



Ballot to approve deferral of the 2020 fotpin AGM for one year

Dear friends of The Pinnacle,

The Coordinating Committee is asking all members of Friends of The Pinnacle to vote to defer the 2020 AGM for a year. We are proposing this deferral because we feel it is unwise to call members together for an AGM during the current Covid-19 Pandemic.

Please consider the proposal outlined below and then lodge your vote, in favour or against, by email to secretary@fotpin.org.au. You may do this at any time but you are not required to lodge a vote earlier than 4th July (when you will have had the required 21 days' notice). **Votes will be tallied on 8th July.**

If, after consideration of the arguments, you have no firm view, please lodge an abstention with the secretary so that you are counted as part of the required quorum.

Why are we proposing a deferral?

Although the restrictions on public gatherings have eased somewhat in recent weeks, the requirement for “social distancing” remains, and the venues available to us for the AGM make this difficult. The eased restrictions have also raised the spectre of a resurgence of the Covid-19 virus in the community in coming weeks and perhaps a return of restrictions on public gatherings. Either way we are keen to avoid contributing to any risk of infection among our members.

We also formed the view that some of our members might be at increased risk from the Covid-19 virus and would be hesitant to attend an AGM, regardless of the level of restrictions in place. Not only would those members be denied the opportunity to participate in the meeting but it would make it more difficult than normal to reach the required quorum.

We considered the possibility of holding a virtual AGM (for example by using the Zoom video conferencing software) but decided that some members might also be uncomfortable with this and/or may find it difficult.

Utmost in our minds was ensuring maximum transparency of our governance while not disadvantaging members who may approach the risks associated with Covid-19 more carefully than some others.

We are therefore asking members to vote to approve the deferral of the 2020 AGM. We will follow a procedure similar to that required for making a change to the rules (which, in effect, is what deferring the AGM is), namely:

- Provide 21 days' notice of the proposal and the case for it before a vote is required.
- Require at least 10 members to lodge a vote.
- Require a majority of votes lodged to be in favour in order to carry the proposal.

The **FAQs** in the [attached file](#) attempt to explain the implications of the proposal to defer the AGM and how we believe that it maintains transparency of governance in line with the spirit of the Management Rules.

If you have further questions don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,
Warren Bond
Secretary

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