



NEWSLETTER

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Corona Virus COVID19 – an update on the APCS position

A lot can happen in a few days and the rapid developments in the COVID-19 pandemic have already caused the APCS to make a dramatic turnaround. Only a few days after the last newsletter on the 8th March we decided to cancel the March Market at Box Hill. We will be contacting those who have paid for tables regarding refunds.

It is now evident that policies of self-isolation and legally enforced isolation at the Commonwealth, State and Local government levels have totally overwhelmed the previous “business as usual” policy and the APCS along with many other organisations is entering a period of “In Recess” for an extended period.

Consequently, the following announcements regarding events are being made:

- **The APCS Members-only Auction scheduled for the 19th April is CANCELLED.**
- **The Adelaide Public Market that was scheduled for the 3rd May is CANCELLED.**
- **The Members-only Market scheduled for the 17th May – In doubt - watch for announcements.**
- **The AGM scheduled for 21st June – In doubt - watch for announcements.**
- **The program for the remainder of the year is now subject to new planning.**

By far the greater part of our membership is in the age group that is likely to be affected adversely by the virus, or more specifically the effects of the virus, and we will be modifying our program to minimise the threat of infection, perhaps a bit more conservatively than the official position. Announcements will be made on the APCS webpage: www.apcsociety.com.au and on the APCS Facebook page as well as in the newsletters.

If you are planning to go to any event anywhere that is potentially a source of infection, look for local information and announcements which might come from the sponsoring organisation or from the venue where those events were to be held. The APCS has received notification of the cancellation of several overseas photographic events, and there are more notifications as the days pass.

As a group of predominantly older members of the community, it is increasingly a case that we have to look after ourselves, and clearly, isolation is probably the best policy. This is new territory and at least for the time being we are feeling our way through it.

Cancelled Members-only Auction in April

A substantial number of interesting items have been submitted for what was to be the April Auction. The APCS is now forced into a position of looking for alternative ways of marketing these goods.

Ideas of on-line auctions etc have been contemplated but there are a few inhibitors against going down that path. The alternative of an extended Members-only Market is similarly impossible under the current restrictions.

An option exists to deal with items that have a specific value that is acceptable to the vendors – setting prices and listing the items in the Classified advertisements in the APCS Newsletter. The sale is then managed between individual members. The catalogue effectively becomes part of the newsletter and will have linked photographs of the major items.

There is a downside to this as the auctions provide a major part of the revenue that allows the APCS to operate. We have resources that will allow such a low revenue period for a while but eventually if this method of selling becomes normal then we will have to think again about how we operate financially.

A key issue in this and any communications that relies on electronic means is that we have electronic addresses for everyone. If you have not been receiving the newsletters electronically (This issue is also being sent by snail mail) then please let us know your preferred address – send an email to web@apcsociety.com.au including your name – so that we can communicate effectively.

The APCS AGM in June

It is hoped that the scheduled AGM will be able to be held as normal but if that is also not possible then we have some alternatives to consider. An obvious one is to run the AGM electronically, and in any case send as much of the Annual Report as possible as part of the next issue of Back Focus – which we expect to send out in mid-May.

Classified Advertisements

You can place classified advertisements in these pages. Send an email to adverts@apcsociety.com.au including a JPG photo if you wish. Rather than include your name and contact details we can add an enquiry code and pass information on to you – then you can deal directly with the responders – your decision. At present there is no charge for this service. For the time being keep the text down to under 50 words per item.