



Members Update

April 10, 2020

Dear members,

The Board has formed a small executive to meet regularly via Zoom and the internet as we all are obeying the expectations of social distancing, working from home and self-isolating in these COVID-19 times.

Here are a number of decisions that we have made.

1. Club Closure

The club is now closed completely until the end of June.

No staff will be attending work during this time.

Peter Temple our General Manager will be accessing some of his Annual Leave but will also be working from home in a part-time capacity.

Peter can be contacted via email and mobile should any of our members need to do so.

2. JobKeeper payments from the Federal Government

The TBC has registered for this program to enable our ongoing staff and our casual staff (who have been with us for over 12 months) to access the \$1500.00 per fortnight that the scheme provides.

The club will not get any of these payments as they are passed directly onto our staff who at this point are stood down from employment with the Club.

3. Synthetic Green

At this point we expect that all the planning approval for the new green will be finalised in the next week or so.

The grant money, which is being sourced from the Federal Department of Health, is yet to be transferred to our landlord the Great Ocean Road Coastal Committee. We have no reason to believe that this money will not be coming through however we are aware that the Federal Department of Health has a lot on their plate at the moment.

Be assured that when we know we will let you know.

If all goes to plan we believe the building schedule for the new green is still on track for completion by the commencement of the new bowls season. The club will need a lot of support from volunteers as we re-landscape the grounds and surrounds.

Green-keeping

In light of the synthetic green being installed the Board is reviewing what green-keeping services we will require both over the winter months and into the future.

Adam Shawcross, our greenkeeper, is contracted to do our greens and as such is not an employee of the club. We understand that as a sole trader he also has access to the Federal JobKeeper Program.

Pennant Committee Elections

An election was required for Saturday and Mid-Week Pennant committees.

Voting for vacancies on both committees commenced but was interrupted by the Club closure due to government regulation to slow the spread of COVID-19 virus.

At this stage the elections are paused. When social distancing rules are relaxed, and gatherings are permitted, the elections will resume. If an election has not been finalised before pennant preparation begins, all candidates will be asked to join the selection committees. This is considered the fairest solution in the circumstances.

Finally

Many hours of work are going on behind the scenes at our Club so that we actually have a Club to return to come the opening of the new bowls season. To say the forced shutdown of the Club has come at a bad time is an understatement, particularly for our wonderful staff.

Please think of them at this difficult time as we work to ensure they have ongoing work with us in the future.

YOU can help the Club, our staff and your fellow members by paying your membership fees, if not already done so, which are now overdue.

Stay safe.

Stay well.

Mac Smith

Chairperson

Torquay Bowls Club