

Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.



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Special Newsletter-March 2020

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

A special committee meeting was held tonight, Wednesday 18th March, to discuss the implications of the Covid-19 (Corona Virus) - the subsequent Federal Government directions to the wider community; and their likely impact on the Society's operations and membership.

The following decisions were made and apply forthwith:-

- The proposed **Bundaberg Triennial Visit has been cancelled**; this has been conferred with the Bundaberg Orchid Society. All members who have paid towards this trip will receive full refunds and are advised to contact Sandra Rowcliffe phone 0438 130 360 or email svpsli@bigpond.net.au with their bank details so refunds can be deposited directly into your accounts.
- **The forthcoming Autumn Show** has been **cancelled** – in consideration of the risk to members, the vast majority who are in the high-risk categories, and that most of our attendees are also in those groups. There was the likely hood of very low attendance if it proceeded – the committee believes that this is the only logical course of action. Consideration was also given when making these decisions where many other orchid societies have already cancelled or are in the process of cancelling their forthcoming shows.
- With respect to the continuance of **Monthly meetings**, it was also decided to **cancel the next four meetings – MARCH, APRIL, MAY AND JUNE**. This decision will be reviewed in June and members will be informed accordingly as required.
- Likewise the **Growers Group Meetings are cancelled** immediately, including the upcoming meeting to have been held at the Humbles. Again, our members' safety is paramount.
- **No Monthly newsletters** will be published in **April and May** as there would be insufficient content. Sandra will publish a June newsletter to advise members when our operations will recommence. We hope all of our members and their families will not be affected health wise with this pandemic .

Jeffrey Bloxson

President