



President's Report 15 March 2020

Dear Quilters' Guild of South Australia members

We find ourselves currently challenged with decisions that need to be made regarding Guild meetings, workshops, conferences and affiliated group gatherings in order to minimise COVID-19 risk factors for our members, many of whom might be considered at higher risk than the general population.

In line with guidance from health officials in response to this situation, that organisations limit non-essential, organised public gatherings, the Executive Committee has formulated our Guild's response. This decision was made after careful consideration, with the health and safety of Guild members being our top priority.

Effective immediately

- Guild meetings will be cancelled until further notice
- The monthly Sit and Sew Days will be postponed until further notice
- The leadership conference (that was postponed from November's catastrophic day) will again be postponed.
- Scheduled workshops will be postponed (dates to be advised)
- We recommend that affiliated group gatherings/meetings also be cancelled

At this stage we are unable to identify how long our response might last. We need to be mindful that future Guild events may also be affected by government health warnings. At this stage we hope to have a clearer picture by May and at that time we will reassess our response and advise you of any decisions made.

The Guild's Patches newsletter will be mailed out to all members in early April.

The Guild's AGM is scheduled for May but, again, whilst we are unable to confirm whether or not it will need to be postponed, it is more than likely.

Please be mindful that this is an evolving situation and that keeping our members informed will be our priority. We will advise all members by email, but please check our website and Facebook page for quick access to updated information.

If you know of any members who do not check their emails regularly, nor have an email address, please could you ensure that the information in this email is shared with them.

Finally, we understand that patchwork and quilting is an important social event for many of us. We are in the difficult position of not wanting to overreact but nor do we want to put anyone at risk.

Finally, please refer to the official Dept of Health website as your source of information. The information is updated daily.

<https://www.health.gov.au/>

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

Kind regards

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