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It is with extreme disappointment that we are writing to you today to inform you that the Hills Rodeo has been cancelled for 2021.

We received advice this week from the Department of Health advising that our event could not proceed as planned due to restrictions that were brought in as part of the changes introduced in January by the Department of Health. The changes to the restrictions had not been communicated out to our committee despite the event being registered on the Department of Health Events website and having received approval from the City of Armadale's Environmental Health Officers.

The main restriction that has had a devastating impact on our event, is the maximum capacity of the event being restricted to 1500 patrons due to the Live Entertainment.

The Executive Committee and Rodeo Management Committee have been working tirelessly to review the situation. The main reasons why we have made the hard decision to cancel are:

1. The reduction in patrons from 5000 to 1500, would ensure that the event would have run at a significant financial loss as the overhead costs for running the event remained the same, which a not-for-profit organisation cannot afford.
2. The Department of Health has no visibility on when or if the restrictions for events would be altered or lifted.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank our volunteers on the Rodeo Management Committee for their hard work and dedication in getting the planning for the event to the point it is.

We appreciate how disappointing this decision will be for you. Lots of hard work went into planning for the Hills Rodeo in 2021, so this allows us to be prepared for what 2022 brings.

We appreciate the love and support shown by the Community towards the Hills Rodeo and we hope that when we are back in 2022 that everyone comes along to support us and all the businesses and community group that make our event such a success.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Rodeo Manager, Daryl Dawes, via email at rodeomanager@hillsrodeo.com.au.