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**Dear Members,**

### **Why we need a Facilities donation?**

One of the main themes that came out of the recent Senior Club Hui in June was a desire for the Club and the Executive Committee to ensure transparency in the decisions that are made and the reasons and rationale for these decisions. While the AGM is a key forum for this type of discussion we want to ensure that we keep the communication to the club open and regular.

We realise it's been a tough year for everyone and have elected this year to effectively retain the same fee levels as last year even though we have surveyed other club fees and Takapuna is at the lower end of the fee spectrum. However, we have also decided to draw your attention to some upcoming necessary expenses and are seeking an additional contribution from those who can afford it to help your Club.

One of the biggest issues we face as a Club is around facilities maintenance and asset replacement. While there are some major discussions and decisions to be made in the coming years about the Club's facilities, we also face immediate and ongoing costs associated with the facilities that are critically important to be addressed.

You may not be aware that due to financial constraints there has not been a regular allocation in the Annual Budget towards facilities maintenance. Instead, the Club has relied on Grants, Fundraising and ad hoc Donations to fix these issues. However, in recent years (and in particular over the past 12-18 months due to Covid) these sources of funding have become increasingly hard to find and this has left us needing to make some capital investment into the club.

For example, the Club is in desperate need for new Dishwasher/Sterilisers for the Bar and the Kitchen. Both of these areas of the club are significant contributors to the Club's revenue each year and without these vital pieces of equipment this revenue is in jeopardy. We have obtained a quote of \$8,000 to replace these Sterilisers, and the Facilities Committee applied for a Grant. This Grant was approved but we were only given \$2,000 towards this purchase. So, we have a \$6,000 funding shortfall and no obvious way to find this money in the short-term. Also, to add to the pressure the Grant has an expiry date by which time we must make the purchase, or we risk losing the Grant money altogether.

We also have some other impending costs including a fibre connection charge of approximately \$3000 from Chorus. They are migrating everyone off copper and onto fibre and unfortunately our connection to the street is a long way. Connection is vital for the Club for likes of our eftpost and security. We also face a similar cost to upgrade the electrical supply to avoid overload and subsequent outages recently experienced last season when using bar and kitchen appliances together.

We intend to look at new and exciting ways to raise money in the future that will add to the culture of the club (e.g. Fundraising initiatives), but there is an immediate need to create a fund that will be set aside for the type of expenses that just enable us to continue to operate. The intention is to ring-fence this money specifically for facilities issues, repairs, and maintenance.

This year we have endeavoured to make this nice and easy so that when you register you will see that there is an extra question relating to a Facilities Donation in addition to your Annual Club Registration. You will have the choice to contribute \$20, \$50 or more if you are able.

Our stated vision is to be the Auckland Community Cricket Club of choice, and a large part of this is having the best usable facilities possible and a Club we can all be proud of.

**Thanks and looking forward to your support this coming season**

**Your Executive Committee**