing body is Presbytery. Each parish is represented on the Presbytery by their minister and another elder. The Presbytery has responsibility for all the parishes and other ministries in its area. Its job is to coordinate mission, look after personnel matters and make sure parishes are functioning well.

Presbyteries are accountable to the General Assembly, the highest court at a national level. The General Assembly sets the policy and direction of the church as a whole, as well as approving the various regulations that help the church to operate as an effective organisation. The General Assembly normally meets once every two years.

The term “Presbyterian” relates to the Scottish reformation under John Knox which stressed the ministry of elders (presbyters) and church governance in which decisions could be made by representative assemblies rather than centralised bodies.

In the case of Hope, we delegate management of the church to Steve, our Interim Senior Pastor who will work with the Core Leadership Team (CLT) to execute the Strategic Plan for our church. A Mission Plan is produced each year by the Senior Pastor for the Church Council to examine and approve. At the end of the year, performance against proposed outcomes is reviewed. Part of the role of being an Elder also requires commitment to prayer, discerning God’s will and pastoral connection to the congregation.



HOPE WORLDWIDE

Mission comes from the heart of God. He is a God who loves all people and desires to have a vital relationship with them. God's Word makes it very clear that mission is not something new: God's purpose, as expressed to Abraham is that all the people of the earth would be blessed. We believe that God has called all his people to be involved in this task, but we recognise that each one has a different role that includes either going, or supporting those who go.

Hope Worldwide is the expression of how Hope Presbyterian Church believes God wants us to be involved in His plan to reach the unreached peoples of the world and be a blessing to them.

Each Hope church site has its own HWW Team. Their role is to keep their congregations in contact with the work in their country of focus. Also, to raise awareness of 'pressure points' around the world that we can pray into. The HWW team wants to be informative and inspirational in growing awareness of the unreached parts of the world, helping to grow in us a heart for the wider world. We facilitate events several times a year to inspire, inform and grow our faith, and catch a glimpse of God's heart for those who have never heard the Gospel.

There are many at Hope West Melton who have an interest in what God is doing around the world. Some of us have been involved in either short or long term Christian service abroad; others are part of the support networks here that enable others to go, including prayer, supporting friends working abroad, sponsorship, and many other ways.

You could be part of this by:

- Joining with others who are interested in mission worldwide.
- Choosing to receive regular news emails from any of these areas.
- Encouraging prayer for Worldwide mission in your Growth Groups.
- Attending occasional mission focus events, HWW Weekends, or occasional home meetings.
- Borrowing some of the missionary biographies from the HWM church library in the foyer.
- Joining our HWW Team, and helping us grow a strong DNA for mission in our church.
- Becoming a short term volunteer, or joining a small team to visit the workers we support.
- Growing your knowledge of how mission is changing and become part of meeting the challenges into the future.



Elsbeth Kong
West Melton
Hope Worldwide
Committee

WORLDWIDE CONNECTIONS

As Hope Church congregations have grown, each site supports overseas workers in a particular part of the globe. Part of our tithe goes to the work in these areas, we keep in touch, occasionally send teams to visit, and sometimes bring them to us. We become part of the work they are doing through communication, prayer and financial support.



Here at **Hope West Melton**, our focus is Mongolia, assisting the young Mongolian church to reach their own people. A Hope Hornby couple, Marlon and Julie Stufkins, began this work over 20 years ago. They are an inspiration as they have been involved with yearly visits to encourage and consult with the leaders of churches. Hope West Melton contribute to the Bible School training of the pastors of the Ger churches. Also, we support the Mongolian Mission Movement, which sends out workers to share the Gospel.



Hope Hornby focus on North India, supporting Prasanna and Arpana Khaling who manage the Sano Diyo girls home, and outreach into their community.

Hope Hornby also support their own workers, Andrew and Karen Stephens, who work in a closed access country in South East Asia running a language and vocational school.



Hope Rolleston focus on Tigi Verghis, who, after post graduate studies here at Lincoln Uni, returned to India and is now training Christian leaders in Servant Leadership.

Hope Rolleston also support Dr Simon and his wife Judy, and their four children who are in a leadership and medical role with OMF in Cambodia.





TE WHARE AWHERO




Who are we?

Te Whare Awhero translates to “The House of Hope” and our vision is to positively influence and strengthen our community. We do this by offering services that embrace families and individuals facing life’s challenges to bring about transformation. We desire to bring about a sense of empowerment and tino rangatiratanga (self-determination for both self and community), through building on and maximising the strengths of those we interact with. We endeavour to enrich our community with manaakitanga - mutual and reciprocal hospitality, where people support and encourage one another. We are inspired by the example of Jesus, his compassion and his giving of himself to those who were marginalised by mainstream society. We desire to be the transforming hands and feet of Jesus, bringing messages of hope to the entire community.

How do we do this?

We offer affordable professional counselling services for anyone in need across the community. We provide a safe place for children to be before, after school and during the school holidays at subsidised cost through our OSCAR programme. We are active in our local schools, providing school support workers through the Mana Ake programme. We have school based counsellors and we work to welcome new residents to the Hornby community – supporting them to be linked into the local community with our new visitation support. Most importantly, each and every day, we continue to seek to find new ways to bring Hope to the Hornby community. We would love you to join us in this mission.

Carey Ewing, Te Whare Awhero Director
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AND STRENGTHEN
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