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Dear friends,

I am writing to let you know our current thinking about holding a convention in 2021, on the weekend of 1 – 4 October 2021.

We see three possibilities:

1. the convention would go ahead as previously advised, with international visitors and speakers. For this to happen, we would need to have all travel restrictions lifted within Australia and from overseas, social distancing restrictions significantly eased or removed, and limitations on numbers at indoor functions eased;
2. the convention would go ahead, but limited to Australian attendees, ie it would be more like a Get Together than a convention. For this to happen, we would need to have all travel restrictions lifted within australia, social distancing restrictions significantly eased or removed, and limitations on numbers at indoor functions eased. It might be possible to include New Zealanders if a “travel bubble” is approved; or
3. the convention would not go ahead in 2021.

We do not yet have a clear idea about whether or when the restrictions will be lifted, and we will need to make a firm decision about whether to go ahead **no later than the end of March**. I am sorry we cannot give you a decision at present, but I want to assure you we have not given up hope yet.

It is also unclear whether it would be possible or worthwhile to hold a convention if some restrictions remain in place. We will examine this over the next couple of months.

If option 2 becomes possible, we would need to make major changes to the program we have previously advised, and our convention committee have started discussing what alternatives might be possible.

I will keep you informed of progress, if any, in the next few months. If it is not possible to make a firm decision to proceed by the end of March, we will cancel all arrangements and let you know. In this case, the next convention is scheduled to be in Sydney in 2022.

Thank you all for your interest and support. Stay safe and well!

Max Holmes
Convenor
Succulenticon 2021