

## Adelaide Nash Hash - Postponed

The Adelaide Nash Hash Committee has been closely monitoring the likely impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Nash Hash and has concluded that the risks are too great to guarantee being able to hold a safe and successful Nash Hash in March 2021. A recent informal Adelaide Nash Hash '21 Facebook Group poll clearly supported postponing Nash Hash with 173 of you in favour versus 14 against.

The Committee has now decided to postpone Adelaide Nash Hash by almost eight months to the:  
**5<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2021.**

An early decision was required to allow advance notice to those about to make bookings for their Adelaide visit. We were also due to place orders for other goods and services but will now defer those payments for about 8 months. We are well placed financially and almost all registration money is in our bank account or term deposit. Our bank interest earnings have covered most of our costs so far.

Aussie international border and travel restrictions still apply and these may not change until a vaccine is available. Some 45 registered overseas Hashers are unlikely to be able to fly in by March 2021. State borders still have no defined opening dates and may not all be open by March. Stringent restrictions (for example, no drinking and dancing at the same event!) have been placed on large gatherings in Adelaide and these cannot be held without approval. Advance approval is not an option and last-minute refusal would be a disaster.

Postponing Nash Hash to November 2021 will allow more time for things to settle down, leading to reduced restrictions and a safer event. Hopefully a COVID-19 vaccine will be widely available by then!

If the new dates do not suit you then your first option is to sell your registration. The cheaper rego prices are no longer available so you should recover 100% of the price you paid. When we have had sufficient time to establish likely numbers of attendees and adjust the budget accordingly, we may be in a position to offer registration refunds if you find you cannot attend. Unfortunately, we cannot compensate for any loss in accommodation or travel costs.

We currently have 852 fully paid registrations, although some still may not be able to come in November 2021. Due to limited numbers of local volunteers and other constraints, we have decided to limit the number of those attending Adelaide Nash Hash to a maximum of 900. The largest Aussie Nash Hash so far was Croc Hash with just under 800.

We've heard that some of you may come to Adelaide anyway in March (and hopefully in November as well!). If sufficient numbers do, we'll organise a special weekend run for you.

Central Coast (NSW) is still keen to host Nash Hash in 2023. Rather than waiting until November, Adelaide has agreed to announce the 2023 winning bid in March 2021 so that the winner has a full 2 years to plan their event. So far Central Coast is the only bidder. Please submit any other bids before March 2021 to allow time for a GM vote by email if required.

We are all keen to get back to a near-normal life and are eagerly waiting for the relaxation of current restrictions. In November '21 we plan to hold the same great Nash Hash at the Adelaide Goal we previously planned for March '21. We hope you'll all be there.

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