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Dear Members

I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your feedback regarding the Annual Scientific Meeting. There were a wide range of views expressed and I thank you for taking the time to offer your thoughts and suggestions.

Your Board met on Friday last week to work through all scenarios in order to make a considered evaluation about the delivery of the meeting. We are aware that some members remain hesitant about domestic travel and we recognise that current guidelines mean that colleagues from New Zealand will need to quarantine upon their return.

We also recognise that the meeting is one of our most important collegial activities each year. It is such a vital part of College life. We need to regroup, welcome our newest Fellows at the conferring ceremony, congratulate and acknowledge the hard work and achievements of our colleagues and recommence our professional networking in a face-to-face environment.

For this reason, we are committed to holding our on-site meeting in Adelaide. However, we are pleased to also be offering a post-event recording of the content from the meeting. This will include audio visual recordings of sessions taking place in the plenary as well as audio recording synchronised with the PowerPoint presentations from other sessions held outside of the plenary. This will ensure members who are not attending can still take in the scientific content of the meeting and can claim CPD points for their learning. E-posters will also be available.

Members who elect to take up this option will need to register, and more details about how to do this will be available shortly. The cost of the post-event recording material will be on par with the onsite registration price. This is to cover additional AV, production, logistic and administration costs, and recognises the value of the scientific content for CPD and learning purposes. Onsite attendees in Adelaide will also receive access to the post-event recordings as part of their registration package.

It has never been more important to feel connected, share ideas and experiences and support each other to continually drive change and innovation in dermatology. We need to engage with our industry supporters and importantly reconnect with the many patient and community support groups who will be joining us.

With borders opening and restrictions continuing to ease nationally, I look forward to meeting with as many of you as possible onsite in Adelaide.

Kind regards

Dr Clare Tait
President