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To all Cadets, Officers, Associate members, Parents, friends and supporters of the Australian Air League, Victoria Group.

These times are hard for everyone and especially for our Cadets and their families, so it is with a sad heart that the Victoria Group has decided that for the wellbeing of our members, and their families, to cancel all remaining Group Headquarters run face to face activities for the remainder of 2021. This does not include Q Store or GHQ operations.

We are however exploring new and innovative ways to interact with every member in Victoria.

A very productive, online, Group Council was conducted last Saturday afternoon, and I am pleased to let you know some of the outcomes.

Group Council will be online for the remainder of this year, and we may even continue this in the future. Our meeting will be split into two parts, with an informal meeting held first, which will include all Officer Commanding Wings and Group Staff holding a meeting. This will be a great way for Officer Commanding Wings to pass on information from their Wing Council meeting. At the close of this meeting the formal Group Council will continue.

All senior NCO's will be invited, with their OC's consent, to an online forum with the aim of developing how our future events and activities for this year and 2022 can become an enjoyable experience for everyone.

The Officer Commanding Squadrons will be invited to an online forum replacing the OC's conference.

Training - NCO training will move to online with programs run by the Group Training Officer, so watch this spot. Officer training will also take place online and be open to all who wish to take part.

Did you know the Federal Field Commissioner exempted all members who are affected by being unable to complete the practical component to still be promoted and gain Field badges by only completing and passing the theory component of exams? It just means you complete and pass the practical component later once your Squadron meets again face to face.

We have asked a couple of Squadrons using the help of their cadets to replace this years Sports Day with live online competitions. Can you feel it the excitement it is building, can your Squadron beat the other Squadrons?

The Avalon Air Show was cancelled but, hey, the AAL Air Show will replace it and be held as an online event please give us time to work on it.

Also, please don't worry that last years Australian Air League Review was cancelled - we are thinking of ways we can challenge other Groups online.

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Cadet of the Year 2021 will go ahead, we will keep you informed of the details as soon as we can.

Lastly, have you heard the rumour - next years Group Review is being held at Avalon Airport and in a hanger?

We hope you agree that all of the above initiatives are exciting and will help us develop the Group and especially our **CADET** members. Remember the Air League is a disciplined, uniformed but **FUN** Organisation and you all play a very important role in its future.

Be involved and watch out for future advices

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. O'Brien', written in a cursive style.

Gregory O'Brien  
Group Executive Commissioner  
Victoria Group  
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