

COVID-19 Supplement v1.0

At the time of writing, 15mths have passed since the first local case of COVID-19 infection was reported in January 2020. Until we learn that our community is considered generally safe from catching or spreading this virus, it is assumed that the Club will continue to close periodically, else have to open under legally enforceable restrictions. It is important to remember that many Club members are in the most vulnerable age group for become seriously ill or dying from this virus. Global experience seems to be uncovering long-term compromised health conditions for those who recover from the most serious symptoms of infection. It is for this reason that your Club is firm in their policy to protect members health whilst at the Club and complying with the legal responsibilities imposed on it.

This COVID-19 supplement to the new Member's Handbook V5.0 (May 2021) and others that may follow, should be read in conjunction with each other. It is not practical to frequently update and distribute changes to the entire Member Handbook taking full account of each change. Instead, a single update page could be inserted as required, when each handbook is given out. When it comes to communicating with members quickly and checking in by QR-code at the Club, it is digital solutions like smartphones that we must turn to.

There will unfortunately be members who are not current users of smartphones. The Club firstly encourages these members to provide the Club with a phone number or email address of a partner, spouse or family member who is prepared to pass on message details; surely not a great impost on them for the few messages likely to be sent. Your Club membership record will need to be updated if you choose this alternative communication option. This is because announcements will normally be sent by email from the Club's membership management software, Member Ties. Of lesser usefulness for announcements, will be a Facebook post on the Knox Woodworkers group.

All businesses are now legally required to display a QR-code on entry and the Club is no exception. When any QR-code is scanned by a user's phone whilst connected to the internet, the Victorian Health Department receives your first name, phone number, date and time of scanning and holds it for 28 days only. In this way, it can trace that people were together at a given place, date and time and quickly alert them they could be infected and transmitting the virus to others. If your smartphone does not have a scanning ability within its camera app, you should download the free State Government "Service Victoria" app and use it to scan QR-codes. I am sure that another "digitally capable" member would gladly agree to check in a fellow member using their own phone, updating check in details, of course. The daily Key Holder is entrusted to firmly encourage each person of the importance of checking in to the traceability process. QR-code information is the cornerstone of a successful and timely contact tracing process giving us all best chance of interrupting each COVID-19 infection chain and avoiding further outbreaks and lockdowns.

In addition to checking in on the QR code, all members must still sign the **Daily Attendance Book** on arrival for the Club's own records. This book would also be used for contact tracing, but being a manual method, the virus could transmit many times over before even the source is found, much less his contacts in the meantime.