



17 August 2020

Dear Members

We are desperately disappointed that we were not able to get the kids on the ground this year, with special thoughts for those just starting out their Redbacks journey and our top aged Youth Girls and Colts who are finishing theirs. We reflect positively, on the period when we were able to train, and are grateful to all the coaches and team managers who played their part in making that happen. We very nearly got our season up and running and I'd like to say a particular thanks to Hugh, Harmit and the Committee in getting us ready to go.

### **Registration Fee 2020**

When you paid your registration fee at the start of the year \$310 (\$295 for siblings), the payment was immediately split upon payment as follows:

League Fee:	\$177.50
Club Fee	\$132.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$310.00</b>

The League fee was paid directly by you to YJFL and they will be in contact with all families soon with their proposal regarding the fee - the club does not have any influence or control of this fee.

Of the \$132.50 we receive \$127.38 (reduced by a SportsTG admin fee). We use these fees to cover the expenses of the club. This amounted for 2020 to around \$86k in fee income overall. We incurred the majority of our normal season expenses in hosting training and in readiness for the season with no canteen or bar income, and sponsorship income also affected. Of these expenses, anything spent on supplies and equipment that can be re-used for 2021 will be.

### **Refund 2020**

We will refund **\$100** (of \$127.38) for each player or **\$85** where a sibling discount has been applied. This amounts to \$67k of fee income being returned and will result in the club absorbing approximately \$50k in expenses to be funded from our reserves.

There are 3 options open to you as members in regards to the refund - we would ask you to make your election, using this [link](#) by 31 August:

**Option 1 - Tax Deductible Donation:** This would involve providing a declaration that you wish to donate the 2020 club fee to support the club and would greatly assist us in meeting the expenses in 2020 and future seasons. You will be able to claim the full amount received by the club (\$127.38) in your 2021 tax return.

**Option 2 - Cash Refund:** The refund will be paid directly to the card used in the registration process, sometime in September through a bulk refund process.

**Option 3 - Donation (no tax deduction):** If we do not hear from members by **31 August**, then we will retain the funds within the club to offset expenses absorbed in 2020.

We understand in the current environment that many are finding it tough going, similarly we also greatly appreciate any support that you can provide to ensure our ongoing financial stability. We have not offered a rollover/credit option given ongoing uncertainty about resumption of community sport.

### **Merchandise**

As lockdown occurred we were prevented from accessing the Clubrooms, and as a result there are merchandise orders that were not collected. Until we access the clubrooms we will not be able to identify whose orders these are. Once we do, we will organise a refund for all merchandise that has not been collected. We will also honour exchanges for any unworn garments in 2021 if in original packaging.

### **Season 2021**

As you would expect, I can't offer any insights for you on footy in 2021, but I can guarantee that we will be ready to play whenever the season starts.

I'd like to thank the Committee, all coaches and officials, sponsors, players and all families for their support through an extremely trying season.

Simon Martin  
President