



Muree Golf Club Newsletter

MUREE NEWS

I hope this missive finds you well and looking forward to the Clubhouse re-opening in the very near future. Since the last newsletter, there have been a number of mandated changes placed on our Club by NSW Government. These restrictions have seen the closure of the Clubhouse (24 March) and a halving of playing group numbers as well as playing restrictions in bunkers and touching hard surfaces. These restrictions were put in place to protect us from the spread of COVID 19, and thankfully, they have been effective in that there has not been a reported incident of a person playing golf in NSW contracting the disease. Hopefully that will remain the case.

Club membership is due next month and the Board have made a number of changes to make it easier for those members that have suffered financial difficulties during the past few months. Membership fees will remain the same as last year which included the \$50 bar tab put in place last year. What has changed is we will now allow members to pay quarterly or half yearly, but this does mean that the first payment will have the affiliation fees included. Further, for those members that are suffering severe hardship, membership may be retained by writing to the Committee and seeking a deferral of fees until you have the capacity to pay. The Board will advise of the success of the application, but this is a deferral, not a reduction. A link to the membership fees: <http://www.mureegolfclub.com.au/membership/>

Early next month, the golfing membership renewal letters will be available from the Pro Shop. Just ask Leeroy or one of the Pro Shop assistants, Fern, Toni or Corinna. Members can pay at the Pro Shop, the Bar or Office once the Club re-opens, there are more details regarding the opening of the Clubhouse later in this newsletter. Payment by card is the preferred method, as are all payments during this period, and can be made via EFTPOS or EFT. Should you elect to use EFT, the Club's details are: BSB 062 818 Account Number 00390438, but please remember to put your full Golf Link number (10 digits, i.e. 218070XXXX) in the payment details area, otherwise your payment will be unrecognisable during the account reconciliation process. Your new card will be available a week later from the Pro Shop for Golfers, and the Bar for social members.

The Clubhouse will re-open on Monday 01 June however, the hours of operation have been changed to fit with the limitation of 50 patrons and the opening hours of the Bistro. There is a mandatory requirement to sign-in and sign-out of the Club, this is a tracking system demanded by NSW Government and must be obeyed, the Club may be closed if it does not comply with this requirement. There will be a Duty Director in place from 4:00pm onwards to ensure that



this is adhered to and to manage the number of patrons using the Club's facilities. The opening hours are:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Period</u>		
Monday and Tuesday	11:00am	to	2:00pm
Wednesday to Friday	11:00am	to	Close
Saturday and Sunday	10:30am	to	Close

Mad Asia, our new caterers will commence on Wednesday 02 June with a \$10 lunch menu and full menu for evening meals. Bookings are essential for the Bistro due to the 50 patrons per venue restriction. To view the menu just click on the link:

<https://www.mureegolfclub.com.au/restaurant-menu/>

The maximum number of persons for any one booking is 10, so please do not attempt to exceed this number as this is a caveat placed on the Club by the NSW Government, not the Club.

Due to the limited number of patrons allowed in the Club at any one time, a decision to defer the commencement of the Super Draw and meat raffles have been made. It is expected that the limit will increase in the very near future and once that occurs the Club will swing back into running a range of promotions, including the meat raffles.

Sally, Peter and Fern have been busy during the closure of the Clubhouse and changes to the décor have occurred along with a deep clean of all areas of the Club. The new colour scheme has brightened up the entry, auditorium and bar, and replacement of the old TV's in the "fishbowl" is a welcome update. Sally has lead a very dedicated team through this troublesome period and we are most fortunate to have her services.

Lastly, and on a sad note, the Club has lost two members during this period. Bruce Geddes, a long term member and passionate golfer and Steve Firth, a past golfing member and social member passed away. The Club offers condolences to their families, both will be missed.

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