



## IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE BYC BOARD 20 December 2021

The Tasmanian Government has issued a health directive which affects all of us. In order to enter the BYC clubhouse it will now be mandatory to be double vaccinated and wear masks. The need to wear a mask is important. It could be the difference between being a casual contact with self-isolation (but having some freedoms for a few days), to being a close contact and having to isolate for 14 days and spending Xmas on your own.

Masks must be worn when you are moving around our Club. For example, masks must be worn when heading to the bar to purchase a drink and when you return to your table they can be removed when drinking or eating.

The Board and Management have met, and we'd like to advise you of the following decisions:-

- We have rearranged tables to make social distancing more accessible. There are additional large tables set up in what was the billiard room. We urge you to maintain a distance of 1.5m if you can and taking your group to a table rather than standing in a cluster will assist in achieving this.
- We have added new QR codes to the Marina and the Marina Bar. If you are diligent in swiping into the appropriate area you may avoid being associated with a close contact. An example might be that if you leave the clubhouse and go to the marina, the marina log in might prove that you weren't in the premises when the contact occurred. Similarly, people who have functions in the Marina Bar can be tracked differently to upstairs patrons.
- We strongly encourage you to wear masks on the Marina at least until you get to your boat. There's always a risk that you end up having a chat to someone en route, so by being masked you might end up being rated as low risk or casual contact. That's better than being in isolation and potentially shutting down the club.
- There will be a considerable increase in touch point cleaning throughout the day and there will be additional hand sanitising available, including the Marina gate and slipway.
- We ask that you comply with any requests from the staff, including creating space between you and the bar rather than bunch up as we all normally do. Our staff are the most vulnerable in having a close contact and don't really get much say on who they interact with. They have families too!

We expect that there will be some scenarios which we haven't considered but please help us help you. For more information you can check government policies on <https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/>

We will continually be reviewing the situation and monitoring government directives. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve safety for our members, our manager will be pleased to receive them.

Let's work through this difficult time and keep our club, staff, members and visitors safe.

**Jeff Cordell - Commodore**