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## President's Welcome

After the weeks bye and then the Easter break, it feels like our season is about to start all over again.

Even though things have been quiet on the field, things have still been happening off it. Thanks again to all that volunteered their time to the Bunning's BBQ on Saturday. A bumper day saw a tidy profit to the club.

Next week is another home game which also doubles as our Past Players Day – come down and support the current crop of players while catching up with some old or should I say familiar faces.

On familiar faces, Colin 'Snogga' Snowden has just completed his Level 3 Coaching certificate. He will be down at training as a guest coach on Thursday 19 April. Come and be coached by a true legend of the club and stay and have a beer and a chat later.

For those who liked the quote last week – here is a few more on why we all love the game that they play in heaven...

*"There's a position for every physical type: tall guys, squat guys, little scuttlers, giraffes and greyhounds."*

Nick Farr-Jones (World Cup winning Australian Rugby Union captain)

*"We become like a family... Those guys I played and socialised with became very good friends and still are."*

Martin Johnston (World Cup winning England Rugby Union Captain)

*"What I really love about rugby, what will remain with me forever, is that thing of creating strong bonds on the pitch, that will go on off it, for the rest of my life."*

Alessandro Troncon (Italian Rugby Union Captain)

But perhaps my favourite:

*"Come on Burls, let's go get a beer"*

Craig 'Squitter' Leach (Palmerston Rugby Union Captain)

Palmerston, Palmerston, Yeah, Yeah, Yeah!!!

**Ben Blyton**

## What's on this weekend...

**FRIDAY** – Under 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 at Rugby Park

**SATURDAY** – A Grade, B Grade and Under 18's at Rugby Park

# Past Players Day



Palmerston Rugby Union Club would like to invite all

## **Past Players**

To our Home Game on Saturday 21 April 2012

Come and socialize with previous past players  
while our current players take on Casuarina at Moulden Oval  
Games start at 3:30 with A Grade kick off at 6pm

## **Special Past Players Deal:**

**\$20.00 will get you 4 beers, a steak sandwich and transport home.**

**RSVP: Please RSVP by Friday 20 April**

to Ben Blyton (ph. 0417 082 531) or Craig Leach (ph. 0412 377 578)

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## Notice board

### GUEST COACH AT SENIORS TRAINING ON THURSDAY

Level 3 Coach and club legend Colin 'Snogga' Snowden will be at training on Thursday 19 April.



Snogga at the 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion



Snogga, the A Grade coach



Snogga after a game at  
Moulden Oval

## Around The Grounds

With no games over the Easter weekend, here are some photos from earlier games this season (these photos supplied by Fiona Austine).



THE SENIORS

B Grade playing at Jabiru.



THE JUNIORS



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### GRUMPY BAR MAN REQUIRED

Dennis the grumpy bar man is looking for some help for the next home game on **Saturday 21st April** as he will be away on leave. He needs someone to help Mal Leach collect the drinks from Cazaly's at about 1.15pm on the Saturday and to help behind the bar on the ground and at the club. **If you can help please ring Dennis on 0437 912 140 before Monday 16th April.**

### SENIOR SUBS

Senior subs are now due. **\$190** includes playing kit and insurance. Balance paid in full by end of first round. Payment required so that your insurance is paid!



### MONSTER RAFFLE

The Club is running a **Monster Raffle**. The raffle will run throughout the year and prizes drawn at Presentation Night. See **Dennis Grant** for tickets.

### CASH FOR CANS

Recycle your containers at the clubhouse and raise funds for the club at the same time:

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## Other news...

### BUNNINGS BBQ

The club would like to thank the following people who helped out at the Bunning's sausage sizzle on Saturday. The club made a profit of **\$1200.00**. If we've missed anyone - thanks again. Our next Bunning BBQ is on Sunday 8th July.

Mal Leach Rob Sloan Anthony Smith, The Apprentice. Dennis Grant	Jazz Deo and son Ayrton Ben Blyton and son Jacob Garry Russell	Brock Evans Backpacker Francis Hayes Ricky Hoe Tyrone	Lyn Cotton Dale Reid Rob Sloan
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*The late shift hard at work: Lyn, Dale and Rob*

### ANOTHER THANK YOU

The club would also like to thank the following members for their help in moving 5 tons of brick pavers from Jazz's place to the club house:  
Lyn and Shane Cotton, Ben Blyton, Travis the caretaker, Dennis Grant, Jazz and Robyn Deo and daughter Larissa (who was the water girl).  
The brick pavers will be utilized at the back of the club at a later date.



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Paddy and Bernie



A young, fit Pat on the Singapore tour



Not so nice Bree



Paddy with other Life Members



Junior team with Paddy's son and daughter standing at the back, along with the Chief's Nerada Kerr-Barlow.

## Where are they now?

**Name:** Paddy Bree  
**Born:** Brisbane

### Involvement in Palmerston

I moved to Darwin in 1982. After a rigorous screening and selection process with three much older brothers to see which rugby club 'paid' the most, I finally decided on the Palmy Crocs. Mick Morrissey was my first coach who taught me everything I know (sorry Mick). I ended up playing many games for Palmy, mainly in A grade, and from front row to full back. Our backline in those days was very ...? Not sure how you put it. Desperate is what comes to mind once you went past Cringer and Squirter and a few others at different times. I coached the first Palmy Under 18 team when I was 22ish and then tried my hand at B grade. I now work as a Maintenance Planner with Port of Brisbane and love watching Reds with my son and Al Watson, Dave Johnson and 'Chook' (all ex Palmy). Our pre-games drinks at the Normanby Hotel are becoming harder to sustain!

### Other rugby commitments

I was very lucky to of done my Level 2 coach at a young age and became NT Under 21 coach for about three years. I then did some assistant coach/selector for the NT Seniors and finally coach of the Seniors, and onto doing my Level 3 coach. In 1998 I became Development Officer for the NT Rugby Union and then did a stint as the Head Coach of the NTIS squad. In 2002 I moved to Brisbane and coached at Brothers as 2<sup>nd</sup> grade coach then went to Norths and coached with Chris Roach (ex Wallaby), first as Colts 1 coach then with 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. I then got a Development Officer job with Queensland Rugby Union for 2 years.

### Palmerston memories

The best thing with Palmerston Rugby Club has been the buzz of watching and playing rugby with my brothers and mates, then watching their children play for Palmerston and then watching my own son and daughter play for the club. Now I see that some of these 'youngsters' have or are coaching or are on the committee running the club I love. My family are part of PRUC and PRUC are part of my family. See you at the reunion!

*\*Editor's note: read about Paddy's early training memories in this week's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary article.*

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Each week Croc Tales are running a **"PALMY TRIVIA"** competition, with the winner receiving \$10 off their 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Tickets.

All correct (or mostly correct!) answers will be placed in a draw and one weekly winner will be picked. The winner and the correct answers will be published in Croc Tales the following week. The prize is not transferable.



This week's winner is the current Club Secretary Rob Sloan, one of our valuable behind-the-scenes members.



Previous winners are:

# 1 - Steven Roberts

# 2 – Garry Crone

# 3 – Jaz Deo

# 4 – Jeremy Bright

# 5 – Garry Russell

# 6 – Colin Snowden

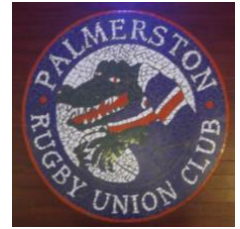
# 7 – Dave Ley

# 8 – Rob Sloan

## Palmy Trivia # 9

### CLUB HOUSE QUIZ

The theme for this week's quiz is 'The Clubhouse'.



1. What time is it at the club house?
2. What is the barman's nick name?
3. What article of clothing should not be worn on the Sunday after the grand final?
4. Who officially opened the club house (refer last week's Croc Tales)?
5. Who is next week's home game opposition?
6. What is the art work on the floor of the club house?
7. What road takes me home?
8. What is the price of a XXXX gold?

Remember, email your answers by 6pm Wednesday each week to: [ben.blyton@bigpond.com](mailto:ben.blyton@bigpond.com) or [wleach@bigpond.com](mailto:wleach@bigpond.com)

### MONOPOLY – PRUC LIMITED EDITION

A few late entries in our Monopoly quiz but the winner is Rob Sloan.



Rob suggested that a family with the political roots of the Bree's would be proud to call Whitechapel home instead of being with the toff's in Mayfair.





## (CROC) TALES FROM HISTORY



Team from the early 1980's



Palmerston A Grade 1985



Paddy playing in the backs

*"There are hundreds of Croc stories to tell and never enough time, or beer".*

Paddy Bree, in an email this week.

# 35th Anniversary

*President's note: How times have changed. These days those serving behind the bar have completed Responsible Serving of Alcohol training and our club complies with the Good Sports alcohol management standards that promote a responsible attitude towards alcohol. Here's how things were back in the 1980's.*

## TRAINING IN THE '80'S

### Article by Paddy Bree

Training those days was at Nakara (behind the shops) and I quickly learnt that you needed quite a lot of your own money to attend these training sessions. Sitting in the carpark after training consuming many cartons of beer was a ritual, and virtually everyone stayed.

After the first round of cartons disappeared it was usually my brother Noel who 'pressured' extra money from all in attendance so we could partake in even more cartons. This was till those bloody CLP do-gooders enacted the "no drinking within 2 km" law. Luckily for us we seemed to have half the police force playing for us and Mick Smith and Dallas Graetz saved tipping out many a good beer when the cops turned up in the dark.

I think it was around here that the Hibiscus Tavern opened for the Crocs to check out. This Tavern was instrumental in the grooming of many a fine Croc. Michael Barnard (beer in hand) on top of the rafters inside as bouncers tried in vain to 'escort' him out. Ben Blyton 'discovering' beer at possibly, an illegal age (Big 'Burley' Ben had us tricked for many years, and his mum surely would have murdered us if she knew the 'real' truth of how we looked after her little boy).

It was at this pub that the eating of the local raffle (cooked chooks) happened after each training session and if you were not quick enough you could lose a finger, or you missed out entirely. This Tavern had a lot to answer for as it was after quite a long session that I decided to just walk down the hill to Anula. Not hard you say, but it was in the rain and I was a little lost so I decided to have a little sleep in the gutter to think my plan through. I awoke to flashing lights in my eyes..... *(Editor's note: for the ending of this story you'll have to come to the reunion dinner)*

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### 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The following people have confirmed their attendance at the reunion dinner:

#### DEFINATES

Fiona Austine  
 Alan Babbs  
 Jeff Hellfire Bennett  
 Ben & Selina Blyton  
 Bernie & Sonya Bree  
 Dennis & Cec Bree  
 Tony & Vicky Burns  
 Jaz & Robyn Deo  
 Graham Doyle  
 Ben Emmett  
 Brock Evans  
 Dennis Grant  
 Greg Jarvis  
 Sean Killiner  
 Craig & Mel Leach  
 Wendy & Mal Leach  
 Chris Marlow  
 Stephen Roberts  
 Garry & Marcia Russell  
 Kerry & Sue Smith  
 Mick Smith  
 Colin & Alison Snowden  
 Mike & Coral Wilson

#### MAYBES

Paddy Bree  
 Jeremy Bright  
 Gary Harper  
 Sean Kearns  
 Anthony Ryan  
 Nick Woodroffe

#### Thinking of coming?

\* Email Wendy Leach and we'll add you to the list.

\*Contact Treasurer Percy Peel ([percypeel@hotmail.com](mailto:percypeel@hotmail.com)) for payment details.

## 35th Anniversary Dinner

**When:** 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 @ 7pm

**Where:** Crowne Plaza Hotel, Darwin

**Tickets:** \$150.00 per person\*



\*To purchase tickets, please contact Treasurer Percy Peel at [percypeel@hotmail.com](mailto:percypeel@hotmail.com) for payment details.



This club stalwart is coming to the Reunion Dinner. Are you coming? Let us know. (By the way, who is the bearded one?)

Tony Burns, John Burgess and Ratu. Tony will be at the dinner.



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