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Dear Whitehorse Summer seasonal licenced clubs

**SUBJECT: UPCOMING STATE GOVERNMENT ROADMAP ANNOUNCEMENT THIRD STEP-  
IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS**

Council is continuing to follow directions issued by the Chief Health Officer under the Victorian State of Emergency which is now in place until 11.59pm on Sunday 8 November 2020. Council will continue to follow the expert advice and decisions about the changes to restrictions made by the Victorian Government.

On Sunday 18 October, the Victorian Government outlined the possibility of progressing to third step restrictions for metropolitan Melbourne as outlined in the State Government roadmap to reopening from 2 November 2020. The timing of the third step restrictions being introduced is subject to trigger points and public health advice and at this stage third step restrictions propose an increased reopening for community sport and recreation.

As advised in the letter from Council on 14 October 2020, Officers require time to digest and interpret both the State Government directives and any specific guidance from the governing body for your sporting club/community group (i.e. the State Sporting Association Return to Training/Play Guidelines) from the time of the announcement. The detail is essential to inform the terms and conditions of reopening to ensure Council and your club/group/organisation are providing a safe and responsible return to activity. Once the details are known and advice is received, Officers will provide your club with written confirmation in the form of a summer seasonal licence permitting access to Council facilities including conditions under which permission is provided. Access to and use of Council facilities are not permitted until clubs receive a seasonal licence.

Summer seasonal licences will commence *no earlier* than Monday 2 November 2020, subject to State Government permitting community sport to re-commence. This enables officers to undertake the above mentioned work, issue licences, arrange venue and key handover and undertake final preparation of grounds prior to commencement of any activity.

We acknowledge the keenness to return to activity and we ask for your cooperation in allowing officers to undertake the required work following Government announcements which is essential to enable Council to provide your club with key information about reopening.

If you require any further information regarding the above please contact Olivea Sutton, Recreation Services Officer at [recservices@whitehorse.vic.gov.au](mailto:recservices@whitehorse.vic.gov.au) or on 0407 519 501 (m) and please stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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