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**RE: Notice of cancellation of 2020 TBL State Solo and Party Championships**

Dear TBL Registered Members,

Over the weekend the TBL Executive held discussions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic that is currently disrupting the lives of millions of people throughout the world.

Following Federal and State Governments actions aimed at containing the outbreak of the virus, the TBL Executive has made a unanimous decision to cancel the 2020 TBL State Solo and Party Championship. In making this decision the TBL Executive determined that the health and well-being of competitors, adjudicators, accompanists, officials, volunteers and audience members was the TBL's number one priority. Other unravelling factors such as certainty to the access of a venue (Launceston College) with possible school closures, the wide age range of participants and audience members and other possible future limits on public gatherings all played a part in the decision making. Please note that it was also decided not to reschedule the event for later in the year due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 containment and the difficulty of finding an alternate suitable weekend.

Please be also advised that at this stage the TBL State Band Championships will go ahead as scheduled. "Test Piece" music for this event will be released on April 1st 2020 as planned.

Having said that, please understand that the TBL Executive will monitor the Federal and State Governments response to the COVID-19 pandemic and a decision could still be made to cancel the 2020 State Band Championship if circumstances dictate. Once again the health and well-being of our TBL banding community and to the general community must be our priority. The TBL Executive will be in consultation with the TBL NW Coast Contest Organising Committee on a regular basis and any decision to cancel the event will be relayed to TBL registered bands ASAP.

The TBL Executive appreciates the large amount of time and effort that goes into competitors preparing for a state "Solo and Party Championship" and with this in mind the decision to cancel this event was not made lightly.

The TBL Executive thanks you all, in anticipation, for your collective understanding,

Kindest regards  
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President Tasmanian Bands League Inc.