

CLUB HAZELBROOK EXTENSION OF UNVACCINATED PATRONS STATEMENT

Dear Members,

As you may be aware, the NSW Government is lifting the restrictions on unvaccinated persons on the 15th December 2021. From this date, people who have chosen not to have COVID-19 vaccination (double dose) will be allowed to move more freely within the community, including to attend venues such as Registered Clubs like ours.

As a business we have the right to set our own policy regarding patron access to the Co-operative (Club) and its grounds, which includes engaging members to vote on various elements as the Board sees fit.

As a result of a motion tabled during general business and voted for at the AGM held on the 28th November, 2021, the Board of Directors will extend the lockout of persons without a double COVID-19 vaccination from entering the club grounds, including the greens, until the 31st January, 2022.

Members who wish to oppose this decision have until the 21st December 2021 to express their concerns, either in person or in writing to Denise Clark. These submissions will be reviewed by the Board of Directors no later than the 23rd December and a determination published.

The Co-operative proposed this extension for the following reasons:

- The Club has a duty to ensure the health and safety of staff and customers under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (NSW)*, and under general law.
- Those who are not fully vaccinated have a higher risk of transmitting the coronavirus to workers and patrons.
- Moreover, subclause 1.3(f) of the *Public Health (COVID-19 General) Order 2021* states “the risk [to public health in NSW] is from and among people who remain unvaccinated because these people are more likely to be infected, more at risk of severe illness and death resulting from infection with SARS-CoV-2, and more likely to transmit the infection to others, than fully vaccinated people”.
- Given the overwhelming research supporting these findings, precluding patrons who are not fully vaccinated will reduce the likelihood that fully vaccinated staff and patrons will be exposed to the coronavirus, or contract COVID-19.
- While the Club is implementing other controls to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission, as outlined in its COVID-19 safety plan, the level of mitigation from excluding those who are not fully vaccinated cannot be achieved through other available controls.

As such we will require proof of vaccination, or proof of medical contra-indication for any person who wishes to be on the grounds (including the greens) of Club Hazelbrook until at least the 23rd December 2021.

Thank you,

Hazelbrook Bowling and Sporting Club