

Sheep Connect

Important Information

2.7.21



Thank you to all members who attended the recent committee meeting. Sheep Connect has been very well subscribed. We have approx. 250 trade sites, a ram sale (as estimated) approx. half the normal size (at 27 pens) plus a fantastic conference program.

We are still awaiting news from the Victorian Government, expected on July 7 regards restriction levels. All being well, we need your help.

We require at least 25 COVID marshals at all times at the venue. We are requesting our members to take on the role of COVID marshal. The role of a COVID marshal is quite simple, you do not have to confront anyone not following protocols, you cannot enforce patrons to do anything.

Excerpt from DHHS website

COVID Marshals are responsible for monitoring an event's compliance with their COVID Event Plan or Checklist. They play a vital role in supporting staff and attendees of the event to follow COVIDSafe Principles including entry screening, physical distancing, personal protective equipment (PPE), workplace bubbles, hygiene, cleaning and record-keeping requirements.

COVID Marshals must be at least 18 years of age and must have a good understanding of the COVID Event Plan. They should also be easily identifiable and visible during the event, for example, wearing a high-vis vest or bright T-shirt with COVID Marshal text.

The COVID Marshal must undergo basic infection control awareness training. You can find examples of this training at the Victorian Department of Health COVID-19 Infection Control Training page or the Skills Victoria website.

You will be designated an area, for example; Shakespeare St gate, you will ask people to check in with the QR code. Make sure the hand sanitiser is replenished, advise the Office if the area is becoming congested, ensure any pieces of equipment or surfaces are sprayed with sanitiser regularly, hand out masks if a patron requests one. Each area will have slightly different requirements and tasks will vary but this is the general list.

No one can enforce people to wear masks or follow protocols except the Police who will be on site.

If you are willing to act as a COVID marshal you must complete the free training here (it take 1-1.5hrs) <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covid-19-infection-control-training#registration> you need to make an account and then select **Infection Control Training - COVID 19** there are a heap of different kinds. You don't need to do health care and aged care modules. When done **print certificate** and give it to the Office for their records.

We also require:

- Helpers at some of the gates, mostly for exhibitor access during the event
- Help tagging power leads pre event
- Help setting up at the working bees pre event and post event
- Help during the conference
- Help getting publications and bags ready for the conference (week prior)
- Cleaning of sheds prior to main working bee day

Main working bees

Weds July 28 start 8.30am

Tasks

- set up ram sale
- set up dividers for traders
- make sure sheds are cleaned out
- Hang banners
- Hang signage
- Put up temporary fence for traders car park
- Set up gate areas
- Set up conference areas
- Collect straw and put out for rams and traders
- Put out trestles and other equipment

Pack up working bee August 4 start 8.30am

Prior to commencing the July working bee a 15 minute induction around COVID safe protocols will be taken and volunteers need to sign an induction form.

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