

## **An Important Message from the General Manager**

Dear Members,

As you may have heard, the Federal Government has implemented further bans on clubs.

Due to the increasing restrictions, we will be implementing several changes around the Club to minimise the risk to members and staff. Through this process we have always been ensuring you can use the clubhouse and facilities as best as possible. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide the same level of access however members will still be able to access the marina and hardstand.

Effectively immediately, the bar and restaurant are closed until further notice. Pier 41 does have fresh meat and some frozen stock available. Please contact Kate if you would like to purchase some.

From 5pm today, Monday 23 March, the front swing gates will be closed at all times. This is to prevent non-members walking into the Club and increases the security to your yachts and the clubhouse. To open the gates you will need to scan your membership card on the card reader on the pole, not the normal reader next to the intercom. If you are a sailing or social member, you'll need to access the site via the pedestrian gate. All members will need their membership card to access the Club. If you need a replacement card, please contact Melissa at [club.admin@rycv.asn.au](mailto:club.admin@rycv.asn.au)

From 5pm today, Monday 23 March, access to the members' amenities in the main building will be closed. The toilets and showers on the hardstand near the eastern crane will be available 24/7, the disabled toilet near the rear door to the kitchen will still be accessible 24/7 too. This is to reduce the risk of contamination throughout the clubhouse and enables the Club to minimise contractor cleaning.

From 9am tomorrow, Tuesday 24 March, access to the clubhouse will be only via the front door and the clubhouse will be closed for all non-essential requirements. Due to office desk spacing we will need to utilise the library and boardroom for operational staff that cannot work from home.

All deliveries will be directed to the yard entry on Syme Street.

The yard will operate as normal; however we ask that you respect the social distancing requirements when talking to our waterfront staff. The workshop is closed to all members and contractors. Due to sanitation risks, tools will not be lent and the Club's sander & vacuum will not be available for hire until further notice. To ensure we have adequate cash flow to pay wages, all travel lift fees will be invoiced prior to lifting the vessel out of the water and will require full payment for the services to be provided. Yard storage fees will be required to be paid prior to launching.

The BBQ and deck area will still be available for members' use and we ask that you clean up after yourself if you use the BBQ. The chairs on the deck will be stacked, feel free to use these chairs, however after you've used them please leave them unstacked and we will sanitise the used chairs each day. Please note that there is no BYO alcohol allowed due to liquor licencing regulations.

This pandemic may affect your mental health so it's important that you talk to one another, call your fellow crew members and see how they are coping. They may need a helping hand or just to know a friend is thinking of them. If you need something to do let us know as there will be a few tasks around the Club that members can help out with.

We are aware of the financial impact this virus may have on some of our members due to loss of income etc. and as a Club this is when we need to pull together. We ask all members that are not financially impacted to keep your accounts up to date and paid. The Club will be facing some very tough financial times in the coming months, some members may not be able to pay their fees and we will not be taking action on these members. However, we ask that if you are affected you communicate with the office so we can defer your fees until you are back on your feet.

Together we can work through this and come out a stronger Club.

Take care and keep healthy,

Michael Neumann  
General Manager