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President's Welcome

It's hard to believe but last week was the end of Round 1.

Some of the results have not gone our way and A Grade is not travelling as well as we would like, but with some hard work I am sure that they can still make the finals. What should be noted though is that every other grade, from Under 10's up, is currently in their top 4 and looking good for finals berths. (Under 6's and Under 8's do not have finals as such)

Off the field things continue to happen. The club polo shirts have arrived. These are included in your subs so see Fiona to collect yours. The membership cards for Cazalys have also arrived. They are behind the clubhouse bar, so make sure you collect your card and start using the wonderful facilities that Cazalys Palmerston Club and Caddies @ Palmerston Golf Course have on offer. Remember, support the people who support us!

The club is also looking at having a Family Day, possible as early as Saturday 19 May – watch this space for more details.

And lastly, the 35th Anniversary Reunion Dinner... it's now less than two months to go. Let us know if you're coming; better still pay if you're coming. Also, if you have any old photos that you can scan and email to Wendy Leach, or any memorabilia that could be used on the night, we would appreciate it (we will look after it and return it after the reunion). An informal meeting with available Life Members and the organising sub-committee was held over the weekend and plans are in place for a great night – we look forward to seeing you there!

Ben Blyton

What's on this weekend...

FRIDAY	Juniors at Rugby Park
SATURDAY	Seniors at Rugby Park
SATURDAY/SUNDAY	TIO Junior Regional Championships Under 16's and Under 18's



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HOME GAMES COMING UP

Saturday 12th May

Saturday 19th May

Watch this space for details of activities planned.

NTRU LADDERS

A Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Casuarina	4	4	0	0	20
Souths	4	3	0	1	14
Dragons	4	2	0	2	9
University	4	1	0	3	5
Palmerston	4	0	0	4	2

B Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Casuarina	5	4	0	1	19
University	5	3	0	2	15
Swampdogs	4	3	0	1	13
Palmerston	4	2	0	2	10
Souths	4	2	0	2	10
Jabiru	4	0	1	3	2
Dragons	4	0	1	3	2

Under 18's*

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Swampdogs	4	3	0	1	16
Casuarina	4	3	0	1	15
University	3	2	0	1	10
Palmerston	3	1	0	2	5
Dragons	4	0	0	3	0

*Note: ladder not yet updated by NTRU at time of publication

Around The Grounds



THE SENIORS

Update from acting coach Craig Leach

A Grade

A grade lined up against Uni last weekend looking to turn our season around. We didn't have an ideal start, losing the first few scrums and line-outs and letting the students get the jump on us. Trailing 19 nil we started to get it together and played some better rugby. Commitment levels on the paddock are there, we just need to get our combinations working for better results. Players' player was debutant hooker James Protherough. Final score 17-26 win to Uni. Point scorers were Anthony Smith (2 tries), Charlie Chambers (1 try) and Ian Verrall (1 conversion)

B Grade

B Grade had a bye...

Under 18's

... and the Under 18's were defeated, although at the time of publication, we don't have the details.



THE JUNIORS

Update from Junior Coordinator Robbie Taylor

Last Friday night saw the club come away without losing a game. It was a brilliant effort by all. Great things continue to happen for the Juniors as they build on the great work of our coaches, managers and players.

Under 12's



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Under 8's. Long socks are in.



Under 14's



Under 16's

Game photos supplied by
Fiona Austine

Under 6's (update from Under 6 coach Ricky Hoe)

This week at training the introduction of a whistle and various crazy games of freeze saw the Under 6 Crocs come of age. They all showed fantastic listening skills which transferred on game day. Parents on the sideline were heard discussing playing freeze at bed time!

Isaac opened the Croc's account with a try from kick off followed shortly by Bradley's try. Great run by twinkle toes Noah and Hamish (despite an immunization shot in each arm)! Lily Bree was essential in our wing defence and on debut had a great run. Thanks for joining the ranks Lily! There were enough players to help other clubs with numbers. Thanks to those who played in the other Under 6 game where Tynan scored two tries! Well done Under 6's!

Under 8's

The Under 8's are powering along; their skills and abilities are developing each week and their supporters are rewarded with a great game to watch every Friday. Good work Under 8's!

Under 10's - Palmerston 31 d University 14

Try Scorers - Jacob Blyton 2, Riley Reid 1, Brad Svanfelds 1 and Leigh Chui-Clark 1; **Conversions** - Riley Reid 2 and Seb Torrens 1; **Special Mentions** - Leigh Chui-Clark, Jacob Blyton and Riley Reid

Under 12's - Palmerston 27 d University 12

Try Scorers - Wayne Bilston 2, Cameron Croker 1, Jasper Lewis 1 and Corey McVee 1; **Conversions** - Mitchell Theyers 1; **Special Mentions** - Thomas Chmielewski, Corey McVee and Anthony Foscaro

Under 14's - Palmerston 85 d University 0

Try Scorers - Keegan Quakawoot 4, Kael Croker 3, Isaako Teuati 2, Liam Bilston 1, Mark Cubillo 1, Jace Holt-Tubbs 1, Matthew Ellis 1, William Degoumois 1 and Michael Norris 1; **Conversions** - Brodie McMahon 3, Thomas Brown 1 and Kosta Kachionis 1; **Special Mentions** - Jet Wyles-Kelly, Thomas Brown and Sean MacFarlane

Under 16's - Palmerston 7 drew University 7

Try Scorers - Darcy McBean 1; **Conversions** - Greg Svanfelds 1; **Special Mentions** - Greg Svanfelds, Ben Kaart and Ayrtan Deo

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35th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Last call for anyone who would like to help out in making the night a success. Thanks to those fantastic people who have already put their hand up to help out. Much appreciated!

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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CONTAINERS**



Other news...

OLD SALTIES v OLD DOGS

A message from Squirter...

G`day all, we have a home game vs Swampdogs on 12/05 and we are hoping to give the `Old Dogs` a game of golden oldies rugby. They have a team and we are trying to start one off.

If you would be interested can you reply by Thursday to give them a week`s notice. Greatzy you have been appointed Captain. Blow- ins are welcome and it won`t hurt one little bit. Thanks Squirter

OFF FIELD RECRUITMENT

Over the past two weeks we have had a presence at the Palmerston Markets and the Palmerston Shopping Centre, recruiting players to ensure all teams are fielding full sides. Thanks to all those who helped out. It was good to raise our profile in the Palmerston community and we will do it again soon.

Editor`s Note: While helping out at the stall, Ben Blyton also won a meat tray from the old timers out the front of Coles. A bit of a bonus!

ONE NIGHT IN GYMPIE



Some Palmerston Crocs from the very early days recently caught up in Gympie...

Back row: Eddy Sorenson and Peter Billings

Front row: William Harry O`Neill and Lloyd Wardrop

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Crocs vs Bushratz at Jabiru earlier this year.



Robbie in action



More action



Playing against Jabiru

In the Spotlight...

Name: Robbie Taylor

When did you first play for the Crocs? I remember riding past Moulden Oval on a pushbike with my brothers about 1989 and stopping to see what was going on.

I represented the NT from Under 12's (back when they had a rep team) to Under 18's and schoolboys. I played with Swampdogs for a while, then re-joined the Crocs in 2000.

Positions played: I played at hooker, then blind side flanker, and scrum half, and filled in anywhere else when needed.

I have coached all junior grades at some stage with the Crocs and have been Junior Co-ordinator for the last 3 years. Coaches, managers, parents and most importantly players have all contributed to the juniors' success.

My favourite memories would have to be:

- All the grand finals I have played in – win, draw or lose.
- Playing alongside my Dad and my brother Mick – nothing beats that.
- Playing alongside blokes like Snogga, Sully, Squirter, Scotty Werlemann & Dennis Bree - the players I looked up to as a kid, and still admire them to this day.
- Being coached by three great coaches – Wayne Greenhalgh, Paddy Bree and Snogga.
- Being a lad sitting on the hill at Rugby Park when the NT beat Scotland.
- Watching the club win its first ever premiership.

The friendships I have been fortunate to have from rugby make me proud to be a part of the Palmerston Club.



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Each week *Croc Tales* is running a “**PALMY TRIVIA**” competition.

Weekly winners will receive \$10 off their 35th Anniversary Dinner Tickets. You may enter more than once, so keep those entries coming!!

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



This week's winners are Michael Killiner and Sachin Deo.

Michael is a former Junior and Senior player; you can read all about Michael in Edition 8 (2nd March) of *Croc Tales* and there are a couple of recent photos of Michael on the following page.

We had a Junior winner for the first time this week. Sachin is a current Under 10 player. The Deo family were in the 'Spotlight' in Edition 12 (22nd March) of *Croc Tales*. Sachin, see Ben at training for your prize.



Palmy Trivia # 12

TWO DIFFERENT JUMPERS FROM TWO DIFFERENT ERAS

The first era is the late 70's / early 80's (someone out there would know), the other is the 1998 A Grade Grand Final side.

This week's questions are:

- What is unique about jumper 1?
- What is unique about jumper 2?



THE PALMY SONG QUIZ

Last week's quiz proved very popular. We even had to double the prize pool this week, adding a Junior prize for the first time.

For the record, the five words missing from the song sheet were:



1. Victory 2. Line 3. Beneath 4. Shine 5. Line



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Michael playing in the Expat 10's in Singapore



Another expat game, this time Australia / NZ vs the locals.



Previous trivia 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
- # 9 – Craig Leach
- # 10 – Robbie Taylor
- # 11 – Michael Killiner
& Sachin Deo

Palmy Trivia (continued)

It was great reading the comments that came with the entries, including:

I might as well put in for the Palmy trivia – a song that I've heard my whole life (so hope I'm not wrong ☺)... Bryony Blake (nee Bree, the name says it all)

I actually found myself singing as I wrote this in the office, very awkward moment when it comes to Singaporean humour... Michael Killiner, currently working in Singapore

They didn't mention in Croc Tales that it was a lot quieter behind the bar on Saturday (after A and B Grade losses at the Home Game)... Pauline Wyles, club stalwart and long term club volunteer

Robyn showed Sachin this week's Croc Tales and his eyes lit up and said 'This is so easy'... and insisted that I submit his answers straight away... Jaz Deo, Dad of Sachin

For those of you who enjoyed singing along, here it is again:



*I love the smell of Palmy in the morning,
It smells like victory!*

Ohhhhhh we're the team that's the best

We're the team that beats the rest

We're the boys from... Palmerston

In the lineouts we jump higher

The backline is a flyer

Beneath the tropic sun... Booom Booom

Rain or shine things are fine

And we'll always cross the line

We're the boys from Palmerston...

Palmerston, Palmerston, Yeah Yeah Yeah...

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(CROC) TALES FROM HISTORY

**Late kick
seals victory**



STORYTELLERS WANTED

There are **eight** editions of Croc Tales to go before the 35th Reunion - and we're looking for stories for our history pages.

Have you a story to tell? You might want to set the story straight. Remember, history is written by the victor so here's your chance!

It does not have to be true, it just has to be how you remember it.

Get your stories in and we'll see if we can publish them – photos as well are always appreciated.

35th Anniversary

A PREMIERSHIP WIN (continued...)

Last week we remembered the club's first ever A Grade Premiership. Here's how Craig Leach, who was responsible for the 'late kick that sealed victory', recalls the game:

A Grade Vice Captain Craig Leach: *The 1990-91 season was a breakthrough year for the Crocs A grade. We had experienced premierships in B and C grade before, but never at top level. The team believed it itself - we were fit, young [mostly] and hard. I remember the competition being close, games were hard and rucking was alive and well. Palmy always had tough forwards, but now we had backs too. We were the young guns, Greencans had us drilled and we were hungry to take the Premiership.*

The final against RSL Dragons was as close as you could get, 3 all at the 79 minute mark, and when we knocked that last penalty over, the crowd on the Palmy hill erupted. I thought we had a few minutes to go and Boulder was jumping all over me, so I cursed him and told him to be ready for the quick kick off. It was full time. We couldn't believe that we finally had done it. I remember the older Crocs being so proud, as they had slogged it out for so long and finally we had the shield. Captain Snogga was on the news saying to his boss that you won't see him at work for 3 days!!!

I learned a lot about rugby that year, mostly about commitment to your team mates and belief in yourself. If you have those two, you are nearly there. I wore that premiership jersey everywhere and it has pole position in my cupboard - I just can't fit into it anymore. Great days, great mates and great memories.



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Fiona Austine
 Alan Babbs
 Jeff Hellfire Bennett
 Jason & Bryony Blake
 Ben & Selina Blyton
 Bernie & Sonya Bree
 Dan & Evey Bree
 Dennis & Cec Bree
 Tony & Vicky Burns
 Greg Cottrell
 Jaz & Robyn Deo
 Graham Doyle
 Ben Emmett
 Brock Evans
 Dallas Graetz
 Dennis Grant
 Todd & Nichole Harrison
 Greg & Roma Hill
 Greg Jarvis
 Vince & Andrea Kelly
 Glen & Jo Kennedy (from NZ!)
 Sean Killiner
 Craig & Mel Leach
 Wendy & Mal Leach
 Chris Marlow
 Percy & Joanne Peel
 Stephen Roberts
 Garry & Marcia Russell
 Rob & Ann Sloan
 Kerry & Sue Smith
 Mick Smith
 Colin & Alison Snowden
 Rod Williams & Julie White
 Mike & Coral Wilson
 Alan & Michelle Woodcock

MAYBES

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

THINKING OF COMING?

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

35th Anniversary Dinner

When: 30th 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 for payment details.*

A COUPLE MORE PHOTOS FROM THE 25TH REUNION...**AND ALL THE WAY FROM N.Z...**

Rodger and Annette Villis, from the early days of the Palmerston Crocs, recently sorted through some old photo albums and had a good laugh.

Unfortunately Rodger and Annette, who live in N.Z., are unable to make the reunion dinner; however in a recent email to Bernie and Sonya Bree they wrote "thinking of you all and what a special time in our life our time in Darwin was".

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