

Monday 16th March

Good morning Clubs

As you will be aware, announcements made over the weekend by the Australian Government and The World Health Organisation (WHO) have now declared Coronavirus (COVID-19) as a pandemic.

We are closely monitoring the situation along with Netball Queensland and Netball Australia. The advice and updates are changing quickly, so please find below some links to key advice:

- **World Health Organisation:** <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>
- **Australian government:** <https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

Netball Queensland and Netball Australia have cancelled several of their upcoming events, and obviously our priority is the health and well-being of our Cairns netball community, players, volunteers and staff as COVID-19 becomes an increasing public health concern.

Given Covid-19 remains a situation with the potential to change rapidly, the latest advice provided is a ban on gatherings of 500 plus people.

CNA makes the following recommendations to our Clubs to lessen the consequences that may arise:

- **Monday 16th March - Club Training night at Cairns Netball Association courts cancelled**
- **Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th March Preseason week 2 – cancelled**

A decision on next week's training night and grading day carnival will be reviewed tonight and we will update you at the earliest opportunity.

A reminder that all player registration deadlines as per the Key Dates notified still apply.

Please if anyone associated with your Club is feeling unwell, they should refrain from playing and participating in any club activities immediately, seek medical advice and where appropriate, advise the Club of their absence. Anyone who are at high risk from a health perspective should follow the medical advice as per the links above.

Should you require any further information, please contact the Cairns Netball Association or the links provided above..