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Dear League Member,

**Re: Physical Shutdown as of 0001 hrs 23 March 2020**

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the decision to cease face to face activities in the Australian Air League from 0001 hrs, 23 March 2020 in light of the continuing COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) situation. Details about the shutdown can be found in Federal Standing Order 02/2020, dated 17 March 2020.

It has become apparent that to continue face to face operations under current Government restrictions, particularly around social distancing, have become increasingly difficult. I also acknowledge that many members and their parents have become uncomfortable with physical meetings. Whilst the official shutdown does not come into effect until 23 March 2020, units have the option to not meet before this.

I want you to know that this decision has not been taken lightly. As far as I am aware this is the first time the Air League as a whole has had to cease physical operations in its 86 year history.

I want to point out that whilst we may not be meeting physically, we still continue as an organisation. It is important that we stay in contact with each other, and that members continue to self study at home.

The decision to cease face to face activities will be reviewed on 20 April. Members will then be informed of the result of this review.

The Australian Air League as an organisation has been through hard times before and we have pulled through and I'm sure we will do so again. If you have any questions, I encourage you in the first instance to ask your immediate superior officer. I am also happy to answer member queries directly.

Finally, please feel free to distribute this open letter to parents and members who may not have received it directly.

Yours faithfully

James Dixon MSA  
Chief Commissioner  
17 March 2020