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From The President

Hello Members

Committee has decided to postpone the 2020 Annual General Meeting, which was scheduled for Wednesday 26 August.

Instead, the meeting will be held on Wednesday 30 September. Under our Constitution, the AGM must be held prior to the end of November, so this postponement is allowed.

We have postponed the meeting due to the current COVID-19 Stage 3 Restrictions not allowing attendance at meetings. The restrictions are due for review in mid-September, but there is no guarantee they will be lifted. Even if they are eased, it is highly unlikely we will be able to have more than 20 people in attendance. There will therefore be a virtual (Zoom) component to the meeting.

The Notice of Meeting - which normally would have been sent this week - is attached. It will be sent to you again in mid-September. The Proxy Form is also attached but is probably not necessary given the unlikelihood of a physical meeting occurring. Again, this will be resent in September when the situation should be clearer.

Committee is pleased to advise it is recommending the election of two Honorary Life Members, Loretta Prowse and Tony Lindrea. Their credentials and contribution to the Club are outlined in the Notice and we commend them to you.

Our plan - or hope, at least - is to conduct a physical AGM with up to 20 people in attendance, including Committee, Committee elect, Life Member nominees and their proposers. Our decision to postpone the AGM was driven in large part by our wish to publicly recognise Loretta and Tony.

All other Members will be able to attend the meeting virtually through Zoom. Importantly, Zoom offers a 'live' voting function, as our Constitution requires all Members present at the AGM be able to vote. The issues to be decided by vote are outlined in the Notice.

Postponing the AGM is not a decision taken lightly. Good governance demands that Committee is answerable to the membership and the AGM is (usually) the only forum in which Committee members are available for an open question and answer session. Whilst not ideal, the Zoom online meeting will at least provide all Members with an opportunity to participate. Further details about how the meeting will be conducted will be made available closer to the event.

Regards

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