



SCSA Newsletter – AGM 2021 Information

October 2021

Dear Members and fellow shell collectors,

This letter is to provide you with fresh information regarding our upcoming 2021 Annual General Meeting. It's been a while since our last one (1 June 2019 to be exact), and in preparation the Committee met on the 9th October to iron out some details. So, herewith some important information you will need if you are attending:

- Date: Saturday 27 November 2021
- Starting time: 10:00
- Venue: Netcare Unitas Hospital, Centurion

You may enter the premises anytime from 09:00 onwards.

Please note that anyone entering the hospital must complete a Covid scan. To save time (and to save you from having to wait in a line to do this), Anton has kindly provided us with a link to enable attendees to complete the scan electronically (online). The link is provided in the email along with this Newsletter. Please follow the link and complete the form online before leaving for the AGM.

The AGM will be held in the Lecture Room on the 4th floor of the hospital.

Due to the strict Covid rules enforced by the hospital we will unfortunately not be permitted to hold shell exhibits this year. The hospital is reluctant to host any non-medical groups in their conference facilities, and it was only through the intervention of Society Secretary and hospital employee, Anton Groenewald, that we were given permission to utilise the Lecture Room for the AGM. We have been given permission to bring auction shells (and shells for resale by Members) into the hospital discreetly, so please adhere to these arrangements to not arouse suspicions by hospital staff.

I am sure we will be able to continue with the tradition of shell exhibits at future AGMs.

Lunch will be provided by the hospital catering division.

As noted in the Agenda, circulated earlier, it is a Voting Year, and the positions of Secretary, Editor, Treasurer, Scientific Officer and President are all open and ready to be filled by persons voted in by the quorum at the AGM. Please send your Nominations for the positions to the Secretary by no later than 13 November 2021 to meet Constitutional stipulations. If you cannot attend the AGM, please also forward to the Secretary a completed Proxy Form (also sent via the email containing this letter). We need to know who will be attending to inform the hospital catering and obtain an accurate quote.

Society Scientific Officer Alwyn Marais will provide the talk at the AGM on the subject of hybridisation and genetic diversification within Conchology, which is sure to be insightful.

Once we have concluded the formalities of the AGM and have enjoyed lunch, we will commence with the AGM Auction. We will be preparing a list of shells with starting prices and will forward to everyone soon – to allow for planning and budgeting. Our auctioneer for the 2021 AGM will be Roy Aiken and it is sure to be a jovial affair!

There will also be time for marketing and trade, so if you have shells to flog at rock-bottom prices, taking up useful space in your collection, then bring along to sell! Just be sure to bring them in discreet boxes... 😊

We may circulate a follow-up letter just before the AGM to serve as a reminder, but until then I do hope many of you will be able to attend. It has been a battle to keep the Society alive during the height of Covid-19 and the ensuing Lockdown, with all regional clubs hitting the pause button for a prolonged period of time. But, I am confident that the New Year will present new opportunities to renew Societal matters and regain lost ground.

Until the next letter, happy shelling!



President, SCSA
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