

TOOWOOMBA BRIDGE CLUB

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE BULLETIN

Significant items discussed at 19 March 2020 Management Committee meeting.

COVID-19 TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Following an ABF recommendation on Monday 16 March, the Management Committee made the difficult decision that due to the Covid-19 pandemic and acting in the best interests of our Members, the Club should be temporarily closed for 4 weeks from 18 March. We will review this decision prior to the end of that period but at this stage it looks very much as if the closure could continue for some additional weeks after that date. The decision to re-open will be made only after receiving and reviewing governmental health guidelines.

The Committee was asked if the Club could be used for social games. Unfortunately, that is not possible due to Club security arrangements but more importantly because our insurance requirements.

REPORTS

Treasurer

Because of the closure, our financial position was very much a topic of discussion. The Club has made provision for sufficient cash to be available to cover all outgoings for a period of at least 3 months, bearing in mind there will be no income from table fees for some time. The Treasurer would like to reassure our Members that we are in a strong position to weather this storm and commended the financial management exhibited by successive Management Committees since the Club opened at the Stuart Street premises.

Functions and Catering

Leonie has, regrettably had to resign from her position as Chair of Functions and Catering. She has done a fabulous job but now it is time to re-think how we manage catering for Congresses. It is suggested that instead of one person taking responsibility for all Congresses, a number of Members could step forward and divide up responsibility for each Congress. This would enable the load to be shared, although the Chair of Functions and Catering would still have

oversight. We are therefore looking for Members to come forward and volunteer to be part of the sub-committee. If you can help please contact the Secretary.

Kitchen

Trevor has almost finalised templates for an on-line ordering system that will enable kitchen and storeroom supplies to be delivered to the Club. As such we are looking further at reworking and simplifying the Providor position which currently remains open.

Solar Panels

The solar panels continue to enable a substantial reduction in our electricity expense; approximately \$475 for last month.

Parking and Grounds

The new parking area behind the Club has been staked out and the Council has taken responsibility for mowing the area. Although we are closed, the Grounds team have said, health guidelines permitting, that they will continue to look after the external areas. If you do have plant vouchers keep hold of them as John and Ralph's team will undoubtedly have use for them once we are back in business.

Membership

Joan Mladen has agreed to be our new Membership Secretary. The final date for subscription is 26 March. Anyone who has not paid by that date and wants to continue as a member will have to reapply for membership.

Pianola and Contact

Finally, during closure our main point of contact with our Members will be through Pianola. There are a number of Members (44) who do not subscribe to Pianola and the Secretary will be contacting as many as we can via telephone to see if an email arrangement can be worked out. If any of you are in contact with Members who do not have computer access please let us know and we will see if other arrangements can be worked out.

We will be sending our messages hopefully on a weekly basis to keep you updated and also make recommendations as to how you might use your time to improve bridge skills! Our website will also be updated with pertinent information.

Finally keep safe and well and keep your spirits up.