



The
Waterhouse
Club

The Waterhouse Club Inc.
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An Association of the
South Australian Museum

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Dear Members

Covid Vaccination Requirements for Events and Expeditions

Notice to members

Following opening the borders in line with National Cabinet's plan, South Australia's status as a largely Covid free zone is no longer guaranteed.

It is clear from the experience interstate and overseas that Covid spreads rapidly amongst unvaccinated people and older people are vulnerable to the infection. As vaccines are not completely effective it follows that exposure to the unvaccinated puts older vaccinated people at risk.

Members are most at risk of contracting Covid at events at the Museum, or expeditions where people are in frequent, prolonged, close contact.

While there is currently no requirement to be vaccinated either to work at or visit the Museum, the Club's Committee is unanimous in its view that the Club should implement its own procedures that maximise the protection for our members.

Therefore, the Club will require **members to be fully vaccinated before attending Club events, expeditions or other functions**. The first of these will be on 1 February 2022. Any exemption requests will be dealt with on a case by case basis, but only considered if the applicant has an official government exemption.

How will this work?

Members will be required to produce evidence of a current vaccination certificate in order to attend Club events and expeditions at the time of booking. The Club's procedures will be modified to make this as easy as possible.

Event and expedition organisers will also be inquiring about the vaccination status of scientists, contractors and catering staff associated with Club functions and explaining the Club's requirement that they be fully Covid vaccinated.

This requirement will be reviewed as circumstances change.

If you have any queries about this requirement, please do not hesitate to contact Margie Heylen, Club Secretary, via email to the Club office or telephone mobile 0419 818166

Yours sincerely

Professor Philip Weinstein
CLUB PRESIDENT

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