

## AWU Annual Members Dinner

Dear Member,

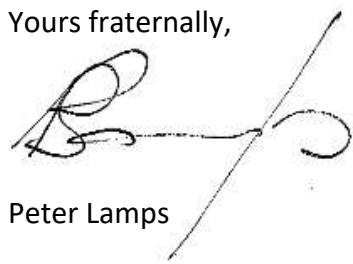
I take this opportunity in writing to you personally to give an explanation to a decision that I have had to make in relation to this year's Annual Member Dinner. At the time of writing I have determined that this year's Dinner, which is set for Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020 to be postponed to a time and date to be set for 2021. It is with a degree of sadness that I postpone this year's event given as I know our membership enjoy the evening with their Partners and Friends. Given current Covid 19 restrictions unfortunately it appears that even if the Auditorium is large enough attendees would be required to be seated at their allocated tables, they would be refrained from moving around to other tables to socialise and the Dance Floor itself would also be subjected to restrictions. As Members know the evening encourages socialising with attendees amongst other things. If the event went ahead this would need to be restrained significantly.

Further considerations also with respect to "High Risk Groups" are required as well as interstate guests and any local or interstate restrictions applying to them also which would impact their attendance. Lastly the Union is very conscious of the impacts if the event were to go ahead and post the event the unfortunate was to happen. Clearly the risk is too great given the number of people attending which generally hovers at 400 persons. As members would appreciate organising an event like this takes months of planning and preparation to ensure that the evening is a success. It would be foolhardy and a waste of resources in planning an evening knowing that it would not live up to our members expectations let alone invited guests and our sponsors expectations.

The AWU Annual Members Dinner is the largest Union event held on the South Australian Calendar a recognition of our Members support for their Union and I as Secretary do not wish to see such support tarnished by making a hasty and ill-conceived decision which could lead to a less than desirous outcome for our Members. I look forward to organising a "Special" Members Dinner for 2021 with the support of our Friends and Sponsors to acknowledge our Members understanding as to the decision needing to be made in 2020 and rewarding the support and loyalty in 2021 and beyond.

Thank you in advance for your understanding,

Yours fraternally,



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Branch Secretary

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