

Change of venue and change of date.

We have an alternative venue for this year, but it is a step backwards in terms of décor and facilities, including space and access. It's the only game in town currently.

It is the elderly Main Pavilion at the old Ballarat Showgrounds. It's a 100-year-old tin shed, with a concrete floor and a 2.5-meter head clearance for vehicles. (The roof is taller than that)

It's nowhere near the size of the Equestrian Centre. We can't have space between lengths of tables, so, Dealers will be in rows as per the Sports and Events Centre we used to use, and may have to walk through another Dealers area, in order to exit.

Freebees, such as re-enactment groups, will only be fitted in, if space is available. Space is tight.

Toilets are external to the building. The coffee cart and the food wagon, will be outside the building.

Following 10+ years of being constricted to the end of the second term school holidays, because of the availability of the Sports and Events Centre, we have decided to move the event to later in the year and, hope for better (warmer) weather.

Our Security person, from within the club, has now retired. We will now need to pay commercial rates to a local security firm, for that service. As a result, **table costs are to increase to \$70 per 1.8 (6ft) table. (Up \$20 per).**

We will post pictures of the venue and add more detail, via a link on this "News and Events Page"

Dealers who intend to book more than 5 tables (so 6 and up) will be contacted by the Ballarat Arms Sec to explain options.

Also please indicate if you intend to continue to support this event. Insufficient support means it will not go ahead.

Thank you. Nick Smith (Hon Sec) 0438 42 4433

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