

Joint Message from the Board Chair and Bowls President

Dear Members,

The current health crisis across the world has finally reached us at Mornington Bowling Club. Let us be clear that **no members** have been reported to have Corona virus.

The Board met today to discuss the implications of the current health crisis for our club. At the time of writing, we have not been instructed to close our doors, however, we will be taking precautions.

Our club consists of members that are in the susceptible age group and due to this, a number of measures have been taken.

We have taken the difficult decision to cancel Barefoot Bowls and all functions, including Bill Saunders' memorial and Jack Glasser Day with immediate effect.

If you have been on a cruise or overseas, please isolate yourself from the club for two weeks. Similarly, if you have symptoms of flu.

Social bowls will continue and Tournament Director, John Trewin, will advise any change, which could be at short notice. We are trying to avoid gatherings where food is included and the possibility of cross contamination. A short refreshment break of up to 15 minutes will take place between games. There will be no cheese or open biscuits. Individual biscuit packs will still be available. We expect that spectators will not be allowed to attend the Grand Finals and the teams will miss your support. Please do still come and celebrate at the end of bowls on Saturday but there will be no Pizza.

Please be aware of your own personal health. If you have breathing or lung issues, you must decide whether the club is a safe place for you to be.

It is important that you don't lose social contact with your friends if you're unable to attend the club - please keep in touch.

We will be applying certain measures at our club in an attempt to safeguard your health and the health of other members.

Your assistance by following our measures is a step in the right direction.

- When you enter the clubrooms, use the hand sanitiser.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap when you are at our club.
- If you use a cup, invert it on the dishwasher tray yourself so others aren't handling your cup.

Greens Etiquette.

- Do not shake hands. Find an agreeable alternative.
- Do not pick up other players bowls.
- Wash your hands with soap when the game is finished.

We know it is alien to our usual camaraderie, but safety is paramount.

Any updates will be circulated immediately.

Kind regards

Susan Gullidge
Board Chair

David Pumpa
Bowls President