

THE AUCKLAND EXHIBITION CENTRE



ARDMORE – THE FUTURE

There has been some mis-information circulated about the Auckland Exhibition Centre suggesting that NZKC is determined to sell the property at all costs. Be assured, that this is not the case! There is NO truth in the rumours of offers on the table, contracts being sought or signed etc.

The survey of the membership verified that the majority of members want the properties to break even i.e. Income to cover expenditure. That is where our energies have been focused and the Operations Committee continues to strive to achieve a position of self sustainability.

The Capital committee has carried out extensive work to identify the projects requiring completion and the most cost effective manner to achieve this and compliance with the ruling of the Environment Court.

CARPARK

Further work is now underway on the carpark at the north side of the indoor arena. There has also been a start made on the removal of the large pile of excess soil behind the building. Completion of the carpark is an ongoing project which is being undertaken by the Capital committee and has attracted many hours of planning to mitigate and minimise costs to the property. Works need to be undertaken over periods when the least activity is apparent around the indoor arena in order to minimise disruption to member parking.

RAFFLE

The Operations Committee is planning a major raffle to support Ardmore later in the year. Details of this project will be announced very shortly. Watch for this information and please support this initiative in any way you can. The committee will need support from members to make this a worthwhile fundraiser.

BENEFIT SHOWS

A very special thank you to Jean McErlane, who has worked, often single-handedly, to organise the recent benefit shows. Jean has worked tirelessly and her skill and enthusiasm is infectious. Thanks also to those who have donated in one way or another to these shows, which has led to the successful shows which we have all enjoyed.

GOLD COIN COLLECTIONS

Gold coin collections at the gate were reinstated recently and have been well received by members. These continue to be a valuable source of revenue.

DOG OF THE YEAR

This year, Dog of the Year and Puppy of the Year are scheduled to be held on Saturday 7th November. Judges have been appointed (no hints). The sub-committee for this event is chaired by Les Clark (he won't tell you who the judges are, either) and planning is well underway. More details will be published soon – please mark your diaries and come along and support your favourite dog, puppy or group. This promises to be an entertaining evening so please don't miss out.

MENS TOILETS

The men's toilets are now sporting a new bank of shiny chrome hand basins. Many thanks to Les Clark for his generous donation of skill and time in sourcing and installing this new addition.

PAID CARPARKS

As many of you will be aware, Jocelyn Hansen has undertaken to manage this project. Some re-alignment and re-allocation of some of the carparks has turned this into a major project for the year. Jocelyn has spent a considerable amount of time and effort to ensure that member requests and requirements for some of the larger vehicles can be accommodated, and special thanks are recorded for her efforts. Some of the reserved spaces have still not been paid for. Those members are reminded that your parking fees are due and should be paid as soon as possible. Jocelyn can be contacted by phone (09)294-7143 or email hansens@clear.net.nz. She will also be attending the benefit shows this weekend, so please make contact with her if you have any queries or wish to make payment.

WORKING BEE

A very successful working bee was organised by the committees on the weekend of 16/17th May. Though relatively small in number, the volunteers who were able to attend accomplished an amazing amount of work which included tree planting, pothole repairs, rubbish removal, gardening and general cleaning and tidying of the property. A sincere thank you to those who attended and worked so hard over this weekend. In particular, we would like to make a special mention of the Tiki Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club for their kind donation of the costs relating to the hire of a motorised auger which assisted with the tree planting. This machine saved literally hours of back-breaking and time consuming labour in digging the very large holes needed for the planting of the larger trees on the bund. Also, a special thanks to the ladies who have taken charge of some of the flower gardens. These ladies not only accomplished an astonishing transformation on the day, but have also committed to the ongoing maintenance of these beds.

GARDENING

In addition to the above, we still need a few people (or a club) to volunteer to maintain some of the rest of the gardens on the property. If you can devote a few hours each month, we would be most grateful for your assistance.

RING FENCES

Work has commenced on waterblasting and general maintenance of the ring fences used for the indoor arena. More waterblasting, woodwork and painting is needed to complete this project and we would be grateful for volunteers to assist.

BAR STAFF

A small group of people is still needed to serve behind the bar on selected show days. Full training will be given and a duty manager will be present at all times during the hours of operation.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you can help with any of the above, want some more information, or would like to discuss any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact any of the following.

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Capital Committee Chair Graham Cullen – phone 027 229 9672 email cull@lyfestyle.co.nz

As the Executive Councillor responsible for liaison between EC and the Auckland Exhibition Centre committees I would be very happy to provide further information, or to discuss any concerns or observations any member may have. I am frequently asked question about the financial situation concerning Auckland and I am always keen to discuss or assist at any time. My contact details are: Phone (09)235-3838 mobile 021 980-560 or email daxhaven@paradise.net.nz

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