

The Victorian Homing Association Inc.

2/29 Business Park Drive,

Notting Hill. 3168.

6<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

Good Afternoon All,

Dr. Colin Walker will be in attendance at the VHA Headquarters, Notting Hill to give an update on the situation re the Rota virus. **All pigeon fanciers** are welcome to attend.

Dr. Walker will explain the current situation in relation to Rota virus, the development of a vaccine, his view on racing in 2017 and will answer all questions raised by fanciers.

This Information Night will be conducted on the **6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 commencing at 7.30pm**. VHA Delegates note that there will be a March Delegates Meeting and it will follow Dr. Colin Walker's information session.

For those concerned about whether fanciers should accumulate to-gether, below is Dr. Walker's opinion in relation to any risk:-

*At the Kyabram Sale where the first infected birds were recorded in Victoria, all of the fanciers who subsequently had the disease in their lofts either bought birds or handled birds. Fanciers who did not handle the birds did not get the disease, this despite the fact that there were infected birds in the room. The chance of virus transfer from one fancier to another is very remote however if fanciers were particularly concerned then washing the clothes worn to the meeting and not wearing the same shoes in the loft should eliminate any risk.*

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