



Dear Fellow Rotarians

It is with great sadness that I announce the cancellation of the Rotary District 9520 Conference scheduled for 26-29<sup>th</sup> March, 2020, due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

This decision was not made lightly but after many hours of anguished discussion between the conference committee, our insurance brokers the District Committee of Management and after receiving expert advice from health professionals.

The information provided to the committee was such that the risk to Rotarians, the Mildura community and the wider community was unacceptable to all concerned.

Financially, the committee is in the process of determining our liability and any refunds or partial refunds will be assessed once the final figures are known. Significant expenses have been incurred and we will not know the totals of these for some time. I know that you will be patient whilst the unravelling occurs and until the committee finally understands our financial losses.

This is a very distressing situation and I can assure you that the committee agonised before deciding that the conference must be cancelled. The preparation and hard work that everyone has done does not compare with the need to ensure each Rotarian's health and wellbeing

Please be assured that we will be in contact with those Rotarians who have registered over the next few weeks in order to provide additional information.

Tim Klar

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Klar".

District Governor

14.3.20