

Dear Rowing Colleagues,

Distributed to RWA Board & Staff, Club Presidents (and head coaches), WAIS, IGSSA and PSA Schools

Following the announcement by Scott Morrison last night encouraging workers that can work from home to do so, Rowing WA staff will be primarily working from home as of Thursday 26 March 2020. In line with other Government requirements outlined in the same address, the RWA function room has been closed and future functions cancelled. Rowing WA will also be locking the toilets and showers at Canning Bridge due to the higher COVID-19 transmission potential of these wet areas.

If you missed the Prime' Minister's address, the key points are available from our [COVID-19 Updates](#) webpage

RWA staff working from home will have full working capacity via remote server access and laptop computers. If you wish to contact any staff, please do so via their email or mobile phone listed below:

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The RWA Board is also meeting tonight to discuss recent Government announcements the impact on various aspects of our business and the sport more broadly. Any relevant information from this meeting will be circulated tomorrow.

Rowing WA is also working with other states and Rowing Australia on some indoor rowing initiatives to supplement the fantastic programs that many clubs and schools have already put into place. I thank all of those clubs/schools that have allowed members to take home ergo's to continue their training but more importantly, provide some mental stimulation through this period of isolation.

If you still have any ergo's that you are willing to loan or rent to other members of the rowing community, please let RWA know and we can promote these opportunities through our social media channels.

These are challenging times for us all, but through adversity we need to look for opportunity. Once this virus breaks, sport will play an integral role in assimilating people back into the community. After being isolated for what may be an extended period, people will be looking for ways to engage with our natural environment once again, and possibly more than before. Rowing will be able to help people fill that void for social, physical and mental stimulation. So although the short-term path ahead will be difficult, with good financial planning, innovative member engagement strategies and a clear and targeted 'post covid-19' engagement campaign we will come out the other side of this pandemic using the resilience and strength of character that rowing builds within us, to bounce back as quickly as possible and to support each other and our communities in doing the same thing.

Don't take silly risks. Stay safe and look after your families, especially those more vulnerable to this virus and please reach out if RWA can provide any support through this period.

Regards

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