



The  
**Waterhouse**  
Club

The Waterhouse Club Inc.  
Founded 1987  
An Association of the  
South Australian Museum

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Dear Members

### **Club Events and Expeditions Postponed Until Further Notice**

In December I wrote to you about the Club's vaccination requirements, notifying you that the Club will require all Members to be fully vaccinated before attending Club events, expeditions or other functions.

In the intervening weeks the Omicron Covid variant has been spreading rapidly in the community. Interstate experience suggests that we will continue to see exponential growth in the numbers of infections, and that while the variant seems to be milder than Delta it is more easily transmitted, and still has the potential to cause serious illness or death.

Your Committee believes that the virulence of Omicron variant creates a significant new risk, and the Club needs to review its approach to safeguarding Members in light of the changing circumstances.

As well, Brian Oldman, Museum Director has advised that staff have been requested to work from home wherever possible, school holiday programs and other SAM initiated events have been cancelled or postponed, although the Museum is still open to the public in accordance with State Government Covid safety protocols.

Consistent with the Museum's approach and protocols, your Committee advises that Club activities scheduled for early 2022 will be held in abeyance until the Covid situation becomes clearer.

Planned activities for 2022 and beyond are presented in the draft 'Expeditions and Events on the Horizon – January Issue' attached and whilst events and expeditions cannot be confirmed at present, you are still encouraged to express interest to assist us in future planning. We aim to be on the front foot as soon as it is safe to convene events and expeditions.

Your Committee will re-assess the situation mid-February and will keep you informed of the way forward at that time.

In the meantime the research and custodial work of the Museum scientists and staff continues, and your on-going support of the Waterhouse Club and the Museum is greatly appreciated.

We thank you sincerely for your understanding. Please do not hesitate to contact the Club office if you have any queries or would like further information.

Yours sincerely

**Professor Phillip Weinstein**  
**CLUB PRESIDENT**

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