

INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

1. **Mission:** The Geelong Business Club is club for leaders, professionals & senior management of Geelong.
2. **Purpose** – Networking/relationships/friends
3. Non Political and Non Sectarian
4. Other than regular attendance and active participation at dinner meetings, no other demands placed on members
5. **Attendance:** Your attendance at every dinner meeting is assumed unless you notify the Executive Officer by no later than **4.00pm on the Friday preceding the dinner meeting**, unless you are on Leave of Absence approved by the Committee.
 - **Under normal circumstances you are expected to attend at least 5 of the 11 dinner meetings each year.**
 - If you are unable to attend 3 or more consecutive meetings, you should seek Committee approval for Leave of Absence. Contact the Executive Officer to arrange this.
 - CLUB Dinners are heavily subsidised for the members benefit. Meals are confirmed and paid for to the Caterer at 4pm on the preceding Friday to the meeting. The club appreciates that illness & unforeseen issues occur however if you do not **submit an apology by the 4pm deadline** you will be invoiced **\$55 for late apologies** up to the day after the meeting or **\$75 for NO Apology & NO Show** - Being the actual cost unless there are extenuating circumstances.
 - Absence from 3 consecutive meetings without apology or leave of absence may result in contact by the Executive Officer to establish your ongoing ability to meet attendance requirements.
6. **Dress code:** **Men** – business suit/Jacket – Ties Optional. - **Women** – appropriate business attire
7. **Venue:** **Captains Room** Geelong Football Club
8. **Time:**
 - 5.30 p.m. Pre dinner drinks
 - 6.15 p.m. Dinner commences
 - 7.35 p.m. Guest Speaker
 - 8.30 p.m. Close of Meeting
9. **Date:** 2nd Monday of the month unless this is a public holiday, in which case it is the 3rd Monday.
10. **Fees:** Annual Member Subscription is determined by the Committee is currently \$363 Inc GST pro rata for when you join in addition to a one-off joining fee of 50% of annual member subscription currently \$181 Inc GST plus \$13.20 for your Badge
11. **Dinner Fee** (subsidised by Club): currently **\$55 for meal, wine & beer** paid Credit Card, Cash or cheque payable to “Geelong Business Club” on the night.
12. **Seating at dinners:** Table discs issued to all members on arrival to ensure random seating and maximise networking (8 members per round table). Name tags are on reception table.
13. **Guests: Members may invite a reasonable number of guests** however each guest can only attend 2 functions in a year. Member to notify the Executive Officer of guest's name/s by 4pm on the Friday preceding the dinner meeting.
14. **Nominating new members:** Members are encouraged to actively nominate new members to the Club. Nominees are interviewed. Membership acceptance is based on club rules as adjudicated by the committee.

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