



NOTICE TO MT. PLEASANT BOWLING CLUB MEMBERS

These are not ordinary times and accordingly extraordinary measures have been adopted by the Club to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

The Executive resolved to close the Club effective Friday 20 March. All formal activities will cease until further notice. The Club has taken measures to reduce expenditure as much as possible, i.e. no staff, no cleaners, no bar stock purchases ... however, the Club will continue to maintain the greens (our major asset) on the assumption that the City of Melville will reimburse those costs until 30 June 2020 when their financial support package ends. We will continue our monthly meetings electronically as members of the public are no longer able to enter the Council buildings. We will review the position with respect to greens maintenance in June.

Planning for the next bowling season usually commences immediately on the completion of the preceding season. Given all of the uncertainties we, and the world face, any detailed planning at this stage will be difficult. However, the Club does intend bowling next season provided we have a return to some semblance of normality. Just what the new normality is remains to be seen, but rest assured we will do all we can to keep the Club together. We call on all members to support the Club at this difficult point in time in whatever way they can.

As a concession to bowlers and to provide some relief, it was originally agreed that the back gate on Canna Way be open by use of code to enable walk through access to the greens. However, access to the Clubhouse and toilets was not to be permitted at this point in time. Some members tried to initiate social bowling despite the Executive warning that this was not a good idea given overseas trends in the spread of the virus.

Events have continued to move at a rapid pace and the Government has since announced that with effect from midnight March 25 ALL FORMS OF SOCIAL BOWLS are to cease until further notice. Clubhouses such as ours are to be closed except for the purpose of hosting essential voluntary or public services such as food banks or homeless services. Therefore, unfortunately access to the bowling greens has to be denied until the Government lifts the ban.

This event has been described as a "war". This is certainly not business as usual, not even close to usual, and we must all temper our behaviour accordingly, especially given the age bracket to which the great majority of us belong. We all want to bowl, but our health must come first.

Best wishes to you all and please follow all of the medical advice you receive. We want to see you all around the Club again, hale and hearty, as soon as possible.

Further information will be forwarded to members as necessary and as it becomes available.

In the meantime stay in touch by periodically visiting the website www.mtpbc.org.au

Executive

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