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Health and Safety update on Coronavirus

To ensure the health and wellbeing of our community, Blazing Swan is closely monitoring the situation and has been consulting with all event stakeholders to provide you with an update regarding our event and COVID-19.

The Western Australian health system is well prepared to manage infectious disease situations and has well established systems and processes in place. The risk of COVID-19 to the WA community remains low.

We understand that media reports can be conflicting and confusing and recommend that accurate updates of the latest information on the COVID-19 outbreak, that is specific to Western Australia, can be obtained via the Department of Health via the link below.

<https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus>

Precautions outlined by WA Health remain the same for our event. There are currently no plans to cancel mass gatherings in Western Australia and after careful consideration we are still going ahead with the Blazing Swan 2020 as planned. We will provide our community with any updates that may have a direct effect on our event in line with our principle of Civic Responsibility.

International Travelers should seek advice specifically relating to the countries they are travelling through to see if health screening or a self-isolation period is required. Our medical team has developed action plans if patients matching the COVID-19 suspicion criteria present to medical base during the event.

The best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is by practicing good hand hygiene and sneeze/cough etiquette. This includes:

- Frequently washing your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or
- Using an alcohol-based hand gel
- Refraining from touching mouth and nose
- If coughing or sneezing, covering your nose and mouth with a paper tissue or flexed elbow – dispose of the tissue immediately after use and perform hand hygiene, and
- Avoiding close contact with anyone if you, or they, have a cold or flu-like symptoms (maintain a distance of at least 1 meter).

For the event itself and in response to COVID-19, Blazing Swan will be providing additional hand washing and sanitising facilities, however we do ask that in accordance with the principle of Self Reliance that all participants bring their own hand sanitiser and extra rolls of toilet paper.

Below you'll find additional information from Dr Stu, our Medical Team Lead on specific quarantine requirements for those who have travelled international or planning to travel from overseas for Blazing Swan.

I thank you for your support and assistance with this matter, we will continue to monitor the situation and where/when needed, provide further guidance through our website and social media channels as the situation evolves.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vida Barrett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Vida Barrett
Chairperson, Blazing Swan Incorporated



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Blazing Swan exists only because of its members, and the wider community that believes and participates in its ideals. As such the people of Blazing Swan are the most important thing and we want to make sure their health is protected. In the current climate of a global pandemic, with the international spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and the COVID-19 disease it causes, we must all be on our guard to protect ourselves and each other.

Therefore, after careful consideration of the risks, we must ask anyone who has travelled internationally in the 14 days prior to Blazing Swan (ie after 25 March) to consider whether they need to self-quarantine and consider excluding themselves from Blazing Swan.

IF you have travelled to higher risk countries in this time period (list <https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert#travellers-and-visitors>, at 10 march China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, but this is being updated frequently) you **MUST NOT** come to Blazing Swan unless you are symptom free after the quarantine period

IF you have travelled **ANYWHERE ELSE** outside Australia, you **MUST NOT** come to Blazing Swan if you have any symptoms of respiratory illness (cough, sore throat) OR if you have a fever, irrespective of respiratory illness.

If you have satisfied the quarantine requirements, and you are well, we welcome you with open arms.

IF you do have symptoms and a travel history within 14 days from symptom onset, you should self-quarantine and contact the Coronavirus Hotline 1800 020 080.

- Coronavirus FAQ - https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/~/_media/Files/Corporate/general%20documents/Infectious%20diseases/PDF/Coronavirus/coronavirus-faqs-6-Feb.pdf
- Other Coronavirus links <https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus>

We will be publishing more guidance on this as the situation evolves. The BSMC and the Committee are working together to deliver an awesome and healthy Blazing Swan 2020.

Love to you all

Dr Stuart McLay
Medical Lead, Blazing Swan Medical Corps
on behalf of the Blazing Swan Organising Committee.