

SYDNEY VIDEO MAKERS CLUB

ACTIVITIES UPDATE FOR MEMBERS

INTRODUCTION

You are well aware of the impact that Covid-19 restrictions and requirements are having on businesses and other organisations. Our Club is no exception.

Team activity is essential to conduct of our main interest, Video Production. The very Intention of Covid-19 self-isolation work against face to face Team Activity. Restricting the Team by barring compact indoor locations and human contact, criteria frequently required for a shoot. The overall effect is to almost totally inhibit shoot activity.

As your President I asked the Club Management Committee to consider how best we might operate to sustain our very existence as a Club until Covid_19 is acceptably behind us.

MEETINGS

We have relied on Focus and Club night meetings at the Dougherty Centre (DC) for group cohesion, hands on sessions with our technology and some face to face contact. Teams also meet at other locations of their choice to plan their shoots.

As one might expect of a Local Government Organisation the Willoughby Shire Council (WSC) is adhering strictly to the Isolation guidelines issued by the NSW Gov.

We did successfully complete a required Covid_19 Safety Plan and applied to use the facilities for Club meetings. Despite acceptance the isolation provisions we had to accept made it impracticable to meet at the DC. We were not even able to access our projection equipment.

We have continued with meetings using Zoom. Virtual meetings work quite well in pulling people together for a chat but preclude any hands on activity. After a number of these style meetings we are finding it very difficult to find subjects of practical interest to Members.

FINANCIAL

Our financial status is sound. Our only real expenditures are associated with hiring accommodation for meetings at DC, liability Insurance and occasional repairs to Club Equipment. Since there are no meetings there is almost no expenditure.

CLUB MANAGEMENT

September each year we hold our AGM. Main business is to elect the management committee for at least the next twelve month period. This year the AGM will need to be an informal virtual session.

PROPOSAL

After consideration of the above factors the Committee decided to implement the following actions until a more definite Covid_19 recovery is evident.

1. The current Club Management Committee will remain in office.
2. Current Financial Member fees will remain current until at least July 2021. Any new membership fees will be evaluated at the time of joining.
3. Virtual Club meetings will continue to keep Members Informed and maintain a degree of social contact
4. Where practical "Outdoor Location" shoots will be organised and undertaken where reasonable isolation requirements can be maintained. These will most likely be "Club Team" shoots with media later distributed to interested members for edit participation.

CONCLUSION

As one might expect in the light of today's uncertain times and events we may not have addressed all of the points occurring to others. If you feel we have left out anything vital. Please feel free to write to me with your comments.

Remember "We are all in this together".

Signed President Sydney Video Makers Inc.
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