

# Notice to members + guests



Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2020.

## Port Kembla Golf Club (Course & Golf Shop only) - Re-opening Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

Dear Members,

Thank you to all our members for your patience while the Port Kembla Golf Club (PKGK) has been closed.

We are now at a point where the messaging from both the Federal and NSW State Governments gives us the sense that the risk has reduced considerably to our team members, for you and our community where we can consider to re-open the course for play. Although the risk has been reduced, we will need to establish some very firm conditions for both entry to the course and to apply during play. We will need your full co-operation to adhere to these conditions. The course will be re-opened for members, visitors and social golf while meeting the requirements of social distancing.

All members will be contacted regards the re-opening of the course including those needing to re-activate their ezi-debit payment facility.

We will remain transparent in our communications. The operations will be different upon re-opening and may need to be adjusted from time to time. There are many impacts to consider including safety considerations, the cost structure to play (due to less people able to play on the course at any one time), operating hours, reduced food & beverage revenue, etc. These operational considerations will be reviewed on a continual basis to ensure golf remains viable. The board remains committed to PKGC being a great community asset and having the best golf course in the Illawarra. The clubhouse itself will remain closed for the time being, however.

Members should understand that during the past 6 years since the amalgamation PKGC has only been able to remain operational with the luxury of financial assistance from Wests Illawarra - which is now closed. Golf will need to be able to generate the income to cover this period and into the future. Any negative cash weeks will impact the wellbeing of the overall group. The go forward of PKGC is in the hands of the members and visitors, your attendance and play has never been more important.

We will also need to consider the cost of golf in the future as we do not expect to return to normal revenue at Wests Illawarra for a considerable period of time. Things have now changed for everybody, impacting all hospitality businesses.

As such, our collective goal needs to be to get PKGC to be a financially "freestanding" golfing entity. This will involve changes to future membership structure and fees, changes to the driving range, competition fee options and/or how the clubhouse operates. All of these will be considered and reviewed by the board and announced before your membership renewal date. At this stage your current membership will be extended to the first week of November this year.

Again, thank you for your understanding. We look forward to welcoming you back to PKGC.

Kind regards

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## Rules that we need all players to adhere to:

- Social distancing markings will be in place around the exterior of the Clubhouse and in the Pro Shop.
- A maximum of 2 players at any time will be able to tee off and must maintain social distancing of 1.5m at all times.
- There will be 2 waiting areas for players to stand in prior to teeing off.
- A maximum of 1 customer will be allowed in the Pro Shop at any time.
- Players must not approach the Pro Shop until 12 minutes prior to their tee time - strictly no congregating before or after your game.
- Bookings will be essential – no walk ups will be allowed.
- Foam inserts will be installed in all holes for easy retrieval of golf balls.
- All bunker rakes will be removed.
- The driving range and practice green will remain closed.
- Contactless payment will be the only method of payment that will be accepted. Eliminating cash is one of our risk reductions we need to implement. No cash will be accepted.
- The amount of people on the course at any one time will be capped and measured by our team.
- Golf Carts will be available for single use only.
- Competitions will be played on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.
- Items on sale in the Pro Shop will be limited to golf balls, tees, and other small items – no apparel or hardware will be sold.
- A simple food & beverage offer will be available from the Golf Shop, the Club House will not be re-opening at this stage.
- Players will not have access to the water cooler and will have to bring their own water or purchase water from the Pro Shop.
- Access to your lockers will be available via the external entry points.
- Any questions can be emailed to [marketing@astergroup.com.au](mailto:marketing@astergroup.com.au)