BUNINYONG BOWLING CLUB Incorporated

SAFE TRANSPORT POLICY

Purpose

This policy outlines our procedures for safe transport for club games, special events, functions and other club-related activities where alcohol is being consumed. It represents our club's commitment to its members, volunteers and visitors, acknowledging the role that sporting clubs and associations play in building strong and healthy communities.

This policy will help to ensure our club:

- Meets its duty of care in relation to the health and safety of our members, volunteers and visitors who attend any club games, special events, functions and other activities.
- Upholds the reputation of our club, our sponsors and business partners.
- Understands the risks associated with alcohol use and driving, and our role in minimising risk.

This policy aims to provide a basis for the responsible use and/or non-use of alcohol by the Buninyong Bowling Club and to avoid any incidents as people travel to or from the club and its events.

Rationale

Ensuring members, visitors and guests getting to and from club games, activities and events safely is an important part of being a responsible, healthy club.

While Buninyong Bowling Club wishes to avoid club members becoming intoxicated, as part of our club's duty of care we encourage our members to plan safe transport home. This will reduce the risk of drink-driving, injury or worse.

Alcohol and drugs affect pedestrians and drivers' abilities to stay safe. They affect decision-making, reaction times, speed and distance judgements, concentration, balance, perception and alertness. It can also increase risk-taking behaviour by giving a pedestrian or driver a false sense of confidence.

General Principles

Our club recognises that:

- Drink driving is one of the main causes of road deaths in Australia.
- Driving when over the legal blood alcohol limit is illegal and hazardous to individuals and the wider community.
- Mixing drugs (including prescription medication) with other drugs or alcohol can seriously affect the ability to drive safely.

Transport for Club Activities

Our club will:

- Promote strategies that encourage members to plan how they'll get home safely, e.g. pre-arranged transport.
- Print safe transport messages on relevant club activity and event invitations or flyers.
- Ensure telephone calls can be made free of charge to arrange safe transport from the club.
- Encourage members to utilise a ride-share option with a designated driver.
- Advertise taxi information and contact numbers.

Club Actions

The club understands and accepts its responsibility to the safety of our members and friends. The following requirements will apply when alcohol is served, either at the club or during a club function.

- Bar staff / servers of alcohol will encourage members, volunteers and visitors to consume food and drink in moderation while drinking alcohol at the club
- Bar staff shall encourage members and visitors to make alternate safe transport arrangements if they are considered to be intoxicated or at risk of exceeding the legal limit.
- Telephone calls will be made free of charge to arrange a taxi or other transport
- Contact telephone numbers for taxi services will be clearly displayed
- In specific cases, where a designated driver nominated by the club has accepted the responsibility to drive others home safely, the club will provide non-alcoholic drinks and bar food free of charge
- Bar servers will be provided non-alcoholic drinks and bar food free of charge by the club (only for club bar staff)
- Where possible and available, club transport will be provided to/from events
- Where required (and available), taxis will be pre-ordered to arrive at the venue at the conclusion of a function.

Conduct Expectations

Whilst engaging in club activities, members, volunteers and visitors will:

- Accept responsibility for their own behaviour, use good judgment and take a responsible approach towards alcohol consumption.
- Encourage and assist others to use good judgment regarding alcohol consumption.
- Make alternative transport arrangements to get to and from the activity safely.
- Share a taxi or ride share (where available) with friends.

Policy Promotion

Our club will:

- Educate members, volunteers and guests about our policy and its benefits.
- Ensure this policy is easily accessible and is promoted via our website, newsletters, social media and announcements during events and functions.
- Implement strategies to create awareness of safe transport messages to club members (e.g. display standard drink posters / cards to help patrons recognise what standard drinks are and the implications on drink driving).

Approved By: *Board of the Buninyong Bowling Club*

Endorsed By: *BBC Board meeting, 14th September, 2026*

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