



## AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY CRICKET CLUB

### **Indoor Cricket Facility at Colin Maiden Park – Donation Request**

There has been some significant progress recently on the development of an Indoor Training Facility at Colin Maiden Park.

Background: Auckland Council purchased CMP from Auckland University in January 2014 and has since been working on the Colin Maiden Park Precinct Masterplan, which sets the blueprint for the development of CMP and its neighbours (Netball, Tennis, Oceania Football) for the next 10-15 years. The Council project team has consulted with the key stakeholders of the Precinct, being the existing users and those wanting to move in - the existing users have been given priority. This consultation identified a few issues that have taken considerable time to work through which has resulted in the process taking a lot longer than originally envisaged.

The final CMP Precinct Masterplan was approved by the Orakei Local Board on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> August 2016. The huge outcome for AUCC is that the existing gymnasium is to become the Indoor Training Facility – with AUCC as the primary user. This is fantastic on 2 fronts – we don't have to build a new building for our indoor nets, and we have been given a mandate to retrofit the gym for indoor cricket training as the primary use. It's a wonderful outcome for AUCC and cricket.

The gym building is next door to our Clubrooms – it's wide enough for 4 lanes, and includes changing rooms, showers and toilets. The flooring base is ideal for what we need with appropriate artificial grass put over what's there. A retractable netting system will need to be installed and the lighting will need to be upgraded. There will also be some construction work needed to remove the current internal walls, along with moving the primary entry point.

We will get full access when the current tenant, Auckland University, vacates the premises in December 2017. Which means that we should have a 4-lane indoor net facility in place at CMP for the winter of 2018 – some years earlier than if we had to start with a piece of land and build a building.

Having said all of that, we will need to work with Council on access arrangements and we will need to ascertain the detailed costs of the work required to retrofit - for which Council has no budget. So we will need to raise the funding ourselves and we currently estimate that the cost of doing what needs to be done is in the order of \$200k.

Our members and others generously donated \$10,560 towards the project during the 15-16 season which has been locked away by the AUCC Board – a great start – and we are now asking for further donations from our members. The donation being sought is \$20 per player, which will be added automatically during the registration process. However members will have the opportunity to remove it - or increase it should you so wish. With 1,000 members in the Club a \$20 donation from each could increase the pot by another \$20k, which will greatly assist our future funding applications (see below).

We are also putting on a Quiz Night and auction on Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup>, the net proceeds from which will all go into the ITF fund. A very enthusiastic planning team of volunteers for this event is already in place and plans are well advanced – please mark off Nov 12<sup>th</sup> in your diaries.



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We will be applying for funding from the charitable trusts and other philanthropic organisations once we have worked out the detail of what we need to do and obtained the necessary supporting quotations. These trusts do like to see that the applicant is making its own efforts to raise funds for the project – so the more we can raise ourselves in advance of our applications the more likely we are to get their support for the balance, which means that the Club wouldn't need to borrow, or delay the installation until we have the funds to make it happen.

So I encourage you to donate a few \$\$'s during the registration process and to support our Quiz Night.

It's an exciting time for the Club. Should you be able to assist with the necessary work through subsidised or donated goods or services, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss further.

Kind Regards,

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