

MARYLAND FLETCHER FOOTBALL CLUB

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1. SAFE TRANSPORT POLICY STATEMENT

Maryland Fletcher Football Club recognises that:

- It has a duty of care to all members and visitors involved in Club-related activities.
- 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.
- It takes one hour for each standard drink of alcohol consumed to be broken down by the liver; and
- 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 functions undertaken by the Club that involve the serving and/or consumption of alcohol.

2. CLUB FUNCTIONS

Where applicable:

- The club will provide transport to and from official functions where available and possible (e.g., contacting local bus services such as council, school, or tourist buses).
 - 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 is 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.
- The Committee will ensure that taxis are pre-ordered (where available) to arrive at the venue at the conclusion of the function.
- In specific cases, where a designated driver nominated by the Club has accepted the responsibility to drive others home safely, the Club will encourage passengers to pay for non-alcoholic drinks and/or bar food free for their driver.
- For selected functions, the Club will encourage the organiser to arrange designated sleeping areas on site (where safe, possible, and legal to do so) for members to use at the conclusion of the night. Members will need to bring a swag/sleeping bag.
- For selected functions held at a hotel or similar, the Club will encourage the organiser to arrange for reduced-rate rooms for members to encourage them stay over rather than drive while potentially intoxicated.
- The organiser will be encouraged to alert taxi companies (where available) of club function details for potential business on the night.
- Taxi company phone number(s) (where available) will be printed on the function invitation / flyers.
- The MC for the function/committee 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.

3. COMMITTEE MEMBERS, MEMBERS, PLAYERS, AND OFFICIALS

Those attending Club activities where they are planning on drinking alcohol are encouraged to:

- Make alternative transport arrangements to get to and from the activity safely.
- Plan and arrange overnight accommodation.
- Share a taxi (where available) with friends.
- Catch public transport (where available).
- Ride with a driver who has not been consuming alcohol or taking drugs

4. POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed every two years to ensure that it remains relevant to Club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.

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