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Hello Cunningham Club Administrators and Bowlers,

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In May the District Management Committee published Cunningham District's Road Map post Covid-19. We flagged a rebate on District Affiliation fees – this has now been processed. All Clubs that had already paid have had a direct deposit to their nominated bank account. Clubs yet to pay will receive an amended invoice for affiliation fees mid-July. How Clubs allocate these funds is for them to decide.

Bowls Queensland advised that they intended to run Division 1 Zone and State playoffs, hence our decision to conduct a Division 1 Ladies and Men's Pennant competition.

Invitations have gone out to the 6 Men's clubs (Swifts, Salisbury, Algester, Jindalee, Darra and United) entitled to be in 1st Division. Clubs need to advise their acceptance.

An Expression of Interest has gone to all Cunningham Clubs regarding Ladies Pennants. In 2019 we had only 2 Ladies 1st Division sides, Algester and Darra, and both are automatic entries for 2020. In an effort to increase participation in the Ladies 1st Division we sort and were given approval from Bowls Queensland to allow 2 clubs to form a combined Division 1 side.

Combined SEQDBA had already notified Districts that the Div.2 to 5 Pennant Finals is cancelled. At the time we did our Road Map restrictions were in place and still are. Stage 3 restrictions are due to be rolled out early July and it still is not a given what these will be.

Conducting a full Pennant program was considered impracticable. Clubs whose business model involves gaming, dining and functions would not be able to maximize these areas if number limits were consumed by bowlers playing Pennants.

Clubs need to get their patrons back to ensure their future viability. Bowlers need to be back playing the game we all love. A restructured 6 a side competition was considered a reasonable compromise. Having an Open format maximises the limited numbers that we will be allowed to have on the green and inside each facility.

Barefoot bowls has been the saviour of many clubs. Funding Jack Attack programs for our Clubs will be a valuable tool to relaunch bowls to the broader community.

It will be some time, if ever, before we return to the pre Covid days – This is the “new normal” and I ask all bowlers to be open minded about the need to bring in change, be it permanent or temporary.

Australia has done well compared to other countries – some of which are yet to peak. We are probably in a better position than what was forecast back in March.

We are on track to deliver our “Road Map”.

Please, embrace change and relish the opportunity to return to the greens, even it is in a limited capacity.

Regards

Graham Lewis (CDBA President)

