

29<sup>th</sup> April 2020



### *UPDATE TO OUR MEMBERS*

Recently we have struggled through one of the worst droughts in history. Then came one of Australia's most devastating bushfire seasons on record, affecting many parts of the country including areas along the South Coast and causing catastrophic damage and having severe impacts on our Club and other local businesses. One would have speculated that it could not get any worse! However, along came the COVID-19 pandemic.

Together, with a massive team effort following mandatory government and state regulations and basic common sense, we will defeat this virus.

Closing down Tura Beach Country Club, is not a matter of turning off a switch and going home. As custodians of members' assets, in the interests of mitigating risk and preparing for the inevitable reopening, our management team has been working tirelessly to achieve the best outcome for all concerned.

Many of the Club suppliers have accepted the return of unused product and many contracts have been cancelled for the duration of this closure. Our contractors, consultants, and stakeholders generally, have been nothing short of sensational to deal with.

One of the most heartbreaking tasks was to inform staff they were stood down for the foreseeable future, after the Prime Minister ordered a total closure of clubs, hotels, restaurants, bars, etc.

Club Management have continued to assist staff in every way possible. The introduction of Jobkeeper has enabled Club Management to continue to pay staff and keep them employed during the closure – a fantastic scheme to assist our great staff here at the Club. All Club Staff are being regularly communicated to and all are being offered services and assistance to get them through this crisis.

Protecting our properties in the interim, 24-7, will see a security presence and skeleton staff at the Club. In the interests of public safety, to maintain security and

mitigate risk following Government directives on patron distancing, unfortunately bowling greens were closed. We are hopeful that we can reopen our greens again soon.

The good news for members is that the golf course remains open. The ability to exercise safely, the ongoing mental health of our members and community and the NSW Government decision to allow golf to be played were all factors in the continuation of Golf courses remaining open.

Please ensure that when playing on the course you maintain your social distancing as required by government regulations and adhere to the temporary rules of play at Tura Beach Country Club.

By abiding with the regulations, it will hopefully enable us to continue to provide golf on our course.

Fortunately, our Club is in a very strong position to ride out this closure and I thank members, the community and all stakeholders for their continued support and understanding during this crisis.

During this shut down period Management have taken the opportunity to conduct some necessary maintenance works in the Club House including professional painting of the inside of Club areas. Club staff are also being utilised for many other tasks including our "NEW" food and beverage takeaway delivery / pickup service

Members are advised that the Clubs Board of Management have been very proactive with dealing with this closure and preparing the Club for the opportunity to reopen for business. Your Board and Management have been meeting via teleconferencing at least once a week and are being kept informed of updates daily via Club Management and ClubsNSW.

Thank you to all Board Members for their continued hard work and input over this period of uncertainty.

We will survive this and be ready to serve you as soon as we are permitted.

Stay safe and healthy.

Don Field

General Manager

## **TAKE AWAY FOOD & BEVERAGE**

### **DELIVERY or PICKUP**

Members are reminded that the Club has 'SPECIAL' Takeaway Menus available and can be ordered each Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

Takeaway beverages are also available on these days. Please see our Bistro Specials on website for Menu Selections.

