



20 September 2020

Dear Member,

It is again time to renew your membership of the Hardys Bay Club.

As you know the Club put on hold the membership renewal drive until such time that the Club was able to re-open following the COVID-19 forced closure. It has been difficult, time consuming and costly to re-open with significant expenditure required to upgrade or replace both kitchen and bar facilities but we are now open for business and working within our COVID-19 Safety Plan.

The Club re-opened on Sunday 19 July 2020 with a new team behind the bar comprising Trent and Briony. Despite the COVID-19 trading restrictions the bar has been well supported with many new faces attending the Sunday outdoor music days. More recently and after a complete make-over, the Club's new restaurant, Hardy's Hideaway, opened their doors on Friday 28 August 2020 utilising the outdoor area of the Club to provide a casual and COVID-19 safe dining experience. The restaurant menu comprises a hearty selection of fresh pub food classics which is proving to have wide appeal.

The Club bar is currently open from 3 pm on Thursday and Friday, and 12 noon on Saturday and Sunday but closed Monday to Wednesday. Hardy's Hideaway is currently open for dinner on Fridays and Saturdays, and for lunch on Saturdays and Sundays.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 trading restrictions have temporarily postponed most indoor music evenings and made it difficult to host weddings and other functions. There are also the well-publicised rules on physical distancing, being seated and not mingling but hopefully we will be able to host a series of smaller activities over the coming months, so please keep in touch by visiting the Club's website (www.hardysbayclub.com.au), Facebook and Instagram pages.

The Club is fortunate and most grateful for the Volunteers who have provided their time and skills to help the Club re-open, including painting (still ongoing), cleaning and as COVID Marshals. Without their contributions the Club would not have been able to open. New volunteers are always welcome to share the load, so please don't hesitate to ask how you can help by contacting the Bar staff or emailing bar@hardysbayclub.com.au

In addition, there has been universal support and encouragement from the local music industry in helping the Club re-open offering to play for free during this transition period (so please be generous with your tips). Also we appreciate the support of local businesses including Mitre 10 (Kincumber), Bunnings (West Gosford), Dulux (Gosford) and SeaCoast Fishing (Kincumber).

The membership renewal fee has been modestly increased to \$20 and a Membership Renewal Notice is attached covering the 2020/2021 year. The new membership cards are on order awaiting delivery but you can renew now and we will let you know when your card is ready for collection. Some Members have already lodged their renewal forms and these are all recorded so you don't need to take any further action.

You will note that the Renewal Notice provides the option to make a voluntary donation to the Club and it is planned that any donation monies raised will be used to upgrade the Club facilities and not for day to day expenses. One of our plans is to improve the facilities without changing the character of the Club. All donations will be gratefully received and put to good use.

We should also mention that NSW Licensing Laws require local residents (i.e. those that live within a 5km radius of the Club) either be a member of the Club or be signed in by a member each time they visit the Club, so please renew your membership on your next visit to the Club and encourage your family, neighbours and friends to become members as well. We attach a New Membership Nomination Form for those wishing to become members.

The Club is also looking for additional directors, so if you are interested and would like to be a part of the team please contact one of the Bar staff or email admin@hardysbayclub.com.au for further details.

We look forward to seeing you and your friends enjoying all that the Club offers and for your support of the Club which will help preserve this community asset.

Yours faithfully,

The Hardys Bay Club Team