



WAMURAN STANLEY RIVER CRICKET CLUB INC

SAFE TRANSPORT POLICY

Getting to and from club games, activities and events with safe transport practices is an important part of having a responsible, healthy environment for members. As part of our club's duty of care we provide a way for members to get home safely to eliminate any risk of drink driving, injury or worse.

We know sporting clubs have a great opportunity to aid general community safety around transport and drinking culture which can prevent tragedies in the local community.

Alcohol and drugs affect pedestrians and drivers abilities to stay safe. They affect decision-making, reaction times, speed and distance judgements, concentration, balance, perception and alertness. It can also increase risk-taking behaviour by giving a pedestrian or driver a false sense of confidence.

1. Rationale

WAMURAN STANLEY RIVER CRICKET CLUB recognises that :-

- It has a duty of care to all members and visitors involved in club-related activities and events and can play an important community safety role
- Mixing drugs (including prescription medication) with other drugs or alcohol can seriously affect the ability to drive safely
- Driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs is illegal and hazardous to individuals and the wider community
- Drink driving is one of the main causes of road deaths in Australia, causing up to 50 percent of all road fatalities and up to 20 percent of serious injuries in the Northern Territory. Northern Territory road users are three times more likely to suffer an injury or fatality on our roads than any other State or Territory in Australia.
- It takes one hour for each standard drink of alcohol consumed to be broken down by the liver
- It takes considerable time until a person can legally and safely drive home if they have consumed over the recommended levels of alcohol.

Accordingly, the following safe transport policy shall apply for all activities and events undertaken by the club that involve the serving and/or consumption of alcohol.

2. Club Safe Transport Actions

Wamuran Stanley River Cricket Club will :

- Create awareness of this policy to members and visitors in a variety of ways (i.e. club Facebook page, club website, player information, club newsletter, notice board and verbally at meetings and club activities and events).

- Implement strategies to create awareness of safe transport messages to club members (i.e. display standard drink posters / cards to help patrons recognise what standard drinks are and the implications on drink driving).
- Promote strategies your club offers that encourages members to plan how they'll get home safely before they go out. For example arrange a designated driver – it could be a mate, or the bus driver, taxi driver, mum, brother, girlfriend, or uncle.
- Print safe transport messages on relevant club activity and event invitations or flyers.
- The MC for events or club committee members will advise attendees that the club is a Good Sport accredited club, communicate the safe transport options and regularly remind attendees to drink and behave responsibly.
- Telephone calls will be made free of charge to call a sober person to provide transport from the club or venue.

3. For clubs with a licence for any club events or functions

- In specific cases, where a designated driver nominated by the club has accepted the responsibility to drive others home safely, the club will provide non-alcoholic drinks and/or bar food free of charge (or passengers will be encouraged to pay for these for their driver).

Bar staff/servers of alcohol shall:

- Encourage members and visitors to make alternate safe transport arrangements if they are considered to be intoxicated or at risk of exceeding .05 blood alcohol concentration (e.g. free call to a taxi/friend/family)
- Promote low alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks to consumers
- Be provided non-alcoholic drinks and bar food free of charge.

4. Committee Members, Members, Players and Officials

Those attending club activities and events where they are planning on drinking alcohol are encouraged to:

- Make alternative transport arrangements to get to and from the activity safely.
- Share a taxi (where available) with friends.
- Ride with a driver who hasn't been drinking alcohol or taking drugs.
- Plan ahead and arrange overnight accommodation.

5. Safe transport strategies when available or feasible

- The club will provide transport to and from club activities and events.
- Use a club or community bus (such as council, school or tourist bus):
 - The bus or transport provided will be an alcohol-free zone (i.e. no loading up the bus with alcohol or consuming alcohol on the bus).
 - The bus will not to be used to transport members between licensed venues (i.e. not to be used for a pub crawl).
 - People who have consumed alcohol are to make alternative safe transport arrangements to get from the bus drop-off to home.
- Provide designated sleeping areas on site, for selected club functions (where safe and legal to



do so). Members would need to bring a swag/sleeping bag

- Use a range of taxi-related strategies, such as:
 - Free telephone calls to arrange a taxi to provide transport from the club or venue.
 - Clearly display taxi services telephone numbers in the club.
 - Print taxi company phone numbers on club function invitations or flyers.
 - Use taxi vouchers as raffles prizes and
 - The club committee will pre-order taxis to arrive at a club or venue at the conclusion of a club event or function.

6. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.

Signature

Signed: _____

Club President

Signed: _____

Club Secretary

Date: _____

Date: _____

Next policy review date is November 2019



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