



AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY CRICKET CLUB

Indoor Cricket Facility at Colin Maiden Park – Quiz Night Fundraiser

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 which took considerable time to work through which resulted in the process taking longer than originally envisaged.

The final CMP Precinct Masterplan was approved by the Orakei Local Board on Thursday, 4th August 2016. The huge outcome for AUCC was 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 the next few months. Unfortunately, a further extension by the current tenant has led to a delay in the issue of a lease to AUCC which means that the timeframe for completion of the 4-lane indoor net facility will likely be later in 2018, rather than our target date of early July 2018 – but still much earlier than if we had to start with a piece of land and build a building. In the meantime our architect is working on the detailed design for the facility so that we can obtain the required consents.

Having said all of that, we still need to finalise with Council the lease and 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 \$300-350k.

Our members and others have already generously donated over \$92,000, including \$18,000 from our highly successful and enjoyable Quiz Night last March, which has all been locked away by the AUCC Board – a great start and thank you all for your generous support.

We are now putting on another Quiz and Auction Night on Saturday March 10th, the net proceeds from which will all go into the ITF fund. A very enthusiastic team of volunteers has been working on this event since June and the plans are well advanced – some fantastic items have been donated by some very generous people for the auctions. I encourage you to attend and support our fundraising efforts.



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Going forward, 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, nor delay the installation until we have the funds to make it happen.

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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