

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

As a Club with a predominately older demographic combined with the constant threat of COVID-19 in our community, the Board has taken the following unprecedented step using section 59 of the Clubs constitution which states:

The Board has power to make such By-laws not inconsistent with this Constitution as in the opinion of the Board are necessary or desirable for the proper control, administration and management of the Club's finances, affairs, interests, effects and property and for the convenience, comfort and well-being of the members of the Club and to amend or rescind from time to time any such By-laws.

The Board discussed, at length, its obligations to ensure the health and safety of staff and customers under the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (NSW) and the ongoing financial viability of the Club. To mitigate these risks, the Board passed the following By-law at their meeting on Tuesday, 23 November 2021:

Contrary to the NSW Roadmap allowing unrestricted access to unvaccinated people to licensed premises on the 15th of December, the Board have decided it is in the best interest of the majority of our members to continue to exclude unvaccinated adults until such time as it believes it is safe to allow their re-entry. The by-law will be evaluated on a monthly basis at each subsequent board meeting and may be repealed at any time it sees fit.

Basis for this decision:

- (a) According to the Doherty modelling report, those who are not vaccinated have a higher risk of transmitting the coronavirus. Those who are fully vaccinated with AstraZeneca and Pfizer vaccines have an overall reduction in transmission of 79% and 93% respectively.
- (b) Subclause 1.3(f) of the public health order 2021 states " the risk (to public health in NSW) is from among people who remain unvaccinated because these people are more likely to be infected, more at risk of severe illness and death resulting from the infection with SARS-Covid-2 and more likely to transmit the infection to others, than fully vaccinated people.
- (c) Given the overwhelming research supporting the above, precluding patrons who are not fully vaccinated will reduce the likelihood that fully vaccinated staff and patrons will be exposed to corona virus or contract covid-19 thus ensuring a higher degree of safety for the majority of our members and guests.

The Board is respectful of everyone's decision and views regarding vaccinations and it is sincerely hoping this exclusion will be very temporary. This being said, if you are affected by this exclusion and you wish to cancel your membership, we respect your decision and right to do so.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

David Jackson
Chief Executive Officer

