

## MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE:</b> 28 February 2018	<b>STATUS:</b> High
<b>TO:</b> All Members	<b>FROM:</b> Gymnastics New Zealand
<b>CC:</b>	<b>ATT:</b>
<b>RE: Nationals date change</b>	<b>NOTE:</b>

Dear Members,

Gymnastics New Zealand (GNZ) is now at the end of the feedback period relating to the proposed Nationals date change.

At its February meeting, the GNZ Board received all additional information and submissions from the community (SDCs, clubs). After lengthy consideration and debate, the Board accepted the recommendation to move the Gymnastics National Championships to the July school holidays from 2020.

This decision was not taken lightly. All feedback was seriously considered and balanced against the varying needs of our gymnastics communities, together with the need to achieve our short, medium and long-term strategic objectives as set out in our Strategic Plan and mandated by you, our members.

There were a number of concerns identified from the consultation process. The discussions identified that while these were of significant importance, we believe that these can be overcome and that, on balance, any short-term issues are far outweighed by the longer-term benefits of the change.

The next step is to look deeper into these challenges and work closely with the community to identify and implement solutions that create minimal disruption to clubs and our sports.

We recognise that this is a significant project and for it to be successful, your input will be both valuable and essential.

With this in mind, a project plan will be developed and circulated by the end of May 2018. The plan will outline all the stages of this project including, the development of working groups containing members of the community whose expertise in sport codes, events, club management and other areas, will be an essential element in the development of the transition plans.





GNZ is committed to making this transition as smooth as possible and ensuring that the community is kept involved and informed throughout the whole process.

Further communication regarding the project plan and timelines will be released at a later date.

The white paper summarising community feedback can be found on the GNZ website.

<https://www.gymnasticsnz.com/member-updates/proposed-date-change-calendar-events/>

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