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Dear Members

Having had a great time walking the Milford Track in fine weather last week, it was a surprise to return to a "soggy" Christchurch, and then have more of the same over the weekend. Hopefully, Summer will return, soon.

The Crockfords Committee met on Friday evening, and in somewhat of an understatement, one member commented that there seems to be a lot on!

Items of interest:

- Despite the disruption caused by the threat of Omicron, we managed a small surplus for January.
- Three quotes were tabled from firms for the installation of new heating units. Rob Freeman provided a comprehensive overview of what the problem is, and how it can best be addressed. It seems that "the movement of air" caused by any unit, will result in some spots in the room feeling "draughty". There is one or two items to still get sorted and then we will be applying for a grant towards the funding of the heating upgrade.
- The ownership and upkeep of the four lampposts in the carpark has now been resolved. Although we have no control over the timing of the lighting, it coming on and going off with the street lighting, the CCC has determined that the posts are our problem. We are in the process of obtaining quotes to have them converted to LED, or the bulbs replaced in the two that aren't working, if the cost is exorbitant.
- We are pleased with the number of applications received for the office manager position, and interviews will be taking place this week.
- The committee reviewing the Club Constitution has "gone into recess" until such time as the Incorporated Societies Bill which has had its second reading in parliament, becomes law. This is expected to be within the next couple of months. At this time, Anne and her team will reconvene. The purpose of this bill is to put in place a modern framework of basic legal governance, and accountability obligations for incorporated societies and those who run them and will require some changes in the constitutions of all incorporated societies.
- The club bathrooms. You are quite right to be wondering what is happening with these. Having decided that new toilets and flooring are required, we soon realised that if we were going to do some work in these areas, it would be worthwhile seeing if we could afford a complete renovation. Thus, quotes are being sought for the basins and vanity unit to also be replaced.
- It was decided that members would be required to wear masks for a further week by which time there might be greater clarity around the prevalence of Omicron in our community.

The Crockfords Club AGM is to be held on Thursday evening, 24 March. Our treasurer, David Hawes, has ensured our 2021 annual accounts are with the auditor and we have every expectation these will be confirmed by the end of the month. We hope that there will be interest from members in standing for the Committee. Sue Moates and Karen Stevenson are standing down after providing wonderful service to the club, and we will need at least three newcomers for these and an existing vacancy. Please do not hesitate to ask any committee member about what is involved, if you are interested.

Once I reached civilisation last week, which in this day and age means internet coverage, I was keen to see if numbers had fallen away following the "mask-mandate". Well done to everyone who has continued to play, and we hope that the rest of our members will return once they feel comfortable doing so. There were some great results last week, foremost of which was the percentage scored by Allan Schroeder and Patricia Joyce on Thursday afternoon – 71.88%. Well done!

Finally, happy Valentine's Day to you all. These days, "feeling the love" would definitely be as simple as being able to dispose of the masks once and for all, but I'm afraid they will be part of our lives for the foreseeable future.

Rgards to you all

Jan Barrow  
President