

Monday May 25th, 2020

COVID-19 Update

To our Valued Members –

Dear Members,

It was 8 weeks ago today that your Club was forced to close due to the Covid – 19 restrictions that were implemented. To say that a lot has occurred during this time would be an understatement. Many financial measures have been put in place to ensure the ongoing viability of your Club and during these continual changes of restriction we will continue to review these measures at all times planning for a secure future.

The monthly meeting of your Board of Directors and Senior Management was held today to discuss the next steps.

As most of you would have heard last Friday the State Premier Gladys Berejiklian announced that *“The NSW Government will allow pubs, clubs, cafes and restaurants to have up to 50 customers, subject to a one person per four square metre rule, and with strict social distancing guidelines from 1 June 2020.”*

What we now so far is –

- All customers must be seated and no bookings of more than 10 allowed
- All venues must ensure social distancing and will need to develop and COVID safety plan consistent with NSW Health guidelines
- There will be no service at the bar and alcohol can only be consumed with a meal
- At present the 10-person gathering for outdoors is still in place
- There will be many other conditions that must be met

What we do not know is what the “many other conditions” will be as well as many other items that we hope to have clarification on later this week.

At this point we are unable to plan for a re-opening date as there is not enough clarity around what restrictions will be in place. We however do need to ensure that when we re open we do so with the long-term viability of the Club in mind, as opening prior to us being able to cover our costs may have a detrimental effect long term.

I am sure members appreciate that the cost of operating the Club is quite large as an example up to \$2,000 per week just in electricity as well as many others costs that have currently been “frozen” such as FOXTEL, SKY Channel, Poker Machine Government monitoring fees, Gas, water to name a few that equate, once operational to an increase in our monthly bills of over \$ 30,000. Again, all of this and the reduced revenue needs to be taken into consideration when an opening date is agreed to.

On a brighter note as you may have seen on Facebook we are very pleased with the ongoing maintenance by our staff during this closure and we know our members will be impressed with the new look, having a great deal of painting done throughout main areas gives the club a very clean new look. Revitalized outdoor furniture including new cushions, a recoating of the entire deck coupled with new a fresh coat of paint in other spaces certainly given the outdoor area new life and these are just a few items that have been undertaken.

Thanks to Mick Harry our more than dedicated Greenkeeper we are confident in saying the current standard of the greens and all outdoor areas would be some of the best within our region and beyond and for our bowling members we remind you that bookings for a practice session are now available.

Once we have more information, we will provide you with a further update as to when we can welcome you all back to your Club.

In the meantime, please take care and stay safe and we hope to see you in your Club soon.

Peter Swaby
General Manager

Trevor Oldfield
President