

**CMCA Statement – Coronavirus/COVID-19**

**18 March 2020**

The board and management wish to further inform members of the effects that COVID-19 will have on our Club. The health and well-being of members, volunteers and staff of CMCA is paramount and remains our first priority. As the virus is more likely to have a greater effect on a vast number of our members due to age and/or pre-existing medical conditions, we feel it is appropriate to take this further step sooner rather than later.

Acting on advice from the Government and health authorities, we have made the decision to suspend all chapter and special interest group (SIG) meetings till at least the end of June. We will continue to monitor the situation and advise again, in a timely manner, should further suspension be required.

We are going through unprecedented times, with the Government now saying it could last for at least six months.

We continue to ask members to abide by all guidelines that have been established regarding self-isolation, social-distancing and when and how to seek medical advice/treatment – for more information please refer to <https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>.

We will keep you informed as much as possible, so please keep an eye out for our social media, website or electronic communication posts. Thank you for your cooperation in assisting to bring this virus under control.

Kim Atkinson   Richard Barwick

Chairman   CEO