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The HCC Tap & Run



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Hi all,

Hope you are all wintering well and have life back to some level of normal. This newsletter is a chance to update you on what's happening with the club.

For those of you who have not been past the recently the below images will show you how the club looks at present. This is following the partial demolition completed by CP Construction, as authorised by Civil Defence. This work was to make the building safe and secure but more will come down when we rebuild as determined by the structural engineers report.

The building sub-committee (Lomie, CP, Jodie) has been very busy; finishing concept plans to base a rebuild proposal around, working with the structural engineer on foundation requirements etc, compiling quotations and liaising with the council. It is not only the clubrooms that need to be rebuilt; the patio area, nets, retaining wall and roller shed are all within the new scope. Lomie is doing a great job working with CCC, who have 1 or 2 other things to deal with also, on issues such as what we can and can't do and where..plus the lease.

Our approach is to take this opportunity to work on a concept that will enhance the HCC as a community hub and asset in Heathcote, meeting the needs of both the HCC and interest groups that had increasingly been using our facility. Basically we will aim high, fundraise then see what is practical and can be achieved. That means we have a two stage process; first to work though what has to happen to get HCC ready for cricket for season 2011-12, secondly to continue to work through the rebuild project at the same time. The reality is we are most likely to have some form of a temporary facility for the coming season, with the rebuild completed for the following season. The worst case if our "aim high" approach falls a little short, is that we will work to replace what we had, but that's the worst case. Read on for the fundraising update....



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By now you will have all seen producer, director Richard Howards wonderful video on our website. This has been, and continues to be, valuable in getting our message across. Remembering that we have an insurance base of \$120K to work on, fundraising to date has been \$12K though the on-line donations and pledges; some highlights:

- Kidlington CC in Oxford (Box's old host club) raised \$1000
- Heathcote CC in Devon, accepted a signed Somerset CCC on our behalf and raised \$300
- The legendary Bert Thompson sent us a donation from the Gold Coast
- The first trade me auction for a signed bat donated by Sir Richard Hadlee raised \$290

There is more to come on the auction front and yet to be listed:

- Shane Bond has donated signed Kolkata Knight Riders and a Canterbury training shirt. He has also countersigned some items signed by Richard Hadlee and arranged for them to be signed by Nathan Astle
- Brendon McCullum has offered to donate some signed memorabilia from his latest IPL trip.
- Darrin Murray has donated a bat signed by both the NZ and SA test teams on the occasion of the centenary test in 1995.
- Some donated Canterbury shirts from Corey Anderson (thanks GP) have been signed by Shane & Nathan
- The NZ Black Sticks are donating a signed shirt from their latest tournament in KL (thanks Stan)
- Several cricket clubs in England are raffling/auction items donated by county cricket clubs.

This fundraising is valuable and much appreciated plus there are some serious irons in the fire that we are working through:

- The NZ and fellow Australian Rotarians are considering some significant support contingent upon our proposal to be submitted once the rebuild quotations are in.
- You may recall the famous rock in Morgans Valley ..Rocky www.iloverocky.co.nz Rockys Dad, Phil Johnson, is a supporter of Friday Night Cricket and soon will be launching a book and range of t-shirts on line that capture the story of rock that attracted over 300,000 trade me views and became world famous. Phil has very kindly offered to donate a significant % of the funds raised to HCC. Given the reach this activity will have we are likely to run the bulk of the auctions on trade me at this time.
- NZ Cricket Foundation are interested in helping us rebuild our nets

So there is quite a bit to come.....in the meantime you can help by keeping us in peoples mind: right now JG has listed another Richard Hadlee signed bat for auction:

<http://www.trademe.co.nz/Sports/Sports-memorabilia/Cricket/auction-380757894.htm>

Let's make this happen.....cheers Pike!



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