



AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY
CRICKET CLUB

Indoor Training Facility Update – August 2018

Dear AUCC Members and Supporters,

Your AUCC Board remains committed to and totally focussed on our priority project - the development of an Indoor Training Facility at Colin Maiden Park.

The last 12 months have been challenging as we have navigated processes we do not directly control. However, we are now within sight of securing a long-term lease for the gymnasium building at CMP which will enable us to go forward with raising the balance of the funds needed to convert it into our Indoor Centre.

Thanks to the generosity of our Members with supporting our fund-raising activities over the last 2 seasons, our committed fund now stands at \$103k. This will assist hugely with our applications to the charitable trusts who look very favourably on applicants who have already made their own efforts to raise funds towards a project such as this.

We would like to enhance our committed fund so we are now asking our Members to make a voluntary donation of \$20 during the registration process for the 2018-19 season. \$20 from each junior family and each senior player will add approximately \$12k to the fund.

Target Delivery Date

Last year we set an ambitious target to have the facility open by 1st July 2018. However, we underestimated the length of negotiations with Auckland Council for creating a community lease for a previously commercially-leased facility. Positively, this did allow the University to remain in the building longer than originally planned after delays with construction of their new facility in Newmarket.

The terms of the lease have now been agreed in principle and one of the final steps in the process is formal approval by the Orakei Local Board who will consider it at its next meeting.

Our target opening date is now **autumn 2019**, with the aim of all of our 2019-20 pre-season training being hosted in our own facility.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sacred Heart College, who have allowed us to make extensive use of their indoor nets for our 2018-19 pre-season programme, ensuring members have local training opportunities.

Design Progress

Many of you will have seen our draft designs when visiting Colin Maiden Park, our architects are now preparing the final detailed design and specification. We have engaged the other professional services which we need to prepare the building consent application – Structural Engineer and Fire Engineer. We have engaged a professional Project Manager to make it all happen.

As with last season, will keep the Club Membership fully informed on progress over the next few months at our club events.

Kind regards,

Mark Robson
AUCC Board Chairman
August 2018