

21 March 2020

## Club Update – Impact of COVID-19

Dear Club Member

This week, Bowls Australia and Bowls Victoria issued advice recommending that all bowls events be suspended indefinitely in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In line with the recommendations, and the declared State of Emergency, the Board of Management, at its meeting yesterday (20<sup>th</sup> March 2020) took the decision to suspend indefinitely all of the Club's competitions and events, effective immediately. This includes any club championship matches that are still to be concluded. The Indoor Bowls Season has been cancelled.

The greens will remain open for members wishing to practice, with a request that the safe Social Practice Guidelines that have been issued by the State and Federal agencies are followed.

The BOM also decided, in the recognition of the important role it plays as a social support structure, to allow the Bar to be open on Wednesday's between the hours 5.00 – 7.00 pm. This is a trial to assist members keeping socially connected.

Members are asked to maintain safe social practices, keeping a safe (recommended) distance to other members, and properly washing hands on entering and leaving the Club. Also, to support safe hygiene practices, no food will be sold at the Bar.

The Bar will have a stock of an alcohol based cleaner which will be used on the lounge area tables and bar serving area in order to keep the area disinfected.

The **President's and Super Veterans and Life Members Day**, the **Presentation Night**, and **Annual General Meeting** are postponed indefinitely.

In the interim, all members holding elected roles within the Club, will maintain those positions.

We know that common sense will prevail and that members will take all precautions to minimise their risk to themselves and the others around them.

**It cannot be stressed enough that if you are unwell, or have an underlying medical condition, you should consider avoiding areas where there are gatherings of people.**

**Above all, please stay safe.**

**Staying as a Community:**

**The Doncaster Bowling Club is a strong Community of People. At times like this, we need to “be there” for each other.**

**If you need help, or can offer help, please let us know. We can connect people wanting help with those that can help, be it shopping, picking up medications, or anything else.**

**This is a time to reach out to one another. Let’s do it, because it is needed now more than ever before.**

**You can call Tricia on 0433 166 244 or Beth Reid on 0414 990 794.**