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## President's Welcome

Well it's been a while coming, but A Grade are back on the winning list! Well done guys - it makes it all feel that much better when we have a win and I bet a few smiles were being worn on Saturday night.

Talking about smiling, this week I have been in Brisbane where on Saturday we went to watch the Reds v Waratahs game. Before the game we had the usual pre-game get together at the Normandy Hotel. The Normandy is almost like our second club house and I caught up, albeit briefly, with James (Chook) and Jackie White and family, Jeremy Bright and son Finn, Colin and Ali Snowden and family, Mick and Anita Farr and family, Al and Julie Watson, Dave Johnson, Duck and family, Pat Bree and John Sullivan and son Jack. After a few lemonades we were all ready to watch the game and it was pleasing to see Queensland make the finals.

I feel our A Grade can take some inspiration from Queensland's run into the finals, where they have had to win 6 in a row to get there. Our requirement may be just 2 wins out of our last 4 games and we may sneak into the finals ourselves. So in closing and borrowing from the Reds – "We are Crocs. We are Crocs. We are Crocs".

### Ben Blyton



Talking tactics at the Normandy



The next generation:  
Nick White, Jacob Blyton,  
James White and Finn Bright

## What's on this weekend...

### FRIDAY

No games – school holidays

### SATURDAY

Under 18 – 4:00 v University at Rugby Park  
B Grade – 5:30 v Souths at Rugby Park  
A Grade – 7:00 v Souths at Rugby Park



## NTRU LADDERS

## A Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Casuarina	12	12	0	0	55
Souths	12	8	0	4	41
Dragons	12	5	0	7	24
University	12	3	0	9	17
Palmerston	12	2	0	10	10

## B Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Casuarina	15	12	0	3	59
Souths	15	12	0	3	53
University	15	8	0	7	39
Swampdogs	15	6	0	9	31
Palmerston	15	4	0	11	27
Dragons	15	5	1	9	25

## Under 18's

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Swampdogs	11	9	1	1	45
Casuarina	10	6	0	4	31
University	10	5	0	5	25
Palmerston	11	2	1	8	15
Dragons	4	0	0	4	0



## A GRADE

Photos supplied by F Austine

## Around The Grounds



## A Grade – Palmerston 19 University 12

Update from coach Greg Hill

It was wonderful to go back to University on Saturday as teachers, not students, to be with friends who wanted to do well and who then did well! It goes to demonstrate that with enough people at training to allow us to practice rugby, we can play rugby!

The game started with the opposition coming out with all guns blazing, but being denied with a very stout close in (pillar post key) defence and with a structured backline denying them any chance with good first-up tackles. This 10 minutes of defensive pressure set the tone for the rest of the first half and we converted our defensive pressure into attacking pressure which they couldn't withstand without giving away penalties. Brad Hogan, who was really working hard, was the recipient of a well-earned try, along with one from Anthony Smith, for us to lead 10 to zip at oranges. Ian Verrall popped a few penalties over. Although the great attitude stayed with us in the second half, some of our structures and decision making fell away. This was probably due to a lack of fitness and certainly from a reluctance to play field position and to kick out of defence.

We had no passengers at all in this game, and every player can be proud of their individual contribution to what was a structured and impressive team effort. This game is very much something we can build on!

**Tries** - Brad Hogan (1), Anthony Smith (1); **Penalties** - Ian Verrall (3)



What a sight to see three Cottons out there together, weaving their magic and sewing up the game for us.

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## Noticeboard

### ROYAL DARWIN SHOW CLEANUP



**Thursday 26th July -  
Sunday 29th July (am)**

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

- Dennis Grant – 0437 912 140
- Robbie Taylor – 0419 857 286
- Ben Blyton – 0417 082 531

**We urgently need senior  
players to sign up for the  
show clean up on**

**Friday 27th July**

**Shifts are:**

**8.00am to 1.00pm**

**1.00pm to 7.00pm**

**7.00pm to midnight**

**Please see Dennis behind  
the bar or let Brocky  
know if you are available.**

PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME  
DOWN IF YOU CANNOT TURN UP.



**THE SENIORS**

**B Grade –University 36 Palmerston 10**

*Update from coach Craig Leach*

Saturday's match was against University Pirates at their home ground, located right next to the flashest set of changing rooms in the southern hemisphere.

Starting the game again with 13 forwards, it seemed a good idea to keep it tight! Uni put in 3 unanswered tries on us in the first half before we started to get things together. Great commitment from Katherine men, Mal Rooney, Braedon Stubbs and Ryan Keel, all driving 650kms return for a trot with the good guys.

Scrum became a potent weapon for us and we marched their pack around like a pair of wrestling mud crabs. On the back of some great attack, Mal Rooney barged over for a great try. The students threw caution to the wind and attacked us out wide to score a couple of lucky tries on the bell.

Final score was **36-10** to University.

Thanks to departing Crocs, Jayden Day and Dominic Mead, who are heading away on work duties. See you next season.

Pressure is starting to mount on positions, so get down to training if you like your spot, otherwise – wing it is!!!

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**Under 18's – Casuarina 48 Palmerston 24**

**Tries** - D Thompson (2), P Tamoto (1), J Jack (1); **Conversions** - M Kimura-Mapiva (1), B Herbert (1)

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**THE JUNIORS**

All junior training and games resume again next week.  
We're looking forward to seeing you all again!



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## Noticeboard

### UNDER 16s

Under 16s have a game this **Friday, 20th July, at 7.10pm** at Marrara against Dragons.

### SENIOR SUBS

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



### MONSTER RAFFLE

See **Dennis Grant** for tickets.

### GOOD SPORTS WEBSITE

We recently made it to the **Good Sports** web site home page:

<http://goodsports.com.au/around-the-ground/articles/palmerston-rugby-club-kicks-its-goal/#read>



### FACEBOOK

[www.facebook.com/PalmerstonRugbyUnionClub](http://www.facebook.com/PalmerstonRugbyUnionClub)



## Other things...

### WEDDING BELLS

Junior Coordinators Rob Taylor and Rebecca Gardiner were married recently. Their flower girl was Mahlia Snowden.

*Congratulations Rob and Bee*



### BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

MANY THANKS to everyone who helped out at our Bunnings sausage sizzle on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July. We made a profit of \$1150. Great work!

#### Set Up Team

Dennis Grant  
Rob Sloan  
Ned Kelly  
Mal Leach

#### Second Shift

Shane & Lyn Cotton  
Greg & Clare Humphries along with their two young boys  
Fiona Austine

#### Third Shift

Brock (I was late due to a hangover) Evans  
James Ballantyne  
Shawn Blewitt

#### Late Shift

Robbie & Bec Taylor  
Isaako Teuati - Junior  
Thomas Brown - Junior  
Jet Wyles Kelly - Junior  
Geoff

### TEAM PHOTOS



We've recently collated many team photos from over the past 35 years (they can now be seen on our facebook page). However, we have a lot of gaps! If you have a team photo that we don't have, we would love to hear from you.

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# Celebrating 35 Years



## HALL OF FAME

## Tony Burns

**A Grade Player 1977-1986**

**Northern Territory Representative 1980-1985**

**Palmerston Best and Fairest 1979/80; 1980/81; 1981/82**

Tony joined Palmerston Rugby Union Club after being persuaded to accompany the club on a weekend rugby trip to Nhulunbuy. He claims he didn't really intend to take up playing rugby union but a weekend trip of rugby and beer sounded too good to pass up so along he went. That weekend led to a celebrated career with the club and the NT Rugby Union. Tony was a lion hearted performer and could always be counted upon to give his best and match it with the best the opposition had to offer. He wasn't a big lock but he was very mobile and always in the thick of the action.

Tony played the game in the era when rucking of the player was allowed and when Casuarina Rugby Union Club dominated the competition with their southern imports. As a lock Tony spent a lot of time on the bottom of rucks and was renowned for his fearless attitude. Consequently his back almost always bore the reminders of his endeavours.

Over the last decade or so Tony has also become the key organiser of the annual (or regular) PRUC Test Match reunions in Brisbane doing an outstanding job of keeping the Palmerston Rugby family together.

**Tony Burns – Welcome to the Palmerston Rugby Union Club Hall of Fame.**



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**Editor's note:**

We'll continue with our stories from the archives for the remainder of our 35<sup>th</sup> season. We welcome any contributions that you may have.

# Celebrating 35 Years

## STORIES FROM THE ARCHIVES...

An old article from 1982 – 30 plus years and “there can only be one”



● Denis Bree . . . A lionhearted performer.

There aren't too many of them left but what they lack in quantity they make up in quality.

Of course I'm referring to the golden oldies who have been around since the first season out on the old Alawa Ovals back in 1976.

But before you read on, bear in mind few records were kept of players in those days and this writer is relying on memory to recall the stars of yesteryear still roaming the paddock.

It would be hard to forget the deeds of Casuarina's popular prop Wally White.

He is indeed an original and probably the player with most first grade games to his credit and certainly the player with most representative games up.

In those dark and dim days for Casuarina, Wally was assisted on the wings by Graham Laing and Mick Smith, both now regulars in B grade.

In fact Mick coached the Palmerston B grade this season to a berth in the preliminary final and was called on to play a variety of positions throughout the season. Graham is still regarded one of the

By MICK HEDGER

copybook wingers in either grade and is one ace up Cougar B grade coach Tuck Marsh's sleeve for today's grand final.

The man who virtually started the competition six seasons ago, Dave Cooper and Bernie Bree are roaming the paddock and Coops is still coaching.

Both are Palmerston through and through although Coops did have a stint with Lar-rakeyah last season.

Bernie's brother Denis would have to get an award as the most durable footballer for the past six seasons.

The lion hearted Denis is called to play two games each week with monotonous regularity and he typifies the spirit contained among the Crocodile ranks.

South Darwin speedman Ian Hedger was around in the first season and like Denis Bree is frequently asked to play in any number of positions.

Hedger was a member of the first touring side to leave Darwin and is still regarded as one of the most experienced players, especially in backline play.

Likewise Bayside winger Graham Oates

still possesses remarkable speed and few would deny his value to the club over the years, on and off the paddock.

Versatile RSL-Dragons forward Gerry Buckley, now a Dragon B grader would remember the first season at Alawa from the inside of a scrum or maul and no doubt could relate many humorous anecdotes.

Buckley is one of those wild men, in the old school mould who refuses to take a backward step charging into the action like a ferocious bull.

A number of players have disqualified themselves from this list by taking a season or two off but remarkably some have returned this season and in fact most are playing better rugby.

Bayside's Bob Dowie and Bruce Spencer, then with Souths, Peter Berrington the present Rabbitho coach are a trio quickly to mind.

From out of town John Cooper and Brian Broadley still make occasional sorties from their new base at Jabiru and one of the original Cougars Ian Duggie played for Gove earlier this year in Darwin.

Had this trio still been in town there would be little doubt they would be still be running on each week for their original clubs.



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