



“...the Federal and State Governments have declared that all clubs and bars should be closed as of midday Monday 23rd March 2020 until mid-April or further advised by the relevant government authorities.”

(Bowls Victoria – 23 March, 2020)

Dear Members,

The above quote confirms what we already knew from Government media releases. From Monday 23 March 2020 the Torquay Bowls Club has suspended all operations; the clubhouse, bar/bistro and greens are closed.

Your Board of Management met this morning to formulate a plan of action to comply with Government directions, but importantly plan a way forward to ensure the club can reopen and function when the crisis has passed.

As a Board we will:

- Monitor the situation closely and make decisions in the best interest of members and staff.
- Communicate directly with members as the situation develops, and convey our decisions.

Actions taken thus far are:

- Unfortunately, we have had to suspend all casual staff employment.
- We are negotiating with our permanent staff concerning their ongoing employment at the club.
- We are negotiating with suppliers concerning account terms, and suspending supply.

What can you do:

- Pay your membership fees now and not later.
- Support the Club's sponsors, and tell them. We rely on them for their contribution, and no doubt they are facing similar problems.

Mac Smith
Chairman, Board of Management
23rd March, 2020