To: All Residents of Toorloo Arm & Lake Tyers Beach 21 March 2017

Dear Resident

**Lake Tyers Beach Hall - Development Planning**

Most of you are probably aware, the Hall at Lake Tyers Beach is a public facility run by a small Committee of dedicated volunteers who are responsible for its ongoing operation and maintenance. The Committee holds an Annual General Meeting every year, which all residents are invited to attend.

Many of you have visited the Hall in recent times for meetings and/or private social functions. You may have even served on the Committee for a time in the past, so will be even more familiar with the Committee’s work. The Committee raises funds mainly from hire fees for social functions. It receives a small annual top-up grant from the East Gippsland Shire to assist with ongoing operational costs such as electricity, water and minor repairs. However, funds are insufficient to allow any significant development work to improve the facility, so that it continues to be an attractive venue for community and private events. Accessing further grant money from the Shire for this type of work is difficult, as such funding is generally available only on a matching-funding basis, i.e. we must be able to put up at least 50% of the funds from our own resources. You may have noticed some recent improvement to the Hall in the form of a fresh coat of paint. This work was funded with our own money, some support from the Lake Tyers Fishing Club, and a matching top-up grant from the Shire. However, more such work is needed.

The Hall remains basically as it was constructed 55 years ago. The facilities inside are very dated. The kitchen and toilets need modernising, the tables and chairs need replacing and the space inside the building needs reorganising to make it more useful and relevant to today’s needs.

The idea of increasing Hall hire fees to fund development work is not an attractive option as we want to ensure that all members of the Community continue to use the Hall to celebrate important events in their lives. To broaden our funding base we have thus decided to seek support from the whole community in the form of a Resident’s Annual Donation to the Hall Committee for development work. Hopefully, recalling occasions in the past where the Hall has contributed to your life will make providing ongoing support in this form for its future development seem worthwhile.

If our appeal is successful, the Committee will organise modernising developments progressively overtime. Going forward, the Committee will seek wider Community involvement and hopes to encourage greater use of the Hall for a variety of Community purposes. It will be more active in promoting events which it believes will be of interest and relevance to the Community, e.g. markets and guest speakers. If you can help with a donation, please complete and return the attached Donation Form. Any amount, however small, now or in the future, will be helpful.

So that we can more easily keep you better informed of developments and upcoming events in future, we are compiling a digital mailing list of our community. The attached form also allows you to nominate for inclusion on this list, and thus to receive a range of information from us.

Hoping to hear from you.

Yours sincerely

Hall Committee President

**Lake Tyers Beach Hall Development Fund**

 **Resident Donation 2017**

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| Treasurer Lake Tyers Beach Hall CommitteePO Box 596Lakes Entrance, Vic 3909 | OR | If you have donated online(save on the cost of a stamp), scan and email your completed form to:***ltbhallcommittee@ozemail.com.au*** |

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**Toorloo Arm Hall Mailing List** (for receipt of Annual Donation Request letter and information on: Hall developments, upcoming events, and Hall Committee Meetings). Tick appropriate box:

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