

We are all currently experiencing a unique and rare situation with COVID-19, which is providing severe business interruptions and anxiety across various sectors and industries. We acknowledge and empathise with the many challenges faced by the Australian community.

The virus and its impact is affecting every person in Australia through the way we interact with each other. For people living with MND and their families, these are particularly troubling times, with the disease making them one of the more vulnerable populations if exposed to the virus. Our wish is for them to stay safe and well and keep fighting.

The global health issue of COVID-19 will greatly impact people with MND, their families & researchers around the world over the coming months. It is important now more than ever that our FightMND Army do not lose sight of the need to continue to fight the beast that is MND.

We need to continue to support world-leading MND research and researchers so they can continue their most important work to develop treatment options and ultimately a cure for this insidious disease.

Considering all the challenges that exist with COVID-19, we are still eagerly working towards delivering our campaigns and fundraising as originally planned.

Like everyone, FightMND is also facing a period of uncertainty in what has already been a difficult start to the year for us all.

When we began 2020, we had great expectations about what could be achieved this year, and we were incredibly excited about what the year held for FightMND.

The escalating events of recent weeks and the growing concern over the health and wellbeing of all has impacted the planning and execution of some of our own activity.

At the present time, the Big Freeze 6 Campaign is still in a state of uncertainty as the AFL has placed a temporary hold on the 2020 season. As a result the Queen's Birthday match and Big Freeze spectacular may be impacted.

The coming weeks and months remain very fluid, but as information becomes available and we can share with you what the remainder of 2020 looks like for FightMND, we will be in touch immediately as we value the contribution you, as key stakeholders make to our organisation and the fight against MND.

Yours sincerely,

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