



Whyalla Golf Club Incorporated

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Phone Meeting to discuss actions associated with COVID-19

5pm 16/4/20

Attendees by phone hook-up: Peter Scheide, Beverly Shiell, Michelle Hart, Colin Dawson, Brian Cotter, Marge Nicholls, Allan Slater, Russell Bambridge, Noel Goldsworthy.

- Thanks to all for calling in.
- Board has had 3 meetings of recent days to discuss impacts of Covid-19/other
- Playing Golf
 - Golf in continuing to be played as “Social Golf” and members and green fee players appear to abiding by the rules put in place around playing in 2’s , social distancing, paying appropriate fees and generally doing the right thing.
 - All of which is encouraging.
- Other things to consider into the future.
 - Likely decrease in membership 20/21...fees for 20/21 have been frozen to support this
 - Possible continuing population decrease in Whyalla
 - Decrease in Functions
 - Continuing decrease in members using upstairs
 - Age and health of committees and shop volunteers
- Actions the Board has agreed upon
 - Seek available financial support from both State and Federal Government (SP/CD/JB)
 - Receiving advice from our Accountant Richard Yap and Clubs SA on what all of this means in relation to Job Keeper and Job Seeker
 - Will continue to support the lights project for the Bowls Club in order to generate additional ongoing revenue for the club.
 - We will be effectively closing the upstairs part of the Club House as it is not financially sustainable given the uncertain times. Any future functions (only 1 on the books for the next year) will be catered fully by contractors (Caterers) and a fee paid to the club for access....note people can still go upstairs but no bar service will be available unless a special event.
 - Bar staff have been formally advised of this fact and its implications for them.
 - Intention is to progress the option of a “ Sprig Bar” with a view that it can be run by volunteers or people who are eligible for Job Seeker payment now, and into the future....It is time for younger people to support the club and reduce the reliance on others....details yet to be finalised
- These actions taken are all to do with ensuring we have a sustainable Golf Club, we have to face up to the fact that the Golf Club in its current format is not sustainable so we must make changes and now is that time.

Noel Goldsworthy
Chairman of the Board of Management
Whyalla Golf Club

Addendum: Additional Information since meeting:

- Play can now be in **groups of 3** - OneGolf will be changed to reflect this.
- Plan to re-open the shop - 2 person limit at a time in the shop or service via the window.
- Shop will be open this Saturday (25/4/20).
- NO SALE OF ALCOHOL - restrictions still apply.
- Hire of carts is approved but still only ONE person per cart - sanitising must follow each use.