

Postponement of RU21/22

Brothers and Sisters

The meeting of the national executive and state presidents on the evening of 4 August 2021 voted to postpone RU21 until 4,5 and 6 Nov 2022. The activity will now be called RU22 and the RU clock is reset with the next RU being 24.

This has not been a decision made lightly. All considerations such as further outbreaks, the financial impost on members if they are forced into 2 week hotel quarantine, possible loss of jobs and lively hood, loss of deposits for accommodation due to lack of notice, and flight fares where considered.

The committee have spoken to the **Mercure Ballarat Lodge and Best Western Plus Ballarat Suites** on behalf of all members, they have locked in and moved all bookings and assured us of the below.

1. Locked in 4,5 and 6 Nov 22,
2. Move all current bookings to these dates.
3. The prices quoted will not change.
4. If people who have already paid for their accommodation direct to the venue and are not able to attend in 22 they will receive a refund. All they ask is that the person who booked it being for themselves or a group initially be the one who amends the bookings.
5. If the member who made the initial booking for a group decides not to attend next year, they are to contact the venue and let them know the details of the member now responsible.

Members who have booked at other venues will need to contact them direct and rearrange their bookings.

There are other financial ramifications if this decision is not made now, such as:

1. The 50% deposit that we must pay at the end of August. This is not the local venues decision but their higher HQ.
2. As orders for T Shirt's, Stubby coolers and RU patches need also be submitted by early September. If this decision was not made now, we would still have to honour these orders if placed.

Reimbursement of attendance and clothing funding.

If members who no longer wish to attend RU21/22 post this decision the member who initially contacted Sven, the RU Treasurer is to again contact him using the info on the attendance spread sheet and organise any reimbursements. Whether it be for their state, SB on an individual.

To avoid any confusion or angst Sven has asked that **only** the person who initially sent him the payment and spread sheet be the only member who contacts him.

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President of the RU21/22

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