



South Croydon Cricket Club

## SOUTH CROYDON CRICKET CLUB

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It is sometime since I advised our club community that the previously proposed reconstruction of the Cheong Park social and change rooms was to be cancelled due to the withdrawal of funding by Maroondah Council as a result of a large financial impact on Council by the effects of the COVID virus lockdowns etc.

Since that disappointing news, the Cricket and Football clubs have been in regular dialogue with the Council about alternate works that could be undertaken given that funding committed by the State and Federal governments remained available. Council has now committed to providing a reduced amount of funding in order to ensure that some refurbishment would be undertaken.

It is now pleasing to be able to advise that Council has presented two proposals to the clubs that would allow for varying degrees of refurbishment and renovation. Both proposals would result in new change rooms, increased storage, new umpire's room and a new first aid room. The Executives of both the tenant clubs met individually and then jointly and have agreed on one of the Council proposals as a way forward and Council is now in the process of preparing more detailed plans and specifications for the approval of both clubs.

Final plans are yet to be confirmed however as soon as the new schedule of works is known both clubs will release details to their respective memberships. However, besides new change rooms, umpire's rooms, a first aid room and larger storage areas, there will be considerable refurbishment to the social room.

Council is wanting to commence works by October with a six to nine month timetable envisaged. This will impact on the cricket club with alternate accommodation arrangements to be put in place as part of the process. We will update you again as soon as we have locked these details down with the council.

One area of critical importance is that of fund raising. In the original plan, the clubs had to fund the provision of several major equipment requirements and this is still the case. Things such as appropriate audio visual and communications platforms, a new cool room and associated equipment, kitchen appliances and fit outs etc. need to be funded by the clubs. I will be in touch in the near future with details on how you may be able to assist us in this regard.

In the interim please note that the Executives of both clubs are working hard to ensure that we get the best renovation result possible for our members and the local community.

Regards,

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President

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