



To the Members

As we are now entering a phase where restrictions are gradually being lifted, the board acknowledges the importance of providing the membership, with an update on reopening of the club for limited operation within the guidelines mandated by the Victorian Government. The following extract is taken from the Vic Government DHHS website and provides a summary of the opening and operating conditions.

From 1st June, restaurants, cafes and fast food outlets are able to operate under the following conditions:

- There is a limited number of patrons allowed - 20 patrons per enclosed space.
- Limits are placed on entry to comply with the density requirements allowed within a single space – [one person per four square metres](#).
- Tables are spaced 1.5 metres apart, to ensure physical distancing.
- Venues are required to request contact details, first name and phone number, of every customer to assist in rapid contact tracing.
- A number of safety precautions are required, including extra cleaning.
- Free online coronavirus (COVID-19) training is available for staff.

What venues does this apply to?

This applies to restaurants and cafes that offer table service to serve food. This includes standalone cafes and restaurants, restaurants and bistros within a pub, bar, registered and licensed club, RSL and community club or hotel, and fast food outlets, cafeterias and canteens.

Restrictions on other spaces in these venues – including public bars and gaming areas – will remain in place throughout June, as will restrictions on food courts. Closed areas within these venues cannot be calculated as [part of the four square metre rule](#).

Venues with multiple divided spaces can have up to 20 patrons in each space as long as they comply with density requirements and there are controls in place for shared spaces, e.g. foyers and bathrooms. Tables should be spaced 1.5 metres apart.

1. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR NEWBOROUGH BOWLING CLUB?

The Newborough Bowling Club quite obviously meets the venue criteria and, with two separate enclosed spaces – the Main Room and the Burra Bar – can accommodate 20 persons in each room allowing a total of 40 persons within the venue for meals. It is mandatory that all the operating conditions are complied with.

Furthermore, to ensure that the Health and Safety of staff, members and patrons the club is not compromised, management also will enforce the following restrictions:

- Only NBC Staff Members will be engaged in the preparation and serving of meals to patrons.
- Seating arrangements for tables will be set in accordance with the social distancing limitations. Cutlery will be set in the appropriate seating position and condiments will be provided by staff.
- Volunteer staff will not be rostered to work until restrictions are relaxed further. This may not occur until such time as either of the poker machines and full bar service are once again allowed to operate.
- Due to the requirement for constant cleaning of work surfaces, door handles etc there is a need to limit traffic in the kitchen and bar areas.
- **The Kitchen and Bar areas are to be accessed by staff employees only and are strictly off limits to all others.**

The operating conditions also include:

- Patrons must be served with a meal as per the club meal menu – bar snacks do not comply with the criteria and will not be provided.
- Meals will be table service only. Tables will be cleared of plates, cutlery etc by a Staff member.
- No drinks will be served from the bar. As with meals it will be table service only.
- Patrons are not allowed to linger and continue socialising for extended time on completion of their meal. It would be expected that most patrons would be in the club for 1.5 to 2 hours maximum duration.

When will the Newborough Bowling Club commence serving meals?

The NBC will re-open on Thursday June 11th to commence serving meals. Details of operation are as follows:

- Days Open: Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening
- Times: 5.00pm to 7.30pm
- If you wish to make a reservation staff will be available from 5.00pm

Take away meals will also be available for purchase during these times. Bar snacks can be provided as a take-away meal. Please be advised that only light refreshments (**NO ALCOHOL**) are able to be served to persons waiting for take away meals.



Due to the increased cleaning requirements which must be undertaken regularly whilst open, we advise that only the toilets at the rear of the main room will be open for use. We trust that this will not cause any undue inconvenience for patrons.

The board sees this first stage of reopening as an important opportunity for the club to re-engage with its membership and the wider community. We encourage the membership to support the club by coming up for a meal and bringing along family and friends.

It is of the utmost importance that anyone attending the club for a meal etc must strictly adhere to the regulations under which the club is allowed to operate. The consequences of not complying with the rules and regulations could have a significant impact on the club's ability to remain open as well as reputational damage and more importantly compromising the health of the community. As such, the Club will not tolerate patrons who choose to wilfully ignore or disregard these rules and regulations.

2. GREENS

Many of you would be aware that our greenkeeper has tendered his notice and will finish with the NBC at the end of June. He is currently on annual leave and exploring living and work opportunities during this time. On behalf of the members, the board and bowls committees we wish Kieran all the best in his future endeavours.

The club has posted advertisements on SEEK and with the Victorian Greenkeepers Association to fill the position. As a temporary measure, the board has engaged Darren Martin to undertake maintenance of the greens on the basis of 1 day per week. Wally Bechaz is co-ordinating with Darren and will roll and cut the green if required.

Due to an influx of moss and algae on Number 3 Green it has been scarified, cored and seeded. Top dressing will occur in August.

Bowls rollups are taking place on Number 2 Green until further notice. We all should be grateful to the Men's Committee and others who have organised the sessions and undertaken supervision for this to happen.

With the onset of winter and a forecast indicating above average rainfall for this period all greens will be closed at a date to be determined. Notice will be provided once a determination has been made.

Peter Policha could do with some more helpers on Wednesday morning to join his chain gang.

3. BOARD AND BOWLS COMMITTEES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

With the gradual easing of restrictions on gatherings, AGM's of our various committees will be undertaken as soon as regulations allow. There is some suggestion by the government that gatherings will increase to 50 people from late June. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we have until at least September for this to occur. Once we are in a position to have sufficient numbers at a gathering within the club, notification of the respective AGM will be communicated to you in the usual forums.

In lieu of the AGM, the board has recommended that Members Fees for 2020/2021 be:

Full Members:	\$130.00	Veterans:	\$ 65.00
Junior:	\$ 20.00	Student:	\$ 20.00
Social:	\$ 30.00		

Whilst the fee structure must be ratified at the AGM we would encourage members to pay their fees as they become due.

4. THE CLUB

To date the club has availed itself of every possible government assistance package and this has certainly minimised the potential losses the club could/has incurred to date. The Board, Manager and Staff will continue to explore strategies that provide sources of income within the frameworks set down by Governments going forward. Apart from ensuring that the health of the members and wider community is not compromised in the short term, it is equally incumbent on the Board is to ensure the ongoing longer-term viability of the club of which the membership must play a significant role through supporting club initiatives.

5. VALE SYD HOLLAND

It was with much sadness that we learnt of the passing of our life member Syd Holland. Syd was a true gentleman who conducted himself with great integrity and his contribution to the club was quite rightly recognised through the awarding of life membership. Due to COVID19 restrictions there was limited opportunity to pay our final respects, however Syd you will never be forgotten.

Kind Regards and Stay Healthy

Board of Management



Newborough Bowling Club Inc.