

MEMORANDUM



To	Member States		
From	AusDBF Board		
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2021 is looking to be an exciting year with numerous projects being launched and trialled. One really popular idea discussed with Members at the AusDBF General Meeting held on 22 November 2020, is to run a post Covid dragon boat festival to reconnect the dragon boat community in a fun, relaxed, social environment.

Four States have indicated an interest in hosting this alternative event. They are currently gathering further information and putting together ideas about the types of races, age groups, distances etc. that will maximise the aims of a National Festival Event.

At the aforementioned General Meeting, AusDBF announced they had received notification from DBWA regrettably advising they would be unable to host the 2021 Australian Championships which were scheduled for Champion Lakes in April (15-19).

"Hi John, met with the board who last week were cautiously optimistic but now the vote is to cancel AusChamps. Financial risk to members, us and AusDBF is too high. Also risk to members if it does go pear shaped and stuck here for 2 weeks in quarantine. Cheers Barb".

With 2021 AusChamps now unable to proceed, we have a great opportunity for a different event to be held next year. AusDBF is keen to get your initial reaction to holding this event. To this end, AusDBF has created a short survey seeking feedback from the clubs as to whether there is an appetite to participate in a National Festival Event. Below is the link to the short survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021NatFestival-revised>

Survey will close midnight **Sunday 29 November**

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