

## **A Memo from Our Chairlady Joan Rhodes,**

**8<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**To all Area Reps. Chairman and Secretary's  
Regarding KentAra Clubs Monthly Meetings, and other locally organised Events.**

**Dear KentAra, Area Representatives, Club Chairman, and Secretary's,**

**Due to the escalating nature of the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus nCoV) virus outbreak, and the projections that the peak of infections have yet to be reached, we would like you to consider as the leaders of your KentAra Club, the possibility for the need to organise 'Rolling Postponements' of your 'Monthly Meetings', (and perhaps other planned events), and create a system whereby you can 'Cascade' this information amongst, and through your membership on an ongoing basis.**

**Also, we think it ill advised to wait for members 'not to turn up' to Monthly Meetings, before 'Postponing' later meetings, because of low attendances.**

**Where there is contention, or denial about the serious nature of the situation, may we also suggest that you consider putting any decision on whether to push forward a 'Monthly Meeting' to a forthcoming month, (or other planned events), to a 'Vote' by your committee, so that the potential gravity of the situation is not borne by one individual alone.**

**Please be aware the Halls or Rooms you use for your meetings, can be used by many hundreds of other people before you have your meeting, and that alongside the other inter-personal interactions that your members have with each other, and others unknown, significantly raises the risk (through probability in an epidemic situation), of them coming into contact with the Coronavirus.**

**If you are aware of any members who have come back from an overseas holiday, please ask them not to attend your 'Monthly Meeting' until 14 days have elapsed after their return, without any symptoms of ill health.**

**Please be aware that we are sending you this advisory out of concern for the age group within KentAra.**

**The goal has to be that none of our Club members succumb to the Coronavirus at all, and failing that; no member who does contract it, then subsequently spreads it to other Club members.**

**Yours Ever,**

**Joan Rhodes ChairLady, KentAra**