

Dear Members,

COVID-19 Update

On Tuesday, 24 March 2020, we received the following advice from QLD Chief Health Officer Janette Young that:-

“Queensland Golf Clubs can operate on their Golf Courses in accordance with National Cabinets approved measures relating to outdoor gatherings which includes but is not limited to having groups less than 10 people and maintaining a 1.5m spacing. The sale of alcohol is not allowed on the course.”

This advice came after the confusion about some courses having to close in relation to their liquor licence.

The message taken from this is that Queensland golf courses were nearly shut down based on the sale of alcohol. I cannot emphasise enough that we must abide by the laws, rules and guidelines as set out by the relevant authorities.

Our current liquor licence does not allow the consumption of alcohol brought onto the course either. Therefore, our golf course is effectively an Alcohol Free Zone.

It has been reported to me that a club member has brought alcohol onto the golf course. Once again, I cannot stress how actions like this will not only open our club up to hefty fines but put in jeopardy golf courses across the State staying open.

The Queensland Government has already closed down golf courses based on their liquor licence and if directives like no alcohol on the course are not adhered to, they can easily close them down again.

I am sure I can speak on behalf of all our members when I say we would like to continue playing golf. Please play within the guidelines so nothing will jeopardise our opportunity to play golf.

Any member caught drinking alcohol on the course will be asked to leave the course and it will be my recommendation to the board that the member be suspended.

Please do the right thing by all golf members across our country during this testing time.