



STATEMENT FROM THE RAS EXECUTIVE

18 MARCH 2020

Due to the unprecedented situation with Covid-19, the RAS Executive wish to ensure the health and wellbeing of the membership remains at the forefront of all decisions. It has therefore been decided to cancel the following events/meetings/seminars. The events were due to take place between April – June 2020. There may be the opportunity to reschedule some of these events in the future and this will be assessed monthly however for now the events are cancelled. Some decisions regarding AGM matters may be able to be done by email or Skype and that will be up to the District concerned. For any planned events from July onwards will depend on the information to hand at the time and we will advise accordingly.

Regarding the RAS Rural Ambassador Competition (entries close 31 March) and the Tri Nation Equestrian Youth Team (entries close 3 April) – these competitions will continue so please ensure if you are planning on entering you do so by the due date.

RAS Executive-District Meeting 18 April – CANCELLED

RAS Eastern District AGM 20 April – CANCELLED

RAS Western District AGM 22 April – CANCELLED

RAS Central District AGM 1 May – CANCELLED

RAS Mid Northern District AGM 8 May – CANCELLED

RAS Southern District AGM 9 May – CANCELLED

Royal A&P Golden Fleece Competition 9 May – CANCELLED

RAS Northern District AGM 10 May – CANCELLED

All RAS Measuring Seminars – CANCELLED

RAS Conference 20-21 June - CANCELLED

To those A&P Shows who have been affected and have cancelled their shows, we send our sympathies. It will have been a hard decision to make however the well being of your people and the wider population must take priority. If any A&P Show has financial difficulties as a result of their decision to cancel their show that may affect their ongoing ability to remain affiliated to the RAS, please contact RAS Head Office.

The A&P Showing Movement and their volunteers are a resilient group – we will come back from this but in the meantime keep safe and healthy.

For further information or any enquiries, please contact Debbie Cameron, RAS CEO debbie@ras.org.nz