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Tena koutou katoa, greetings all

Due to the threat of a potential outbreak of the Covid-19 Omicron variant in the community, the NZ Vietnam Veterans Association Executive Committee has made the difficult decision to postpone the National Reunion scheduled for the 15-17 February 2022.

We understand that this decision will be met with mixed feelings, but it has simply become unjustifiable to continue holding the reunion at this time.

With the inevitability of what experts predict will be an increase in community cases of Omicron COVID-19 around February/March, holding any large gathering and air travel will likely carry unnecessary risk for our veterans.

The wellbeing of our veterans, mates and whanau is the committee's primary concern. The basis for our decision was that veterans are likely to be vulnerable and their health is too precious to risk.

In these uncertain times we hope that you understand the need for us to be cautious so that we can help keep you and your whanau safe.

Once we have a clearer picture of how the new COVID-19 threat affects NZVVA operations, we will announce a new date.

Ngā mihi.

**Andrew Peters** 

President