



Dear Members

First of all, I'd like to thank everyone who came to our consultation sessions on the future of the club over the last few weeks. Well over 100 members participated and offered a wide range of helpful thoughts and ideas. I'll be sending out a separate email summarising the key ideas and actions.

The clearest message - and one volunteered by players in every consultation session, and in the suggestion box - was that we should increase table fees. We last increased table fees in 2013. Since then CPI has increased by more than 10%. Some of our major costs have increased by more than 30%.

Our new table fees from 1st January 2019 will be as follows:

Club

For members:

Duplicate - \$12

Club Green Point events - \$12

Club Red Point Events - \$14

Supervised \$10

Visitors pay an extra \$2. Youth players registered with the ABF pay half the member price.

Unused duplicate vouchers can still be used after January 1; no extra payment is required. New sheets of 10 vouchers are \$115 (ie still a \$5 discount compared to 10 individual sessions) as of today.

State Events

State selection events (Pennant; ANC Butlers; Playoffs) - \$20

All other State (red point) events - \$18

If our table numbers remain as budgeted, these price increases will largely eliminate our loss for the 2019 financial year. While we must and are doing more to reinvigorate our club, this is an important step and one that we have not taken lightly. Your Council and I greatly appreciate your support in the past and hope you will continue to support your club next year.

I look forward to seeing you at the table!

Kind Regards

Ben Thompson
President VBA