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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE • 15 March 2020 McLaren Vale Vintage & Classic 2020 cancelled.

In its most recent (15.03.20) Coronavirus (COVID-19) health alert, the Australian Government has advised that, effective from Monday 16 March, organised, non-essential gatherings should be limited to 500 people.

As a consequence, we are left with no alternative other than to cancel the McLaren Vale Vintage & Classic 2020.

This step has been taken with heavy heart but full awareness of the need to ensure public safety at an event that was anticipated to draw in excess of 15,000 local, South Australian and interstate visitors to the Grand Parade on McLaren Vale Main Street on Sunday April 5, 2020.

Event Chairman Trevor Sharp said, "For this year, we have received record entry levels of classic cars and motorcycles that would have paraded down the Main Street of McLaren Vale. Sadly, we have had no other choice but to cancel the event."

"Wineries have geared up to welcome entrants and visitors as this is one of their major tourism events. They are of course disappointed but understand that this was our only and realistic option".

Trevor Sharp commented that: "A primary goal of McLaren Vale Vintage & Classic, now in its 15th year, is to raise funds for the McLaren Vale and District Hospital, CFS McLaren Vale and CFS McLaren Flat units and, this year, the Southern Koala Rescue. It will be doubly disappointing if our charitable goals are not met due to events beyond our control."

Owners of classic cars and motorcycles who have already paid their entrance fee will have the option to request the Committee to pass on the funds to any of the three fundraising beneficiaries already nominated with the event. Refunds are also an available option. Both options must be channelled via email at info@vintageandclassic.com.au