

# **Roos News December 2023**

## **Hi to all our Roos Members**

Well, it's been a few months since we have seen you all and the committee hope you are all having a wonderful off-season. Despite the rain over the last week or so, Willoughby has been heating up over the last few months and getting ready for a wonderful summer break.

The committee have come together for the first time since our Presentation Day and thought we would share some important updates with you before we all formally clock off for the 2023.

## **Thank you to our 2023 Sponsors & 2024 Program**

Firstly, a big thank you to all our 2023 sponsorship partners who contributed to the Roos this year. Without the help of our generous sponsors, we would not be able to create the fun, safe and encouraging environment we have for all our players, our families and our team volunteers.

As we do every year, the Roos are now looking for Local Businesses within the Roos, and the wider within Willoughby Community, to partner with for 2024. Partnerships help the Roos put teams on the field each year and can be either financial or non-financial.

If you run a business, or you know someone who does, and would like to be a part of our partnership program for 2024, then please reach out to me and we can arrange a discussion on opportunities available and synergies and alignment between your brand and the Roos.

## 2024 Active Kids Voucher Program

As you would all be aware, the Active Kids voucher program will be changing for 2024. In 2024 the voucher program will be reduced to \$50 per child, issued in term 1 and 3. The NSW Government will introduce means testing to the program, meaning Families will only have access to an Active Kids Voucher if they are eligible for Family Tax A or B benefits.

We know this program was important to all our families whose children play multiple sports across the winter months, and we are disappointed that the program is changing in such a way it may prohibit kids access to sport and creative activities. To respond to this, the Roos will implement 2 key changes to the 2024 membership fees:

- **Reduce the overall registration fee** from \$275 to \$250 for 2024. With the early bird discount of \$25 prior to 4<sup>th</sup> Feb, that reduces the overall fee to \$225
- **Re-Introduce Multi Roo Rego discount**, reducing any subsequent registrations by \$25 / Child. E.g. 1st Rego \$250, 2nd Rego \$ 225, 3rd Rego \$200 etc. This will run in conjunction with the early bird discount.

**We hope that these small changes help in some way with cost-of-living pressures to ensure all our kids get access to our wonderful community.**

## 2024 Registrations Open Now via MySideline

It's hard to believe but registrations are now open for the 2024 Season.

Regos have opened early this year to capture any of those 2023 Active Kids vouchers that have not been used that will expire at the end of December. Given the changes to the program mentioned above, this is the last chance to get maximum value

of any vouchers that you haven't used this year.

Click here to get started: [Registration Link](#)

In 2024 we will again be running with Player Names on all our competition age groups for 2024, and you will need to register before our first come and try to get your name on your jersey.

**Note:** If you are registering multiple players in your family, please reach out to your manager or the committee who will organise special code to cater apply the Multi Roo Discount.

## **2024 Come and Try Days & Little Roos Program**

The 2024 Come and Try Days have been locked in for **Sundays 4th Feb and 3rd March**. These days are crucial to our recruitment of new families and players to our club. Key areas that we will be looking for in 2024 are:

- U4/6 Tag, U7, U8s
- U12 & U16 League Tag
- U14 & U16 Women's Tackle

We will again be running our Little Roos Program for 3 > 5 yrs. in late January / Early Feb. This program is for those kids who want to learn the skills of rugby league in a friendly environment with our wonderful coaches.

You will start seeing banners and flyers popping up across the district with details for both programs, so please spread the word of our wonderful club and share with anyone you think may be interested in trying the game of Rugby League.

## **Pre-Season Training**

As we did last year, we will be looking to run our Pre-season Training for our U11+ players from mid-January. Session will be on Tuesday nights from 5.30pm running for an hour. Cost

will be \$5 / per child, or \$25 for all 6 sessions if you pay in advance. Watch out on our socials for more details when they are released.

## **Holiday Season is upon us...**

Finally, the silly season is almost upon us, and I know I am looking forward to a well-deserved break after another epic season with the Roos.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to each and every one of you for your contribution to our great club for the 2023 season. A special mention goes out to all our team volunteers and our committee for all off their efforts this season. Without them, would not have this amazing club and the vibrant community that supports it.

The Roos hope you all have a wonderful Holiday Season, whatever it is you are up to, and don't forget to tag us in any "Roos On Tour" holiday snaps you take with your kids in Roos gear!

**See you all in 24.**

Go Roos

Dave, Jodi & the Roos Committee