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To the ASPERA community

ASPERA 2020 Conference

After assessing the current COVID-19 situation and NSW legal requirements about social gatherings, the ASPERA Committee and the 2020 Conference hosts at the University of Newcastle have decided to change the plans for this year's ASPERA Conference as follows:

1. The 2020 conference program (*The Business – Valuing the Screen Industry*) will be postponed until June 2021, to be held at the University of Newcastle.

If you submitted an abstract for the 2020 conference, this will be included in the 2021 conference planning process. If you wish to amend your abstract, or send a new abstract, these will also be accepted. More details, dates and deadlines will follow.

The special edition of peer reviewed journal articles (*Studies in Australasian Cinema*) will proceed as planned in 2020.

2. On **19 June 2020** we will run series of 1 hour Zoom sessions as follows:

START	SESSION	Hosts
9.30am	Teaching Media Production with Isolation A discussion, with case studies, of different approaches to adjusting teaching practice in the current environment	Susan Kerrigan & Simon Weaving
11am	ASPERA Town Hall A chance to share your views how ASPERA works and what the organisation could be focusing on for the next few years.	Bettina Frankham and ASPERA Committee
2pm	Developing Excellent Research Supervision A discussion about best practice in supervising post-graduate researchers.	Craig Batty & Allyson Holbrook
3.30pm	Latest Research Update Members of the ASPERA Research Sub-Committee will discuss the progress of projects, outcomes and outputs that have occurred over the past year, including edited books and journal special issues.	Kath Dooley and Sub-committee members

The registration process Zoom sessions will be advised shortly. If you have any questions about the Conference or 19 June Zoom sessions, please contact soci-events@newcastle.edu.au.

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