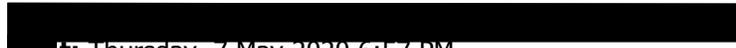


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Please refer to the attached letter relating to the proposed commencement dates and financial constraints.

Yours Sincerely

Mid West Rugby League Football

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A Rugby League Season usually commences in April until the end of September, including approximately 14 rounds, 7 home and 7 away. This year due to the sporting facilities being closed and suspended, the Rugby League season has been unable to commence training until the 1 July 2020 and the first round of competition to commence 25 July 2020.

This has significantly impacted the football community with only 7 rounds proposed, this containing only 3 home competition games. The whole competition would be finished at the end of September before the cricket, touch football and other summer sports commencing.

The Bears and the Colts major sponsors are the Lithgow Workies and Portland RSL, who have been closed since March and who are no longer able to continue sponsorship at a profitable level. This includes the clubs unable to undertake weekly meat raffles.

The bushfires have also had a significant financial constraint to the two clubs who are unable to receive sponsorship from local businesses.

Both sporting clubs, Bears and Colts, have given back to the Lithgow Community, by providing and supporting charity fundraisers such as Cancer Council, LINC, Simon Williams Memorial Charity and most importantly Mental Illness and suicide prevention. The clubs provide a place for health and fitness and social wellbeing amongst community members.

Given the financial constraints of these non for profit community sporting clubs, The Mid West Rugby League Clubs seeks your help to waive or reduce the financial impacts for the use of the Council community playing fields and facilities for training, competition and lighting fees.

Yours Sincerely

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