

UPDATE ON NEW CLUBROOMS / AMENITIES PROJECT January 2020

As you may know, a survey was conducted by the club in late 2019 to obtain feedback from you, our members, on what are our strengths and weaknesses, and where can we place resources in order to improve your respective footballing experiences.

One of the major findings from this process was the strong desire from our membership for further improvements in our facilities, **focussed around quality changing facilities** and a **centrally located Clubrooms**, that can provide a **platform for greater engagement** from our membership in the activities of the Club.

But that desire will not happen without your help.

Since my last update in mid 2019, we have made significant progress on a number of fronts as we move forward in making this wonderful community asset a reality :

1. In addition to the previously reported successful grant application from New Zealand Community Trust (\$ 300,000), further success was achieved in Nov 2019 with **confirmation of a further grant from NZ Lotteries Commission for \$400,000.**
2. Another application with Foundation North has passed through the first assessment stage and is being decided upon shortly, with a decision due in March 2020.
3. Completion of the Developed Design phase was achieved late last year, and all Architectural, Structural and Services documentation has been handed to the Project Quantity Surveyor, in order to undertake a more in depth Cost Estimate, and to reconcile this with our initial Project Budget. We are confident that we have made some cost savings throughout that design process, but the proof is in the pudding.
4. Once we can update our Project Budget, and confirm/amend the design decisions previously made, we intend to move into the Detailed Design phase to achieve Building Consent. To do this, though, requires your support, as the design costs are not covered by either the successful grant applications to date, nor Auckland Council's contribution.

In addition to the previously raised \$205,000 from our membership, our **target is to secure a further \$275,000 from our membership**, and so we ask you again to dig into your pockets and **[make a financial donation](#)** to get us to this milestone. Thank you to those who have contributed to date, but this is now the critical phase in making the project a reality, so please get behind it. Our website provides you with all the details on how you can assist here.

5. The Project Team's objective is to be in a position to start construction in Sept/Oct this year. It is, indeed, exciting to be that close to seeing a tangible reward after all the years of lobbying etc.

If you have any queries, please contact me on markw@location.co.nz , or 021 941 139.

Kind regards

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