



THE HILLS CLUB
THE HUB OF THE HILLS

An important update for Members, Guests and Visitors of The Hills Club from the Club Chairperson

Thursday, 19th March 2020

Dear Members,

The purpose of this notice is to inform you some of the decisions made by the Board on Wednesday 18th March.

It is our intention that, where possible, the Club continues to operate and provide members with the full range of amenities including food, beverage and gaming opportunities. We of course aim to do this in line with the recommendations and directions from the federal and state governments and relevant bodies.

We want the Club to survive through this crisis and we are calling on all members to keep coming along with relatives and friends. We would simply ask that you comply as practicable with the directions from the club in regard to hygiene and social distancing for the benefit of all.

Bowling

As most of you would be aware, under directions from Bowls Australia and Bowls NSW, we have suspended all organised bowling events including pennants, championships and social bowls. We will allow limited roll-ups but in groups no larger than 4 per rink.

Because we have suspended Pennants, we have also cancelled Pennant Payments for 2020, including payments already accrued for the games played. Once Pennants start up again, we will review this decision.

We will be doing only basic maintenance on the grass greens which means they will not be in playable condition for the foreseeable future. When bowling resumes they may be brought back to playing standards if appropriate to do so. We will continue to look after the synthetic green to enable roll ups.

Club Fees

Under our Constitution and By Laws, the Board must set membership fees. In relatively simple terms, fees at the moment are for either Social Members or Bowling Members. We are reconsidering the fee structure for Bowling Members in conjunction with Bowls NSW, as we would normally pay a \$60 per head capitation fee – but with no bowls, this fee seems out of place. We will be making a decision before fees are due. Suspending the membership in this case with Bowls NSW may be a necessary decision by the board.

Opening Hours

As there will be no bowls, the Board has approved to change the club opening times. This will likely be to an 11am opening. This will enable patrons to still come in for lunch.

Limits on Numbers

As per Government directives we will be limiting the number of people in the Club to no more than 100 per areas. Those areas are the Restaurant, Lounge and TAB. We will require members to co-operate with staff in ensuring our compliance with this

Anzac Day

Reluctantly we have cancelled our traditional Anzac Day service and events; including two up. Members are encouraged to come to the Club for a drink and lunch and catch up with friends – remembering of course that we may need to limit numbers.

General Club Operations

As mentioned previously, we intend keeping the Club opened and operating. Our General Manager, Angus, is taking all necessary precautions to ensure we maintain a safe and healthy environment and will continue to communicate matters from an operating perspective.

We ask that you respectful to our staff and other members. We are all in this together.

I will update you further as things change – which is happening hourly.

Ken Carroll
Chairperson