

Alex Moore Park Sport and Community Incorporated

After many, many months of hard work, non-stop energy, and an unfaltering passion the new society: *Alex Moore Park Sport and Community Incorporated* has been established.

Representatives of the founding members of the new Society have worked tirelessly throughout 2009 to agree on a set of rules that defines the society and we can now report that all five founding members are in agreement on the rules and the society was officially incorporated on 21st October 2009. This key milestone in the development of Alex Moore Park could not have been made possible without the efforts of the working group:

- Dave Edgcombe from the Johnsonville Cricket Club Inc.,
- Michelle O'Hagan from the Johnsonville Softball Club Inc.,
- Grant Stephen from the North Wellington Junior Football Club Inc.,
- Mark Handley from the Olympic Harrier Club Inc., and
- Phil Sale from the North Wellington Association Football Club Inc.

The efforts, input, and ongoing support from Ken Bailey, Mike Oates, and Glen McGovern from Wellington City Council and Peter Burly from NZ Sport and Leisure is also acknowledged along with the enormous amount of work completed on the Incorporated Society's behalf by Guy Smith, solicitor who put in an absurd amount of volunteer hours to draft, review, revise, and complete the rules ready for the society's incorporation.

*But this is just the beginning..... now it's time for **you** to become involved.*

Board Roles

The founding members are now in the process of recruiting three elected Board members. The aim is to have the Board up and running by the end of the year. Skill sets targeted for Board members include:

- Leadership
- Business
- Marketing
- Legal
- Financial
- Fund raising
- Operations

A further five Board positions will be advertised for upon appointment of the three elected Board members. Further detail about this role will be made public in due course.

Volunteer Roles

The working party are also looking for volunteers to assist with the following:

- **Local media liaison and “Press Officer”** – we need someone to write and/or organise for reporters to publish good news articles for us and facilitate getting them published in the local and wider press. This person will also be responsible for writing these monthly newsletters.
- **Web designer and maintenance** – we would like to set up a web site for the society. Initially this will include progress on the project to build the new facility and update the sports grounds, and will profile the Board members as they are appointed.
- **Residents’ and public consultation committee.** A committee needs to be set up to be responsible for communicating the development of Alex Moore park with the local residents and the general public. A committee of a minimum of five is required.
- **Grants coordinator** – we need to start generating some capital for this venture. Assistance is required to generate a grant prospectus and then apply for grants.

If you, or anyone you know is interested in assisting with any of these roles, then please make yourself known to your working party representative or to Deborah Donkin Deborah.dsquaredconsulting@xtra.co.nz (tel: 477 3999). It is the intention to have many of these roles filled and activities started before Christmas 2009.

We are pleased to inform that Murray Stevenson has volunteered to be the Society’s **Graphic designer** and has taken on the challenge to design the logo and brand for the Alex Moore Park Sport and Community Incorporated Society. Upon establishment, Murray will be reporting to members of the Board.

Challenge 2009

.....And on a more grass roots level, the working group have set all founding members of the Alex Moore Park Sport and Community Incorporated Society to:

- organise one joint fundraising event before Christmas to begin the fundraising efforts to develop Alex Moore park and achieve our vision of a “sporting, recreational, family and community facility on and around Alex Moore Park.” Some ideas include a fair/fete/festival on the park. We would love to hear from volunteers wanting to organise such an event.

Objects of the society.

The Society is established for the following objects:

- (a) to arrange and manage the redevelopment of sporting, recreational, family and community facilities on and around Alex Moore Park in Johnsonville, Wellington;
- (b) to establish and maintain a shared sport, recreation, family and community facility at Alex Moore Park (“the Facility”);
- (c) to administer and operate the Facility on behalf of, and for the benefit, of

- members of the Society (“Members”) and the wider community;
- (d) to seek out and obtain funding and other resources and apply such funding and resources for the benefit of Members and the wider community;
 - (e) to conserve, advance, promote and protect the interests of Members;
 - (f) to assist in the development and promotion of its Members’ activities, including, but not limited to:
 - (i) the provision of community, sport and recreational activities to children, youth and adults; and
 - (ii) the ongoing development and improvement of facilities for its Members’ activities; and
 - (g) to do all such things and undertake such activities as may be necessary, incidental, or conducive to the advancement of these objects.

Full copies of the rules are available through your working group representative.
