



Bowls **KAPITI COAST INC.**
Serving the Bowling Clubs of Kapiti & Horowhenua

UPDATED ANNOUNCEMENT

Corvid-19/Coronavirus Effects All Events Postponement Decision

Thursday 19th March 2020

Note:- All below is subject to change and review.
Further update will follow.

The national and international responses to the rapidly deteriorating Corvid-19 Pandemic need to be adhered to by the smaller entities such as the bowling communities in New Zealand. For very sound and well thought through reasons much of the world's social activities are temporarily closing down. In some countries even schools, restaurants, similar establishments and sports events have been compulsorily closed. We shouldn't be surprised if New Zealand soon follows suit, with the government expected to announce, by tomorrow, guidelines on gatherings such as weddings, funerals, club activities and such events.

We repeat that this is a serious social environmental health issue and will affect bowlers throughout New Zealand. The overall principle for health safety is based on the nationwide governmentally promoted "social distancing" approach to containing the spread of the virus. This is especially important due to the demographic vulnerability of the bowling community

After the announcement of 18th March, the Bowls Kapiti Coast Centre Board has been informed by Bowls NZ that they believe that the 100 people restriction on gatherings was insufficient. The Board now agrees.

- ❖ Bowls Kapiti Coast **states that gatherings of more than 50 people are un-acceptable** at any event within the Centre's area.
- ❖ Kapiti Coast Centre **events have been indefinitely postponed.**

These events are	Novice (1&2yr) Singles	21 March
	Mens & Womens Open Singles	28-30 March
	the North vs South representative event	1st April
	Mens & Womens Open Pairs	04-06 April

Other future events will be considered in the near future.

Replacement dates will be considered once the pandemic has abated.

