

Festival of Small Halls event cancelled



This afternoon, Monday 18th March, we received the following communique from the Woodford Folk Festival who is the organiser of the Festival of Small Halls.

Hello, dear friends,

Well - I think most of us knew it was coming, but we've officially made the call to cancel the rest of the tour. As devastating as it is - socially, financially, artistically and really, just because we won't get to see all your faces - at the end of the day, we can't risk that someone might get sick as a result of attending one of our shows. The stakes are too high on this one.

So it is with regret that we pass on the news to you - our event at our Hall on Saturday is cancelled.

Those of you who booked on line will receive a refund directly from Woodford. We ask those who purchased tickets from the Mandurang Post Office to go back to the Post Office so a cash reimbursement can be made.

Thank you to all who booked and planned to come.

Thank you to the members of the committee who have put in the ground work for the event, especially Anna Kelliher and Glenn Pomeroy who coordinate arrangements with Woodford each year.

We cannot be certain of the plans for another Festival of Small Halls in 2021 but we are certainly hoping for the festival to come to Sedgwick again.

Fire brigade news

Brigade competition season is underway. Sedgwick has two senior teams and a junior team (11-15 years) training and competing on Sundays and doing very well! District 2 Championships were to be at Goornong on 22nd March but have been cancelled. State Championships planned for Maroopna March 28-29 have also just been postponed due to the government advice against gatherings of 500 people or more.

As the fire season winds down, we'd like to thank the community for the lack of incidents in our area in what was an extraordinary summer and thank our members who went away to places in need such as Mallacoota, Batemans Bay, Swifts Creek and Corryong. Another thank you is in order for the One Tree Hill Hotel, which consistently raises funds for Sedgwick and Mandurang brigades.

We've currently got 7 new members training to

become fire fighters next season. If this is of interest to you please reply by email or drop in to the brigade at 9am any Sunday morning or 8pm on the first Tuesday of any month.

Please note that fire restrictions remain in place until 1st of May for Greater Bendigo area.

www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/northern-country-fire-district

Planned burns by Forrest Management Victoria and CFA have commenced and in the coming weeks, when it is safe to do so, will take place in the Dandenong Ranges at Mount Dandenong, Upwey and Olinda, and north of Melbourne around the Macedon Ranges and Bendigo. Planned burns are also scheduled for the south-west in Colac, Cressy and Camperdown and around townships along the Great Ocean Road.