

GOOD NEWS Opening Soon

With restrictions lifting so fast the Board has decided to bring forward the review of the CCWC closure. After a lot of phone calls and research we have been told that we can open again, but with strict limits. Under current regulations we can only have five lathes operating and one workshop manager at any time. We can also have two in the carvers' room and two in the tea room. The limit of five lathes is to comply with the 1.5m distancing, the other two limits are based on the 4m square rule. Calculations are complex but members of the board have researched this extensively and used other examples.

The current situation in Victoria highlights the importance of strict attention to the COVID-19 Management Plan sent with this letter.

In the light of this the board has agreed that the CCWC activities will open on 3rd August. The conditions of opening are:

- Strict adherence to the 4m square and 1.5m distancing rules
- Details of attendees must be recorded and kept for 28 days
- Have a Covid-19 Safety Plan
- Members attending the workshop will be strongly encouraged to get the COVID Safe app.
- Members who feel unwell **MUST NOT ATTEND**
- Remind all members, but especially those in the High Risk bracket, that attendance at the workshop and Club meetings is **AT THEIR OWN RISK.**

The board further agreed that the tea-room will be closed for the first two months. The requirement for constant cleaning and disinfecting after each use is not possible for the time being. The furniture in the tea room will be removed if necessary.

The number of members allowed in the carvers' room is dependent on the 4m square rule. Should this change the number of members allowed will be reviewed.

Because we will be operating on such reduced numbers the Board agreed to extend the CCWC opening hours. We will now have two sessions on Monday, Friday and Saturday, 8.00am-12.00pm and 12.30pm-5.00pm.

Rather than a first come system attendance will be on a rota basis. More details of this will follow in a separate letter.

The workshop will open on August 3rd at 8.00am.

Prior to this date it is hoped to open the shop on Friday 31st July and 1st August 9.00am-12.00 and thereafter on Saturday mornings only. These details will be confirmed after consultation with the operators of the shop. Only one person at a time is allowed in the shop area and they must not enter the shop. If possible please be aware of exactly what you need and make payment electronically.

A COVID-19 Safety Management Plan has been prepared by a sub-committee and agreed by the board. Please read this carefully as it is a requirement that any member attending the workshop agrees to this plan and must cooperate with instructions from the workshop management.

The first Club meeting is planned for September 5th, subject to agreement with the Milk Factory management. There will be no BBQ beforehand and the meeting will start at 12.30pm. Numbers at the meeting are subject to the 4m square rule and attendees will be required to maintain the 1.5m self-distance rule. Please bring your own chair. I hope there will be a huge number of objects in Show and Tell.

Once again I want to emphasise that safety is our main priority. Many of you fall in the '**MOST AT RISK**' bracket and events in Victoria show just what a delicate path we are following trying to open up after months of lockdown. It is not just CCWC but in everything we do we must be aware of the possible dangers. I am fully aware that some members might not yet feel confident in attending club activities. Everybody on the board understands this and has been conscious of this when planning our return to operation.

More detailed information will follow in the next week or so ready for our August opening. In the meantime if you have any questions please contact me, or any member of the board.

Stay safe and healthy.

Peter Hamilton
President CCWC