



The Australian Carriage Driving Society Inc.

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Dear Members

50th Anniversary Celebrations

Federal Council has recently been advised by Longwood Carriage Driving Club that they have cancelled all arrangements to host the ACDS 50th Festival of Carriage Driving at Longwood.

As a result, Federal Council considered the ongoing Covid situation which has seen lockdowns in four States of Australia over the past few weeks some of which are ongoing without an end date in sight. The lockdowns have resulted in border closures in almost every State of Australia. All members will be aware that there is a major push for Covid vaccines around Australia and there is the suggestion that Covid will continue to have an effect on the population until at least the majority of Australian's are vaccinated.

It has been Federal Council's position all along that championships should not be held unless all members in Australia are able to attend, whether they wish to or not. The 50th celebrations fall into this category.

Council also discussed whether any other State was able to step in to hold the 50th celebrations and Council understands that it would be difficult for another State to step in given the short timetable and ongoing uncertainty around Covid.

Regrettably and as a result of the above, Federal Council has reached the difficult decision to cancel the celebrations.

Federal Council is working on alternative ways to acknowledge and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ACDS.

Yours sincerely

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Federal President