Dear members and patrons of Macquarie University Sport,

**CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**
On January 31 we provided members with a statement about the Novel Coronavirus.

While a small number of cases have been confirmed in New South Wales, to date there are no confirmed cases at Macquarie University.

University staff continue to closely monitor the situation and advice from the Federal Government and NSW Health.

In consultation with the University and following the latest information from Federal Government, we have established the following protocol for all Macquarie University Sport and Aquatic Centre (MUSAC) members and customers:

1. If you or your child or other family members/carers have recently travelled to any part of Hubei Provence, China, we ask that you/they refrain from attending MUSAC for 14 days (the incubation period for Coronavirus) after leaving Hubei Province.
2. Additional precautionary hygiene practices at MUSAC have been implemented. Parents are also encouraged to remind children of the importance of hygiene practices.
3. These guidelines apply to all MUSAC staff.

We appreciate these measures may present a level of inconvenience for some families, and sincerely thank you for your understanding and support during this time. The welfare and wellbeing of our customers and staff is, as always, our primary concern.

If you or your family member is affected by the above and cannot attend MUSAC throughout this period, the following options are available for your consideration:

1. suspend your membership and/or;
2. make use of make-up lessons in the Learn to Swim and Gymnastics programs.

Please contact a member of staff on (02) 9850 7636 or macsport@mq.edu.au for further information.
FENCING INSTALLED OPPOSITE 50M POOL
Members will notice in coming days that fencing has been installed around the grassed area opposite the 50m pool of the Sport and Aquatic Centre.

Our newly installed shade sails covering this area, which were a part of our staged amenity upgrades, were damaged as a part of last weekend’s storm.

For your safety we have decided to cordon this area as assessments are undertaken by the appropriate engineers and experts.

The 50m pool will still be accessible and available for use, however we encourage members to use caution around the site and follow the directions of staff and signage, as work is undertaken.

We apologise for any inconvenience this creates and thank you in advance for your understanding. I look forward to updating you on the redevelopment of this area soon.

2-HOUR FREE PARKING RE-INTRODUCED ON WEEKENDS FOR 2020
We recently announced that throughout 2020 the Sport and Aquatic Centre will be subsidising parking costs for centre members and visitors who use the West 5 and West 6 car parks on weekends. This means that all members and visitors will benefit from free parking for the first two hours on Saturday and Sunday.

Please remember that in order to receive this benefit, you need to register your vehicle/s via one of the following options:

1. The CellOPark app (once completed the parking registration form and download the app) and activate the session on either Saturday or Sunday
2. Lodge your registration number in the ticketing machines behind the reception area in the Sport and Aquatic Centre

The rate change for the first two-hours will be $0.00. Following the two-hour free period, the rate will revert to the discounted rate $1.50 per hour. We hope that you make use of and enjoy this new change.

Whilst this initiative is currently limited to weekends, we are cognisant of the challenges associated with parking during weekdays and are committed to trying to find a solution to ease the burden on our members in 2020.

These changes came into effect on 2 January 2020.

NEW EQUIPMENT NOW INSTALLED
The Macquarie University Sport and Aquatic Centre Gymnastics Hall is now home to brand new AMCO equipment – the supplier of the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

New metal bars, parallel bars and uneven bars have been successfully installed within the Gymnastics Hall, along with new foam for the foam pit.

These changes and upgrades have been undertaken as part of a planned and staged approach to refreshing the amenities within the centre, and our on-going commitment and investment into our Members’ experience.

We hope both you and your child have had the opportunity to enjoy the new equipment.
Each year the centre hosts several school swimming carnivals.

The remaining 2020 school swimming carnivals are listed below, highlighting the dates and times that the pools will be unavailable for member use.

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As a result of the damage to the shade sail structure and surrounding hill, alternate arrangements are being offered to schools. Any changes to school availability and the above schedule will be advised on notices at reception and through the centre.

We must emphasize that the pools will remain open and available for member use outside of these times and dates, but remind members to please check the availability outside of these times via the online pool availability schedule, as well as to follow the lap signage displayed in both the 50m and 25m pools. We apologise for any inconvenience this may temporarily cause.

ACCESS TO AQUATIC FACILITIES OUTSIDE OF SWIM CLASS TIMES

Subject to lane availability, as of 2020, any Swim School member will be able to access either the 25m or 50m pools outside of their swim class times to practice their swimming.

This means ONE child and ONE accompanying parent/guardian will be allowed into the centre for free, outside scheduled classes. Any additional parent/guardian or spectator will be charged an entry fee.

We encourage any member looking to refine their swimming skills to take advantage of their increased access to hone their skills!
I continue to encourage every member and patron to familiarize themselves with the News and Events page of our website. As a dynamic business with a multitude of offerings, there’s always plenty happening within the Macquarie University Sporting world.

Whether it’s the Health Club and Gym programs, Learn to Swim and Squads, Group Fitness Classes, Gymnastics and Martial Arts, Social Sport and Competitions, competitive sport within the University or general venue information, there is something for everyone.

As always, if you have any feedback for us, we would love to receive it – the good, the bad and the ugly. There are feedback machines located at both the entrance to the centre, adjacent the downstairs changerooms and via the online enquiry form.

Yours in health and fitness,

Christian Renford
Venue Manager – Sport and Aquatics