

## President's Message - 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### ANZSASI SEMINAR UPDATE

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Ladies and Gentlemen

Your Executive, in conjunction with our ANZSASI Seminar Organising Committee, conducted a telephone hook-up this morning to debate issues associated with the viability of the 2020 ANZSASI Seminar, planned for May this year.

We were unanimous that the current situation is so unpredictable and lacking in any form of certainty, that our only responsible option was to postpone the seminar until later this year.

I have spoken this afternoon with the President of the New Zealand Society and been informed that the New Zealand Government policy and subsequent travel bans, by both private companies and government agencies, would result in a total lack of their delegates to the Gold Coast. Our own delegates may be similarly impacted in due course.

We are currently attempting to reschedule our seminar to a period around October or November this year at the same location. It is a very fluid situation and we are exploring all options to maintain our seminar objectives. We believe that this early call will enable our membership to pause and reflect on where things are heading right now.

Our generous sponsors, to date, will be advised of this decision tomorrow and will hopefully maintain their support for us into the future. As a nation, we have experienced catastrophic events like this before. We will hopefully emerge from this crisis, both wiser and more resilient into the future.

I will update you as soon as possible of any substantial changes as they become apparent.

Until next time, stay safe (and at least one metre away from everybody else please!).

John Guselli  
President ASASI