



LEVEL 2 New Zealand is currently at Alert Level 2
The Clubrooms open tomorrow



**Listen up...
 The Club reopens tomorrow.
 Beer, wine, RTDs at old time prices**

59 Days Between Drinks

The Club reopens (greens remain closed) this Thursday 21st of May from 3.30pm. We are excited to welcome back our members, but we are limited due to social distancing protocols to the number of persons in the Club (64). We are open to members only. No Visitors, guests or children and reciprocal visiting rights have also been temporarily suspended. Contact tracing, a simple written register to be filled in when entering and leaving the Club is at the Club entry for all to fill in, no exceptions. There are social distancing protocols in place, seating, gaming lounge and more. No pool or darts, but we are working on bringing these both into use. Members are to be seated at tables. Adhering to the regulations/directives allows the Club to open under these trying times at Alert Level 2. Members that ignore or flout these may find themselves denied future entry, as they put Club's livelihood and enjoyment of members at risk. The Club has endured 59 days of no trade and any person that threatens the Club's ability to operate will not be tolerated.

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Another Gone

Last Saturday with the Club still in lockdown the news came through we had lost another one, Dale Ineson had passed away. Dale joined the Club in July 2002 and as a first year claimed his first club title leading for that seasons winning junior fours side skipped by Shane Gibson. An avid supporter of the Club on and off the green. Instrumental in securing sponsorship from the building sector. Dale was pretty stoked when his wife Adele joined Birkenhead in 2009 after playing her first two years at Sunnybrae. Besides the two belonging to the same club it also meant he could come and watch from the comfort of the clubrooms with a cold one and enjoy the company of the members. In 2017 Dale, with the assistance of his wife Adele, managed the Club's 1-5 year interclub side. A side that took out the Bowls North Harbour title and then went on to represent Bowls North Harbour, and successfully come away with the Mercedes Rose Bowl, played between Far North, Northland, Harbour and Auckland centres.



Mercedes Rose Bowl Winners 2017 - Birkenhead
 Back row: Dale Ineson - Manager, Adele Ineson - Assistant Manager, Gary Wallace, Robbie Henson, Jerome Rusk. Front row: Jerry Belcher, Jacqui Belcher, Jimmy Heath

Last year as Dale's health kept him off the green the Board moved Dale to Honorary in recognition of the work he had put in at the Club over the years. Dale was a man that would never blow his own trumpet; he would just help out, eager to assist where ever possible. In the last twelve months ill health has kept him away from the club, but he would still be there on the monthly quiz night with the family team. At Birkenhead we have been fortunate to have members that just help out, we lost another one last Saturday. Dale Ineson RIP. Due to the current Alert Level 2 restrictions Dale will have a private cremation with just close family. A public memorial to celebrate Dale's life will be at the Bowling Club at a date to be advised. Adele and family thanks everyone for the messages of condolence and looks forward to celebrating Dale's life with everyone soon.

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Thank You

The Board would like to thank all members in advance for their support of the changes/restrictions under Level 2 that enables the Club to open. Foremost to any decisions made is the health and safety of our staff and members. These are unique times we are operating in and with the understanding of our members we will be able to get back on our feet and at least try and minimise the impact on the Club as much as possible.

Sanitise, Sanitise, Sanitise

A word we are all probably sick of hearing and doing over the past eight weeks, but it has now become second nature and the practice will assist in keeping our Club safe to visit. There are a number of Sanitise bottles around the Club for members use. If using the AV system touch screens or the TAB, sanitise your hands before use (wait for hands to dry) and after use. Do not put liquid on the screens, it's not good for them. Due to sanitising issues the pool table and dart board remain closed. The Club is investigating ways we can safely reopen both.

Reactions and The Stalker

49 Days of Lockdown saw one photo looking back at Birkenhead over the years posted each day on the Club's Facebook page. At the time of going to print the most likes/reactions photo was Day 24 of lockdown.

Birkenhead's "dynamic duo" Ruth Lynch and Carole Fredrick. Pictured discussing options on the final end of the 2012 Bowls New Zealand National Women's Fours Championship Final before claiming the National title over Mandy Boyd's four. And the "Lockdown's Facebook Stalker" was Adam Richardson who was the only person to react to every lockdown photo, and most within a half hour of being posted, well done Adam.



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TAB and Gaming

The TAB and gaming machines will be back in operation under Level 2. The area around the TAB, marked on the floor in yellow is a one person only space, one person in, one person out. This is to meet social distancing requirements. The Gaming Lounge is only three players at a time with 1 metre separation and no spectators. Players are asked to be mindful of other members waiting to have their turn to play the machines. The Birkenhead Bowling Club is committed continuing to promoting responsible gambling.

Turning the Clock Back

As we look forward to contemplate the future move back into some form of normality we take a breath and recall the good old days before Covid-19. The Club is going to give you a hand to look back. From Thursday for two weeks or while stocks last (whichever comes first) Draught pints, bottle and can beer, RTDs and glasses of wine are all back to a price of a few years back.

Club Night Fridays

Club Night Fridays have survived lockdown but have changed under Level 2. This coming Friday it's just catch up time as we adjust to the new restrictions in the Clubrooms. Friday 29 May will see the return of the Friday meat raffles. The Members Draw and Joker 500 will remain on hold until social distancing restrictions are reduce to a suitable level. Happy hours are also on hold while we are "Turning the Clock Back".

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Level 2 Key Points for the Clubrooms

- Members only, No visitors, guests or children.
- Contract Tracing - Sign in and out of the Clubrooms.
- Sanitiser is available at various locations in the Club.
- Sit in your group of no more than six persons per table.
- Tables have been set up for social distancing, Do not move them.
- Fresh glass with every drink, no refilled glasses.
- The Clubrooms are restricted to 64 persons seated.
- Only 3 persons in the Gaming Lounge at a time, no spectators.
- Downstairs Level (Wrong bias bar and bathrooms) are closed.
- Greens are closed.
- If you feel unwell or have flu like symptoms stay home.

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Club Car Park

The club's carpark is for use by those frequenting the Club. The Primary School and Kindergarten have arrangements in place with the Club for parents to use the carpark while dropping of and picking up kids. The school is about to move in to a reconstruction stage as classrooms are replaced so available parking in the school carpark will change from time to time.



No Paper Copy

During Level 2 the Bee Express is continuing to be published and delivered to your email in box weekly or the current publication may be found along with back issues on the Club's website. There will be no printed copies left out at the Club, although a print copy is available from the Club Secretary on request.



Latest Issue of Cards

If you have joined the Club from late January until just before lockdown your membership card is available from the Secretary at the Club.

Spotlight on Club Partners

This week we put the spotlight on our business Club Partners, those in the same boat as the Club having all suffered over the past eight weeks. It's now time to show your support, in the case of Bert Sutcliffe retirement Village have had Sandy for 24/7.

Often taken for granted as "sponsors" once contributed to a bottomless pit with little to no return but times did change and now "Club Partners" are there to support the Club but in a partnership deal where the Bowling Club supports them by way of our members using their products or services and promoting their brand. The recent lockdown has left everyone a little dazed.

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