



## QUESTION & ANSWERS ON MEMBER SURVEY

**Q.** How were jumper numbers allocated?

**A.** This year the club changed to the one jumper and whilst doing so decided to provide all players with their own jumper as part of their registration. The club also decided to avoid constant issues with duplicate numbers to provide one set of numbers within each age group.

As this was the first time the club had done this we had to take into account players ages within each group to ensure that when a player changed age group their number would still be unique. As a result of this some numbers went into the 60's.

With the exception of players who had previously purchased jumper numbers in past years, numbers were allocated as players registered.

**Q.** Why did the club continue with building works when the season was postponed?

**A.** The 'Time Keeper Boxes' have been planned for some times. Mid last year the club applied for and received a grant for half the funding with the remainder to be funded by the club via the 'Building Fund Levy' which was outlined at our AGM last year.

Most of the cost for this project was paid prior to the season being postponed. The grant received also has a timing stipulation which had meant that we have to continue with the project and complete it this year.

**Q. Why did the club spend so much money this year?**

**A. The majority of funds spent were on jumpers given to players, and the committed building works.**

In regard to other funds it needs to be noted that the season was postponed less than 3 weeks before the planned season commencement. Outside of running costs it is normal for the club to purchase items such as equipment, first aid materials etc... before the season starts.

**Q. Why did the club purchase jumpers so early?**

**A. Jumper usually take around 6 weeks to order and with the club having to order over 300 this year these were ordered as players registered with one order placed in December and the second in February. At the time of ordering there was no thought of our season being cancelled.**

**Q. Why didn't the club cancel the season sooner?**

**A. As a club one of our missions is to provide an opportunity for young people in our area to play football. We are in fact a sporting club and we were very mindful of the importance sporting clubs have with players mental health. At all times the clubs Committee followed the guidelines set down by both higher bodies such at the EDFL and AFL Victoria and also ensuring we were following the requirements advised by the State Government, Chief Health Officer and Melton Council.**

The club went above and beyond what was required to ensure the safety of our players and officials, and we were in fact commended for our detailed 'Return to Train' protocols by both the EDFL and Melton Council.

When training resumed after the first lockdown over 90% of our players returned to training which confirmed to us that there was a desire to train. At no point was training compulsory for either officials or players.