Alex: Lets' talk about what Pollee is all about.

AC: Pollee is a cooperative that employs people to deliver the residents of the area with the news, facts and investigations, revelations about what goes on in the rough and tumble of three layers of public service and a galaxy of consultants.

Alex: How does Pollee work?

AC: For now it's the process, the development of the mobile apps to enable fully secure verifiable voting through a bank transaction between the Coop and the members, or casual voters who can muster the ID proof and Bank confirmation of their identity. It's an easy and secure way to transfer information guarded by financial law and the hyper vigilant agencies of that carrier service, our banks.

Alex: So you pay to vote?

AC: Yep, you pay 55c every time you want to vote so we know, with a high degree of certainty that you are you and you can trust we will take the information that is encrypted in the transaction code to and record your every choice, your every change you make, to contribute to a total decided by simple majority of 50%+ 1vote.

Alex: But people are going to rort the system?

AC: Every transaction, every identity, is checked by both us and the bank, mainly the bank because they look after your money or lend you some on plastic when the real stuff runs low. They don't like fraud, identity or perverting the system to manipulate votes / accounts. These are serious offences unlike the penalties for the many rorts and other aberrations we see with Party Politics and electoral law.

Alex: How do you guarantee an anonymous vote when it's tied to a bank transaction?

AC: The 55c lands in one of three accounts the cooperative runs, Yes, No, Reconsider., your voting data is anonymous once stripped of the bank's transfer details, we trust that the bank is sending us the correct poll information and your vote is counted by adding to a tally on the Poll. Everything is time stamped and between the 3 parties to this contract we have three statements of the activity, pretty easy to follow up and check if you need to or the law needs to.

Alex: You have an app that allows you to vote using your bank account, which is good but what are we voting based on?

AC: The app build is on top of an existing platform called Consul, developed for this world by coders working for the City of Madrid and some mates in Github. It's a comprehensive, platform agile application that delivers all the components so that members and public can drop in and engage with the things happening in the government around them, vote, then witness what happens when they, we, made that decision. The application is freely attributable, meaning we can use it without having to pay a licence fee and create and launch other cooperatives just like this, so every one can use it.

Alex: The criticism I hear and see is that there are a million sites like this that open up and fail, people love their channels, look at Facebook, insta, twitter, the churning mass of media. What makes this compelling?

AC: This brings jobs for smart people like you, Dr Alex Hayes or Dr Magali McDuffie, many of the people viewing this video, a career out of contributing skills and knowledge through research and engagement with the people involved with the issues.   Long standing issues, those ones we need to sort out, so we lower crime, save the planet, have more happy people, less illness, less psychosis, less people in punishment or lock down either physically or chemically

This cooperative pays 30c of every vote to an Informarian, which is a made up word, but I had to think of something, so that's it. The payment is their dividend for putting up the information, maintaining the conversation so it's civil and supervising the process through to a vote.   Then we see and record the outcome so we can feel very proud OR have something to consider when we have to address the same issue next time.

Alex: So like a moderator and administrator and librarian all rolled into one?

AC: Yes, but there's more: Informarians are contracted to help you, the members and public, to make a video, record a sound track, put together a web-page, a discussion thread, so other humans know what you're talking about and that someone, who's paid 30c a vote, seems it's worth a punt to take your idea on. The final service for the issue is a poll for that something you think is important, the thing that helps change your world for the better, no matter how small or large that thought.

Alex: So how is anyone going to make money at 30c a vote?

AC: The more issues a cooperative engages in the more streams of us punters can engage. Voting is a way to act on the information the voter has received in their exploration of the proposition, to make that decision.

We all get engaged at some time, with some part of the political spectrum. If it's only once in a life time on a big decision like equal opportunity or real real equality for our invaded Aboriginal people, it will have been for a good cause and the world would be a better place if you could use that vote to help make it happen. Or not.

We all spend way too much time on being amused and distracted, overworked and under paid, those of us not governing or sitting in a board room. Even they could manage to be interested, get engaged and have a vote on the many things we can and should be more aware of and engaged with OR be able to real trust those we delegate authority to

Alex: There's still 25c left in the account. Where does that go?

AC: The remaining cash is divided three ways

The Cooperative gets 10c to help cover the legalities and necessities of business.   The Cooperative distributes 10c to the key software services providing engagement and applications that make our multi media world possible.

The final 5c goes to our tax system as GST for a service. We hope that, one day, we may be able to see how and where that tax revenue is spent.

Alex: In summary Pollee is an app that helps pay for a cooperative business that provides good information on local issues, pays wages for local people to make that content, content and votes we can rely we can rely on or challenge using a simple bank transaction with some code written into the detail?

AC: That's the idea, that's why we're talking about it, because I know one thing Alex, I have more power to make a decision when it comes to being a consumer than I do when it comes to being a citizen, beneficiary and tax payer. If 55c a vote is the cost for freedom of information and choice then for me that's a small transaction cost for a great service.

AC: Part of the second phase, maybe parallel, development depending on support and funding, is a parallel blockchain transaction that is encrypted in a both a personal Ledger and Coop copy that carries all the members records in the ledger. A record is made containing all of the same transaction details, including the bank transfer details it's encrypted and added to a cryptographically secured ledger you have your private key, the coop has a public key that can be used in combination with the consent of the private key to reveal the details, if required for formal investigation or later confirmation.
This way we end up with two records of the same event, you have a copy, we have copy and there's a bank transaction yours and the coops banks know about.

Alex: What now?

AC: We have to bring two businesses into being:
Pollee for the development of that app and
the first of the Consul based local sites in the town I live in, Broome WA. This first on is named the Broome Voice which was birthed from a community engagement led by local good guy Larry when he got engaged in the youth poverty, mistreatment and crime discussions in town.
For me this is an extension of work I and others have been doing on a facebook group "The Broome Revitalisation Project."
That means we're headed toward two membership drives, two initial meetings, the selection of the legally required officer bearers, acceptance of a rulebook, get it registered, then we can trade and open some bank accounts, meet all the legal requirements.
The draft of the rule book is done and thanks to Tessa for her help on that, it's on this website, look for the Structure tab below or at the Broome Revitalisation group page.

Alex: How do people join one of the two coops?

AC: From this site or from Broome Voice - Membership has a $20 joining fee that goes into supporting the development, you get the usual buzz from being a member and helping make the world a better place, and there's special places where I may blog badly but other writers and makers can put their thoughts in and contribute toward the growth of the Coop or review the progress, see the developments and vote for Coop proposals and contribute to the community through Coop business engagement and philanthropy. We also encourage people, as we will with the work of the Infomarions, to tip for good service, show your gratitude that some people are willing to do the hard work of putting it all together so you have something meaningful to discuss, contribute and deliver a vote on.

Alex: Thanks Andrew for the Dorothy Dixers, I'm Doctor Alexander Hayes, the man who's making Andrew stop writing and start talking, who's building this website and the information we hope helps you understand what Democracy can be, if only we didn't have to use a party platform to deliver it.
You can meet the rest of the team if you hit the team bar – so far it's me and Paul and Andrew building the first versions and learning how you want to use it.
Andrew can't pay much, so we need people like you to join so we to can eat, pay the rent while doing the work on this proposal and developing these tools. We'd also like to employ some specialists we'll need to work with banks and eventually the reluctant brides at government dot org.