

# WYONG RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB GROUP

Board Statement – Wyong Rugby League Club Group issued 16/06/2020


Most of you would be aware that the club's board decided to withdraw our teams from the proposed Central Coast competition, due to possibly commence in mid July. The decision was made some weeks ago at a time when we suffered a forced closure of all our clubs, reducing our income to zero overnight. We had to curtail all non-essential spending to charities, community groups and the like and thus withdrew any funding for rugby league.

Things have changed very quickly in this covid19 world, and we have been back trading for a couple of weeks now, much sooner than first anticipated, although we are not yet out of the financial woods. The Central Coast Division has proposed a senior rugby league competition that is to be strictly amateur i.e. no payments to players. Allied to this they have adopted a strict set of protocols to be followed to ensure that all the restrictions around keeping everyone covid safe are followed. Our board has agreed that we can comply with these requirements so we have decided to reverse our earlier decision, which was totally finance based, and enter teams into the competition, assuming that sufficient clubs enter to get the competition off the ground.

It seems that most sports are looking to get some sort of a competition running, although regulations around crowds, canteens and many other things are still up in the air. These rules also apply to our juniors, but again we believe we can comply and will be entering teams into the junior competitions as well.

We hope that these decisions meet with your approval in the hope that we can start getting back to some sort of normality.

Yours faithfully,



Bob Pettiford  
Board Chairman  
Wyong Rugby League Club Group

