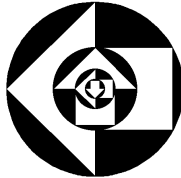


NEW



CLUBROOMS!



It is my privilege to announce that agreement has been reached with Monash Council and the Licence signed for the building of your new Clubrooms.

For the benefit of those new Members who perhaps are not aware of the history of this project, approximately 3 years ago the Committee approached the Council to build its own clubrooms on the vacant land (owned by the Council) behind our current rooms. Ray Anderson pursued this and much work was done lobbying Councillors to come to the party. At one stage it was to be a building solely occupied by Waverley Bridge Club, then a second party became involved (Ceres Calisthenic Club), and finally today the new building will be one mostly occupied by ourselves and Ceres. However the Croquet Club will have access to the general area, which includes the kitchen.

We shall have two main rooms, which can seat 50 tables, a central Director's Office, independent Office and Dealing Room, together with storage areas. We also have access to one of the Ceres rooms for overflow situations (Congress, teaching etc), and there is a communal food area. Great plans are underway to make these clubrooms something to which we can all be proud – full central heating/air conditioning, comfortable chairs and permanent tables (no more having to clear the room twice a week) and special lighting suitable for our specific use.

At long last, we shall have access to our clubrooms from 9 am to 11 pm, 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year. It is really exciting, a great deal of hard work and very long hours have gone into this project and there will be many still to come. I would like to thank all those who have contributed, it's a great outcome for our club and all members will benefit from the facilities that will be offered.

Now comes the hard bit – all this has to be paid for, our Commitment is \$540,000, most of which has to be paid to the Council before and during December 2008. I would ask you all to consider how you can help, and get behind the club wherever you can.

Please read the attached information about our planned issue of debentures. Our treasurer, Doug Lavers, will be making short presentations to the membership about the debentures in the next week or so. Please be as generous as possible as the Club very much needs all our support for the next few years.

Iris Carling
President

Work will probably not start until early 2009 but all parties are keen for the project to be completed as soon as possible.