

21st March 2020

Dear Copacabana SLSC Members and the Copacabana community,

Last week our Executive Committee made the decision to introduce measures that promote social distancing. We acknowledge that the Covid-19 advice is constantly evolving, however we as a club are responsible for our own risk and must act in the interests of our members.

At our monthly executive meeting on the 19th March 2020 it was decided to take additional action in order to protect our members, and our community. As a club we denounce the hysteria associating itself with the Covid-19 virus, but we strongly support actions that will decrease pressure on the health care system. As such, the Executive Committee have agreed to implement the following measures. We have not made these decisions lightly and believe they are sensible, effective and meet community expectation:

- **Closure of the club to all members and the public** - This is the entire facility with the exclusion of spaces required for patrolling needs. It will remain that way until further notice.
- **Cancellation of all planned events** - All planned events within the facility will not go ahead until further notice.
- **Access to First Aid Room, observation room and gear shed** - In order to meet our water safety obligations, the only persons with access to the First Aid room, the observation room and the gear shed will be the patrolling members – when on patrol – and at the guidance of their patrol captain (Patrol Captains will be provided with direction from our Vice President, Smudge Smith).
- **Surf craft in the gear shed** - We ask that anyone with surf craft they wish to access from the gear shed, that you collect it from the shed up until Sunday 22nd March and take it home.

We are saddened that all of our end of season celebrations will not go ahead. Many of you have put much of your time and effort either patrolling, competing, enjoying nippers or keeping our bar open. This has not gone un-noticed and we cannot thank you enough for the time you give our club.

On a brighter note, the Executive Committee also discussed how we might best celebrate the start of a new season for everyone from the kids, to parents and all members. We will continue to discuss how we can recognise our members for the 2019/20 season in terms of the annual recognition Awards. More to plan in that space but for now, please be patient, supportive and caring towards one another.

The Executive Committee will remain connected with each other and the membership to share any changes as they occur

Kind Regards

The Executive Committee
Copacabana SLSC