



North Beach Recreation & Bowling Club

COVID-19 VIRUS – INFORMATION UPDATE

BULLETIN 05

FROM WEDNESDAY 1st JULY 2020 THE CLUB WILL RETURN TO NORMAL TRADING – WELL ALMOST!

As you are all probably aware the club commenced restricted trading from 1st June 2020 with strict measures in place to ensure we met the COVID-19 government safety requirements. We expected that trade would be somewhat slow with reduced hours and limits on patron numbers however financial considerations dictated that we “tread carefully” as we started to bring the club back on-line.

The club’s finances have been punished since the shutdown in March and the next few months will be difficult as we attempt to recover from the setback. Industry bodies are suggesting that the club industry could take up to 12 months to recover and unfortunately some smaller clubs won’t survive.

North Beach Recreation & Bowling Club **is not** one of those clubs, we will survive and hopefully return to the prosperity we were enjoying prior to the shutdown.

It is prudent to recognise the dedication and guidance shown by your Board of Directors during this trying time. Without their steady hand prior to and during the shutdown things could have been very different and they deserve recognition for their efforts.

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all our members who supported the club during the shutdown. You came and purchased take away grog, picked up your dinner and purchased tickets for the Easter and Mother’s day raffles, but most of all you showed support and a desire to help the club survive. I’m counting on this support continuing as we navigate the next stage of our return.

BACK TO BUSINESS

From Wednesday 1st July your clubs trading hours will be as follows:

Monday	3.00pm	to	8.00pm
Tuesday	3.00pm	to	8.00pm
Wednesday	11.30am	to	8.30pm
Thursday	11.30am	to	9.30pm
Friday	10.00am	to	10.00pm
Saturday	10.30am	to	10.00pm
Sunday	10.30am	to	9.30pm

Please note that closing times may vary dependant on trade.

While we have extended our trading hours it is essential to remember that all the COVID-19 restrictions currently in place will continue until further notice. All members and visitors to the club are required to abide by the conditions of entry posted at the front door and throughout the club. A copy is available on our website to view and download.

These conditions are imposed by the club under instructions contained in the NSW Government Gazetted Health Orders and associated documents. Failure to comply will see the club closed down by NSW Police who are regularly checking premises for compliance. This club has already had 3 inspections by Coffs Area Police Command and we need your help to ensure we continue to do the right thing.

PATRON LIMITS

Under the restrictions contained in the NSW Government Health Order our club is limited in numbers in each defined area. Using the 1 person per 4 square metres rule the various areas of the club are limited to the following numbers:

<u>Inside Areas</u>		<u>Outside Areas</u>	
Main lounge bar	34	Bowls spectator area	52
Tab/Keno lounge	12	Front Veranda Deck	18
Gaming Room (inside)	11	Gaming Smokers Terrace	5
Gaming Room (outside)	4	Total Outside Areas	75
Shared Dining Area	46		
Chans Restaurant	11		
Total Inside Areas	118	Total Licenced Premises	193

It should be noted that the shared dining area and Chans Restaurant are reserved for dining patrons, likewise dining is not permitted outside these areas.

In accordance with NSW Government COVID safety guidelines all excess furniture has been removed from each area so that there is only the specified number of seats in each area. On busy nights the situation may arise that certain areas are full to their capacity, in this case patrons must choose to sit in another area and on some occasions I anticipate that only outdoor areas will be available. Additional outdoor heaters have been purchased to help when this occurs. The club's COVID Safety Marshal, identified by a yellow vest, will advise patrons accordingly on their arrival at the club.

If you have a spare seat at your table you may be asked to share it with someone, what a great opportunity to meet new people and enjoy some new conversation.

COURTESY BUS

The courtesy bus will recommence operation from Thursday 2nd July and will operate on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Social distancing requirements will limit the number of passengers on each trip as only 2 rows of seats can be used and only passengers from the same household may occupy a row of seats. Accordingly if we have 2 passengers from different households the bus would be full.

These limits will increase the number of bus runs and create some difficulty in getting patrons to the club on time so we have decided to limit the areas that the bus will travel to. Until further notice the courtesy bus will service the Mylestom / Repton areas only and I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause patrons living outside these areas.

Pick-ups can be booked by phoning the club and take home service will be organised on the night by the club's COVID Safety Marshal. When booking the bus for a pick-up you will be asked about the passengers and their household status, please be patient with us.

We are counting on the return of our volunteer drivers and ask if there is anyone else out there interested in being a volunteer driver please contact the club.

RAFFLES & KLUB KASH

Raffles and Klub Kash will also recommence from Thursday 2nd July 2020 following the same format as pre shutdown with some minor changes.

To avoid congestion in the foyer, raffle tickets will now be purchased and printed from the bar. Conduct of the raffles and patron movement for the collection of prizes will be under direction from one the club's COVID Safety Marshals.

Purchase of Klub Kash numbers will be the same as pre shutdown.

POKER MACHINES

To comply with social distancing requirements every second gaming machine must be switched off to facilitate sufficient space between players. To maximise the number of machines available in each room they have been turned off in a particular order, our apologies to any player whos' favourite machine is currently unavailable.

BOTTLEMART COMES TO NORTH BEACH



I am pleased to announce that the club has been accepted to join the Bottlemart group for all our take away liquor sales. I expect sales under the Bottlemart Express banner will commence shortly and I'm excited about the specials and product they will bring to the club.

We really are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to the club. As we continue to move through uncharted waters I am confident that the supportive nature of this community will see us through.

If you would like more information or wish to speak to me regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you

Richard Moore
GENERAL MANAGER