

City Of Melbourne Bowls Club

Club Room Access Guidance

Access to the club rooms has been consistent over the last six years. The City of Melbourne Bowls Club Board review access regularly considering; lease provisions with City of Melbourne, liquor licencing, business requirements, staffing, construction and physical access to the club, security systems etc.

HISTORICAL ACCESS

The current club room access has not changed, but additional access is now provided to the greens and storage sheds outside of Club house opening times. Reviews of access go as far back as:

- 20 December 2016: The Board granted access to members of the Bowls Committee.
- 26 September 2017: Access to the club house for members was provided during business hours and bar hours. In 2017 access to the front gate was also restricted outside bar hours. This is no longer the case.
- 24 April 2018: Access to the club buildings, via access cards, was available to club committee officials only
- 26 November 2019: Members wanted access to the club after night pennant, members were advised that access will not be granted, and they should take their belongings with them.

CURRENT ACCESS

All full members have been provided a proximity swipe card to open the external gate and have:

- Access to the greens outside of Club room opening hours
- Access to outside storage sheds to store their bowls safely and securely for easy access

Access to the Club rooms is provided based on seasonal, pennant and function requirements.

- Monday to Friday business hours plus additional bar hours as advertised
- Saturday from 11.30am until the conclusion of bar hours
- Sunday Bar hours

Note: these are the minimum hours, with extended staffing hours due to bowling commitments and functions the actual opening hours are well beyond these minimum times.

The Board, Committees and Directors who are full members are provided additional access to allow them to undertake the work they need to do in their capacity as a volunteer to the club. Access is not automatically provided; these volunteers must undertake awareness training for the use of the security system and ensure they also lock up the club. This is to ensure that:

- We minimise the number of security breaches,
- Calls to Board and staff out of hours (including night) are minimised
- Reduce costs associated with callouts when the building is not disarmed correctly

Furthermore, access to internal lights, greens flood lighting and door functionality are not available to volunteers as these are controlled from the bar and under the liquor licence, these volunteers cannot be given access to the bar.

Thank you for your understanding that the Bowls Club is a great place to be social and play sport. The Club is still a business and access to the club rooms is in accordance with operational needs.

CoMBC Board.

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