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MEMBERS NOTICE

Due to the pandemic, our NSW activities have been greatly curtailed. All forms of gatherings have been restricted since the end of 2020. We were unable to hold committee meetings, an AGM, the Christmas party, or any other events in 2021 either. States other than NSW have been luckier and we are glad that our traditional social events have gone ahead thanks to the work of all the state representatives. This notice is to bring members up to speed on the administrative issues of the association which have required some adjustment.

Firstly, face to face meetings have been restricted but the committee has been working through the usual issues as they arise via email and on the phone. Due to the pandemic, issues have been fewer than normal. The maintenance of the Cultural Centre has continued, with general monthly cleaning and gardening as required. We have continued the annual bursary program. This year we have five new first year candidates and a similar number of second and third year candidates, completing their studies. We wish them well with their studies during these extraordinary times.

As you are aware, we waived the annual subscription for this calendar year as there were fewer events in 2020. We will however be resuming the collection of members' dues from January 2022.

Secondly, our 2020 AGM had to be cancelled and it appears that the 2021 AGM will be postponed indefinitely until the NSW lock down is eased. If we cannot hold one before 31 December, we will be required to formally apply to NSW Fair Trading for an extension. We will be reviewing this closely. Meanwhile, we are proceeding with our annual accounts audit which is now in progress.

The Financial accounts for 2019/20 were completed and audited on time and we include the relevant portions with this notice. The major item in these accounts, compared to the previous year, is the Encontro expenses, which included the subsidy from CCM in Macau and our Casa's contribution.

Questions in regard to the accounts can be directed to the Treasurer's email rozario@casademacau.org.au

Finally, this leads us to the composition of the committee. Without an AGM it has not been possible to vote on a new committee and a new president, as Antonieta has served the maximum five consecutive terms. As we have no provision to deal with this situation in our by-laws, the committee proposes that we maintain the status quo and continue with the existing committee members until the next AGM. We hope to be able to hold an AGM within the first quarter of 2022 but definitely before 30 June 2022. If not, the committee will endeavour to find a different solution.

Please contact any of the committee should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Committee - Casa de Macau Australia
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