

ANNOUNCEMENT ON FUTURE NATIONAL CONVENTIONS FROM THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTIONS (ANSDC) BOARD Inc.

Due to the current Coronavirus pandemic, recent cancellation of two National Conventions and the uncertainty of timeframes for recovery, the ANSDC Board has been working towards a plan for Nationals over the next few years.

2021

The Darwin National was cancelled due to future uncertainty, giving dancers time to adjust their plans. There will be no National in 2021.

2022

This National was originally scheduled to be held in Adelaide. Due to a small dancer base in SA and the fact that they would rely heavily on dancers travelling and crossing borders, the committee have requested that the ANSDC Board look into alternative locations for 2022 to allow a state with a larger population of dancers to host this convention. This would allow for maximum attendance at our first convention coming out of the pandemic.

The ANSDC Board have understood and support the committee's request and have a working team investigating possible locations on the east coast and perhaps a modified format for our 2022 convention. Constant changes in Covid information and health and safety of dancers is top of mind and will make planning a challenge but we are confident that a National Convention will be held in 2022.

2023

Adelaide will now host the National Convention in 2023. Updated details will be communicated as the ANSDC Board and Adelaide convention committee work through the changes

Future conventions

NT and QLD are still planning on hosting conventions in the years ahead and the ANSDC Board will advise in due course of the relevant details and dates.

All of this is reliant on trends in infection reduction, National and State regulations/restrictions, effective suppression and vaccine development continuing in a positive direction.

Should there be a change in any of these circumstances, the ANSDC Board reserves the right to revisit the scheduling decisions based on the health and safety of dancers.

We certainly appreciate the disappointment in recent cancellations and uncertainty that clouds the future. The ANSDC Board were consulted and fully supported the decisions made by the Blue Mountains and Darwin committees in keeping our dancers safe.

The ANSDC Board acknowledges the important role that National Conventions play in the future of Square Dancing as well as the importance of keeping all dancers informed of decisions and relevant information as it comes to hand. More information will be made available as soon as plans develop for our future conventions.

If you have any questions regarding scheduling of Nationals, please direct them to:

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