

CORONAVIRUS AND 3BBRFM FUTURE BROADCASTING

A MESSAGE TO MEMBERS

The coronavirus pandemic is now acknowledged by governments across the Globe as being an existential threat in many communities. The rates of coronavirus infection and mortality continue to rise dramatically and governments, medical experts and the health practitioners are doing all that they can to prevent the virus from spreading and contain outbreaks. Critical strategies are for people to exercise "social distancing", frequent hand-washing, not attending workplaces if feeling unwell, and avoiding contact with "at-risk" people -especially those who have been overseas recently. Many "at risk" people are self-isolating or have been quarantined for 14 days to ensure they have not contracted the virus. Notwithstanding all of the measures taken to manage the pandemic, expert opinion is that there are likely to be a significant number of people with undetected infection in the community. This means that the risks of transmission of the virus to other people is increasing. Older people are particularly vulnerable.

Many organisations, public institutions, schools, companies and small businesses have been affected by the measures taken to control the virus and it has put enormous strain on our health care system and personnel.

At this stage, there is no end-point in sight.

It is in this context that the 3BBRFM Board has decided to take action to protect our presenters and volunteers as far as possible. The Board agreed that continuing with our live presenter broadcasting exposed the team of presenters and other volunteers to an unacceptable level of risk. For this reason we have decided to shift our broadcast on to our automated playlist system complete with sponsors messages and community service announcements and any pre-recorded programs. These will be updated on a regular basis.

These are difficult times for everyone which is why the Board has tried to ensure that no-one volunteering at the station will be put at risk.

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