

Coffs Harbour Bridge Club Inc.

COVID Safe Plan for Return to Face to Face Bridge

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This plan is in response to a two week lock down in Greater Sydney and restriction in regional NSW.

This plan is based on the NSW Government guidelines for community halls and indoor recreation (sourced 27/6/21) and aims at providing an environment which is as safe as possible. This level of club reopening focuses on modifications to the physical environment and changes to player responsibility. Both are critical to the success of this process. The plan is registered with NSW Government, and draws on guidelines from ABF in relation to access to bridge clubs. You will see a separate section on player responsibility which is the condition under which players enter and sign into the club. Sessions of bridge will be available on Monday 1.00 pm, Tuesday 7.00 pm, Wednesday 1.00 pm, Friday 9.30 and Saturday at 1.00 pm. **NB Saturday walk in without a partner is no longer possible.**

Following a phone call with Service NSW on Wednesday 26/5/21 and Saturday 26/6/21) there is a need to maintain vigilance in regard to current and anticipated outbreaks of Covid 19 variants, the following aspects of our plan are paramount as our members and visitors to Coffs Harbour increase travel beyond our LGA.

Player Responsibilities.

Under our Covid 19 Safe Plan, the following are the conditions of entry into the Club.

1. The QR code is a mandatory part of our plan and will be used consistently.
2. Visitors are not permitted to play bridge in our club.
3. The 4 square metre rule enables our club to be set up for 8 to 9 tables for a maximum of 36 players which is our attendance limit.
4. Members who have been to hotspots and/or have others on their home who have been to Greater Sydney or identified hotspots should not attend bridge and seek advice.
5. **Players should not attend bridge if they are feeling unwell.**
6. Reminders of hand hygiene and surface cleaning are provided and all players should adhere to these requirements.
7. Social distancing of 1.5 metres is essential.
8. Masks are now mandatory at all sessions.
9. Players are encouraged to provide their **own pen** for personal use and use verbal bidding recorded on individual bidding pads..

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Modifications to Play and Movement in the Club

- Indoor recreation clubs and community halls are limited to 4 sq. metre person of floor space and adhere to 1.5 m distancing rule when gathering and entering the club.
- Players are encouraged to provide their **own pen** for personal use.
- Cleaning of the club room will be twice weekly and products to clean surfaces available at each table.
- Players will be advised of hygiene requirements and health issues related COVID 19.
- Sanitiser and wipes are stationed at each table and should be used at the end of each round.
- Contactless payment is encouraged and can be made by direct debit - 5 vouchers for \$30.00 or 10 vouchers for \$60.00.

- Players will also be tracked for contact tracing via the electronic club results. QR codes are available throughout the club and are highly encouraged.
- Windows are opened and fans in use during play.
- Only the committee will move furniture
- In the event of local Covid 19 risks, bridge sessions could be cancelled by email and phone.
- Bins are placed outside toilets for disposal of paper towels
- Tea, coffee and wrapped biscuits will be available in a safe manner. Food for special events will be available safely and access to the kitchen is limited to 2 people under the 1.5 distancing rule. Shared biscuit or food containers will not be used.
- Social activities will be postponed during this outbreak and current restrictions.
- There will be a Covid Safety Marshall at each session to ensure that the rules for re-opening are followed.

The NSW Government website states that risk can be reduced by:

- washing hands thoroughly with soap and water
- not touching your face, eyes or mouth
- not kissing or shaking hands
- having an annual flu injection and being vaccinated as early as possible
- using contactless payment methods

Online bridge is still available from Masterbridgeonline and Stepbridge. Congresses will continue to be organised using online platforms.

Your club committee is working to provide safe and responsible bridge sessions at the club and we need your help in following the rules. It is also understood that some members may feel vulnerable and will not want to play face-to-face bridge at this time given their personal situation and health issues, or ongoing concern about COVID-19 risks. All members are urged to consider their own circumstances and decide what is best for them.