

## President's Message

I would like to be more positive, but after drought, bushfires and even flooding for some, we are all now facing the impact that Coronavirus will inevitably have on all of us. Some of our members will already be feeling these impacts be it health, employment, or the myriad of other effects that the Federal and State Government responses to the looming threat have on our everyday lives.

We have already seen the cancellation of a number of shows including Sydney Royal. More cancellations are probably inevitable, possibly stretching into Spring. The cancellation of these shows will have been, and probably will continue to be source of annoyance for those who have planned and prepared for them over the previous 12 months. The cancellation of these shows and other promotional events featuring dairy goats obviously also remove our shopfront to the public. Disappointing as this is, we have to accept and perhaps even embrace the fact that all of these Government policies relating to Coronavirus are in all of our best interest in the longer term.

Another ramification of the Federal and State Government policies regarding Coronavirus is the need to defer our AGM and Federal Council from the dates planned in May to dates that are frankly impossible to predict at the moment. Against the backdrop of what is currently happening this should be seen as a minor inconvenience. The meetings will eventually be held once it is allowable to do so, and safe to do so.

I wish you all well over the coming weeks and months. No one is ever going to forget the year 2020.

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For those who may have already booked airfares for the now indefinitely postponed AGM and Federal Council Meetings, you will find that Qantas, Virgin and Jetstar are all offering fare credits equal to the original fare for flights prior to 31 May - ie no-one should be out of pocket as a result of the flurry of policy changes that the Federal and State Governments have brought into being over the last 10 days.

Details of how to cancel your flights and get a credit is available on the respective airline web sites.

Regards,  
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