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President's Welcome

Although a quite week on the rugby front with most of the juniors as well as A grade having a bye, things off the field roll on...

This week the club has gained accreditation as a Level 1 *Good Sports* club. *Good Sports* is a national sports development program of the Australian Drug Foundation (ADF), aimed at promoting a responsible and safe environment for players, members, family and supporters. Our club already met most of the accreditation criteria; however the committee could see the benefits in becoming a *Good Sports* club, particularly when it comes to boosting membership and community regard. Murray MacAllister, the NT Manager of Good Sports, had this to say after our meeting at the clubhouse last Thursday: "(We) were made to feel very welcome and it was pleasing to see a group of people obviously committed to ensuring a safe and healthy environment for your club members".

Reunion tickets are selling well, but we really need to know if you are coming – if you have not already done so, let us know now as final numbers need to be in with Crowne Plaza by Saturday.

And lastly, I would like to wish both Robbie and Bec all the best for their upcoming wedding this weekend. Both are valuable members of the club who have worked hard, particularly with the juniors over the years and I hope that their big day goes well

Ben Blyton



What's on this weekend...

FRIDAY	Under 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 at Rugby Park
SATURDAY	Under 18 – 2:30 at Rugby Park B Grade – 4:00 at Rugby Park A Grade have a bye



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NTRU LADDERS

A Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Casuarina	9	9	0	0	40
Souths	9	6	0	3	30
University	9	3	0	6	16
Dragons	8	3	0	5	15
Palmerston	9	1	0	8	6

B Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Casuarina	11	9	0	2	44
Souths	11	8	0	3	41
University	11	6	0	5	30
Swampdogs	11	6	0	5	29
Palmerston	11	3	0	8	19
Dragons	11	3	1	7	15
Jabiru	6	0	1	5	2

Under 18's

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Swampdogs	9	8	0	1	38
Casuarina	9	6	0	3	31
University	9	4	0	5	20
Palmerston	9	2	0	7	12
Dragons	4	0	0	4	0



Under 18's, Scott has the ball.

Around The Grounds



THE SENIORS

B Grade – Casuarina 46 Palmerston 17

Update from coach Craig Leach

B grade took on a form Casuarina XV on Saturday afternoon. Even though we had several players out of position in the backs, we kept in touch for most of the game. Defence around the breakdown fell away as the phases built, and the big Cougar forwards made use of it. Injuries took their toll as we lost 5 key players during the game and did it tough at the end, playing 2 men down.

Five-eight, Ian Verrall, scored all the 17 points with a brace of tries and was successful with every kick. Half-back, Tyrone Gerchmezen was man of the match. Another superb knock from pocket rocket loose head prop, Alex Cornell-Hewlett, and Greg Jarvis, Bill Will and Brock Evans all tried to the end. Final score – 46-17.

Tries - Ian Verrall (2); **Conversions** - Ian Verrall (2); **Penalty** - Ian Verrall (1); **Players' Player** - Tyrone Gersch-Mizen

Under 18's – Casuarina 42 Palmerston 10

Update from coach and manager, Shane & Lyn Cotton

Due to a lack of commitment by a number of players last Saturday, the U/18 team went down to Casuarina 42-10.

The 11 players that showed their commitment to the team fought gallantly to be two tries all at half time. Our boys never gave up the fight and constantly pressured Cas throughout the second half, but the fact that the opposition had a full complement of players saw our boys simply overrun by the fresh legs on the field.

Well done to the players that made the effort. It was however disappointing for the coach and the team to be let down by players that simply didn't show up on the day. This team has the potential to be premiership contenders and have shown we have the capability to take on all comers. With the required commitment to the team we can still achieve this goal.

Tries – Scott McDinny (2)

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Under 14's

JUNIORS STATS

Here are some statistics from the season so far...

Top Try Scorers

Under 10's - Jacob Blyton 7
 Under 12's - Wayne Bilston 7
 Under 14's - Keegan Quakawoot 21
 Under 16's - Trent Keppel 8

Top Conversions

Under 10's - Riley Reid 15
 Under 12's - Mitchell Theyers 3
 Under 14's - Isaako Teuati 14
 Under 16's - Greg Svanfelds 10

Total Points

Under 10's - Riley Reid 55
 Under 12's - Wayne Bilston 39
 Under 14's - Keegan Quakawoot 113
 Under 16's - Greg Svanfelds 55



Under 10's



THE JUNIORS - Junior Coordinator Robbie Taylor

Last Friday the Under 6's and Under 8's were the only teams to play. Hope everyone else had a nice week off and are looking forward to digging in this week against the Dragons.

Under 6's – update from Kim Hoe

What a great game and team effort for the Crocs vs Souths! The first minute saw Souths score however Ollie saw his opportunity and scored quickly in the first minute. Croc's defence was tight, and Isaac and Gareth teamed up for a great criss-cross try. Well done boys! Gareth finished the game with an amazing run dodging and stepping past Souths three times to score a try. Great team work!

Under 8's – update from coach Cody McFarlane

This week's game was a win to the Palmy team! It was an excellent performance by all with tries scored by Daniel Akers (1), Reilly Wells (3), James Foster (2) and Tristan Humphries (3). The 321's were 1- Rubin Smith, 2-both Aaron McFarlane and Freddie Hoe and 3-Reilly Wells. A fantastic effort by all and a special mention to Taylor Dries who intercepted the ball with the help of Joshua Egan, which helped us to secure victory.

JUNIORS STATS SO FAR THIS SEASON...

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP 4try	BP< 7	Pts
Under 10s currently 4 th	9	4	0	5	212	170	42	5	3	24
Under 12s currently 5 th	9	2	0	7	92	369	- 277	2	0	10
Under 14s currently 2 nd	9	8	0	1	482	118	364	8	0	40
Under 16s currently 1 st	8	6	1	1	270	53	217	6	1	33

TRAINING OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The following teams will have a break over the holidays:

Under 6's – back at training Thursday 26th July
 Under 8's & Under 12's – back at training Tuesday 24th July

The following teams are training right through the break:

Under 10's, Under 14's, Under 16's

See your coaches if you any questions about the above.

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SENIOR SUBS

Senior subs are now due. **\$190** includes playing kit and insurance. Payment required so that your insurance is paid!



FIREWORKS RAFFLE

1st prize won by Vanessa from Juniors (ticket no. 44), **2nd prize won by Percy Peel** (ticket no. 46). Prizes will be available on the 1st July. Dennis will contact you when ready for collection. The next **Fireworks Raffle** is now on sale and will be drawn on the 30th June. **Tickets \$5.00. 1st prize \$200 worth of fireworks, 2nd prize \$50 worth of fireworks.**

CRACKER NIGHT AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Sunday 1st July from 6.00pm. Club will be open for drinks, sausage and steak sandwiches.

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Sunday 8th July. Roster is on the notice board at the clubhouse. 4 x 2 hour shifts. Great fundraiser for the club.

ROYAL DARWIN SHOW CLEANUP

From **Thursday 26th July to Sunday morning 29th July.** See Dennis, Robbie or Ben for details.



MONSTER RAFFLE

See **Dennis Grant** for tickets.

Other news...

B GRADE AND WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE

With the formalities of the B Grade game out of the road, the players' strategic planning and bonding meeting evolved, and the dress code was floral drinking shirts, just released from the Croc Shop. We celebrated the heritage of our English hooker, James Protherough (from Worcestershire), by skulling a bottle of Worcestershire sauce! With a piquancy and superior zest, it is generally more useful as sauce! Beers flowed as we watched the Wallabies convincingly destroy Wales in the test, and then the young guns migrated to the Mitchell Street precinct to strut their stuff. No injuries from town, and a great bonding session had by all.



WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to Gail Barlow and Warren Greenup, who were married last weekend. Gail was walked down the aisle by sons Narada and Jake in a beautiful evening ceremony. All the best for your future Gail and Warren, we wish you every happiness.



ROYAL DARWIN SHOW CLEAN UP

See a Clean Up Co-ordinator to book your shift now:



Seniors Clean Up Co-ordinator
Dennis Grant – 0437 912 140

Juniors Clean Up Co-ordinators
Robbie Taylor – 0419 857 286
Ben Blyton – 0417 082 531

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In the News...

NT NEWS, 19 June 2012



Former Darwin product Tawera Kerr-Barlow, who plays for the Waikato Chiefs in Super Rugby and was recently named in a New Zealand All Blacks training squad, mixing it with Palmerston junior players on a visit to the Top End
Picture: KATRINA BRIDGEFORD

All Blacks prospect enjoys home club visit

RUGBY UNION

ALL Black in waiting, Narada (Tawera) Kerr-Barlow, returned to his home rugby club in Palmerston last week to help out other budding international stars.

Darwin-raised Kerr-Barlow, who was recently selected in a 35-man All Black training squad, re-

turned home to attend his mother's wedding, and spent time at Palmerston Crocs junior rugby training to pass on some hints.

"He really is a Darwin lad and I've seen all the interviews and read the press, and he always calls Darwin home," said Palmerston Rugby Union Club president, Ben Blyton.

"He always lets people know when he comes back home and doesn't forget where it all started — he is such a good kid and a true role model."

The unassuming Kerr-Barlow spent time at his first All Blacks training camp recently, and said to train with household names such as captain Richie McCaw and

legendary flyhalf Dan Carter was a career highlight.

"I was over the moon to be selected in the initial training squad, and it was a great experience to get to train with these blokes from Super Rugby that I don't really know," he said.

"Richie and Dan are legends of the game, and I felt like a little kid training with

them, but they made all the new boys feel welcome."

Kerr-Barlow's Super Rugby team, the Waikato Chiefs, are currently flying high and sit at the top of the table, still three points ahead of another NZ franchise, the Crusaders.

"We (the Chiefs) went into the season with a goal to win the championship. We've got

a new coaching staff and a lot of new young players to the franchise, and with some old heads still around, it's going pretty well at the moment," Kerr-Barlow said.

The 21-year-old scrumhalf is a full time rugby player who recently purchased a house in NZ, and said much of his spare time is taken with mowing the grass.

MORE VISITORS

Stephen (Doggy) Roberts, former A grade player, A grade coach and Mozzies coach, will be in town for the 35th Anniversary. He will be down at training on the Thursday beforehand.

If anyone else is in town and would like to come down to training — you're more than welcome. It would be great to see you there!



Doggy playing back in the early 1990s, at our first home game at Moulden Oval

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Celebrate 35 Years



FRIDAY, 29th June 2012

Players Golf Day: Palmerston Golf Course, starting at 2:00pm, cost \$50.00 per person includes fees, beer and dinner to be paid on the day, Super Rugby on the big screen at the PRUC clubhouse starting from 6:00pm. Please contact Brock Evans on 0408 969 200 before the day to confirm.

SATURDAY, 30th June 2012

Golden Oldies Game: 2:00pm – 2:30pm @ Austar Park, Marrara, after B Grade game before A Grade starts.

35th Anniversary Celebration Dinner: 7:00pm sharp @ Crowne Plaza Ballroom, tickets \$150pp includes: 2 course meal with dessert, Hall of Fame induction, lucky door prize, music, history, unlimited beer, wine, basic spirits and soft drinks from 7:30pm to 11:30pm

Dinner tickets on sale until Friday 22nd June 2012. To purchase please deposit funds into the Palmerston Rugby Union Club account: BSB: 065-901, Acct No: 00919754, Please use reference of 35 Initial + Surname (e.g. 35 B Evans). Alternatively, please contact the Club Treasurer Percy Peel on 0427 321 981 or email percypeel@hotmail.com

ATTENDING

Fiona Austine
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Jake Barlow
Michael Barnard(Qld)
Jeff Hellfire Bennett (Qld)
Jason & Bryony Blake
Ben & Selina Blyton
Cecily & Rod Boulton
Bernie & Sonya Bree
Dan & Evey Bree
Dennis & Cec Bree
Noel Bree
Paddy Bree (Qld)
Tony & Vicky Burns (Qld)
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Ben Emmett (NSW)
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Dennis Grant
Gary Harper
Todd & Nichole Harrison (WA)
John Herbert & Nadine Vine
Greg & Roma Hill
Ricky & Kim Hoe
Greg Jarvis
Sam Jeffries
Ben Johnson
Vince & Andrea Kelly
Glen & Jo Kennedy (from NZ)
Michael Killiner (Singapore)
Sean Killiner
Ratu Koriotamana
Shane Lawrence

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Wendy & Mal Leach
Dave & Sharmay Ley
Roger Lynch
Chris Marlow (Qld)
Martin & Lavinia Mills
Percy & Joanne Peel
James Protherough
Stephen Roberts (NSW)
Garry, Marcia & Mietta Russell
Rob & Ann Sloan
Brendan & Bridget Sly
Kerry & Sue Smith
Mick Smith (Qld)
Colin & Alison Snowden (Gove)
John Sullivan (Qld)
Alec Watson (Qld)
Craig & Rachel Wenck
Rod Williams & Julie White
Mike & Coral Wilson (Qld)
Alan & Michelle Woodcock

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35th Anniversary

A STORY FROM THE ARCHIVES: CROC TALES, OCTOBER 2002

Editor's note:

Read all about our very first Darwin Show Clean Up back in 2002. Ten years on, and the Clean Up still features as our major fundraiser for the year. Be part of a Palmerston tradition, and join in the clean up this year!



DOWN AND DIRTY!!

YES, THE CROCS WENT TO WORK AT THE SHOW.

We were responsible for keeping the area "reasonably clean" from 7.00am on Thursday through until 2.00am Sunday morning. This involved putting out the bins, collecting and emptying the full bins and picking up rubbish off the ground.

In all we had about 50 people who helped out over what turned out to be 4 days. At 11.00pm on Saturday night the Show Society realised they still had a huge mess in the other part of the grounds and asked us if we could come back on Sunday morning to clean it up. Its amazing what you can organise with a mobile phone late on Saturday night when people are in a good frame of mind.

A great effort by everyone.



Other highlights of the weekend include an unnamed Palmie 2nd rower entering our Wastemaster ute in the Show Best Ute competition. Dallas Graetz negotiating a bottle of Bundy into the price for the extra Sunday work, the "Cattleman's Bar" work location of the Thursday night shift and the "super dogs" the Friday night shift had for dinner.

From all reports the Show Society were very happy with our efforts and we will be talking to them soon about the possibility of doing it again next year. Oh, and we made about \$5,000 for our efforts.

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