**NORTH ALBURY BOWLING CLUB INCORPORATED**

**HEAT POLICY.**

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

This policy recognizes that heat and the tolerance thereof varies from individual to individual. It rests with the Club to establish a policy that applies across the board, not only to members but visitors, social and barefoot bowlers.

The Governance Committee of the North Albury Bowling Club Incorporated (NABC) recognises that it has an obligation to provide a safe healthy environment for its members and those persons using the bowling greens under its auspices.

The NABC is bound *inter alia* by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Albury and District Bowling Association Incorporated (A&DBA) and reference is made to By-Law 6 **Extreme Weather**, in particular sub-clauses a and b, which state:

“a. **HEAT -** The RNSWBA Conditions of Play stipulate that the Club’s Controlling body shall determine their own maximum allowable temperatures, however for those Clubs who have no policy, the maximum allowable temperature for the A&DBA is 40 degrees C, at which play in all association events must cease.

The temperature is to be measured at the venue of play using an approved Stevenson screen with an internal digital thermometer. The screen is to be placed adjacent to the bowling green away from concreted areas and not in the shade. The responsibility for monitoring the temperature at the venue rests with the controlling body or side managers.

b. **EXTREME HEAT** – Where the forecast temperature for an association event is predicted to exceed 40 degrees, the Secretary of the District Match Committee is to monitor the official weather report from 11am on the day prior to the event.

If the forecast remains constant as at 2pm on the day prior to play then the Match Committee is to advise the District Secretary that a general bye is to be implemented, and the District Secretary is to advise all clubs by whatever means necessary. Where the forecast is close to 40 degrees then the Match Committee is to monitor the situation and if necessary at 11am on the day of play, cancel play or allow individual clubs to control play under District rules.”

Having regard to the foregoing, the NABC’s Governance Committee has resolved and hereby implements the following policy:

1. The NABC will adhere to the A&DBA’s By-Law 6 **Extreme Weather,** as varied from time to time, for all association events.

2. For club events, tournaments, social and barefoot bowls events the maximum allowable temperature is 38 degrees C. This also applies to practice or training events.

3. The authority to cancel play is vested in the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant-Secretary, Barefoot Bowls Co-Ordinator and Chairman of Match Committee whose decision to cancel play will be final.

Dated: 21st December 2021

**Steve Martini**

**President**