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## President's Welcome

What a great week for the club – B Grade's win has put their fate back into their hands. There are three games left, B Grade are currently equal 4<sup>th</sup> and they could finish as high as 3<sup>rd</sup> depending on other results. Well done B Grade and keep the wins coming.

The Darwin Show Clean-Up was a success. This was our 10<sup>th</sup> year of participating in this event – an excellent effort. Thank you to everyone who helped out. It was great to see the Under 14's, 16's and 18's pitching in, as well as the parents of junior players. These fundraising events enable us to keep playing subscriptions and other fees to a minimum, so well done to everyone and thanks again.

This Friday sees the resumption of the junior games. Numbers have been good at training and we all look forward to seeing the Junior Crocs back in action. The finals are just around the corner and while the 16's and 14's are there, the 12's need to win a couple to sneak in. Under 6's, 8's and 10's play each week but do not contest a final series.

This Friday we will be handing out a survey for junior families to complete - it will help us plan for next year. Senior player surveys will go out next week. Could all surveys be either returned to your team manager or dropped back into the clubhouse – thanks.

While this season may be starting to draw to a close, the club calendar remains busy... there's the Junior Camp / Family Fun Day coming up, Junior and Senior presentations and the AGM in October, to mention a few.

**Ben Blyton**

B Grade



## What's on this weekend...

<b>FRIDAY</b>	Under 6's – Under 16's at Rugby Park (U8 v Swampdogs, U10 to U16 v Casuarina)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Under 18's v Casuarina, 4pm at Rugby Park B Grade v Darwin Dragons, 5.40 at Rugby Park A Grade v Darwin Dragons, 7pm at Rugby Park



## NTRU LADDERS

## A Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Casuarina	14	14	0	0	64
Souths	14	9	0	5	47
Dragons	13	5	0	8	24
University	14	4	0	10	22
Palmerston	13	2	0	11	10

## B Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Casuarina	17	13	0	4	64
Souths	17	14	0	3	63
University	17	8	0	9	35
Swampdogs	17	6	0	11	32
Palmerston	17	5	0	12	32
Dragons	17	7	1	9	25

## Under 18's

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Swampdogs	14	12	1	1	60
Casuarina	14	8	1	5	45
University	14	5	1	8	27
Palmerston	14	3	1	10	21
Dragons	4	0	0	4	0

## B GRADE



Players' Player Matt Solis

## Around The Grounds



## A Grade – Bye

## B Grade – Palmerston 18 Swampdogs 12

*Update from coach Craig Leach*

B grade faced Swampdogs on Saturday in an evenly matched game. We immediately found ourselves under the posts, as the Dogs scored a very lucky intercept try off our lineout.

We were keen to blood some Palmy Colts in B grade, and Scott McDinny showed some great form with a strong breakout to set up the first Palmy long range Ben Liston try. We also gave some game time to two very talented Under 18's – Gary Keppell at five-eighth and flanker Cody McFarlane who scored a strong try. Half time score was 12-5 to Swampdogs.

Matt Solis casually kicked a penalty to put us 1 point in front with 15 minutes to go. An excellent second half run of good field position and ball handling saw us score a final try to put the game away, as flying winger Ben Liston dotted down for his second meat pie of the day.

Matt Solis was superb with his line out superiority and huge raking kicks down-town, and had a top game all round to claim man of the match. Thanks to the colts for boosting us last week - well done, boys!

**Tries** - Ben Liston (2), Cody McFarlane (1); **Penalty** - Matt Solis;  
**Players Player** - Matt Solis



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## B GRADE



## UNDER 18'S



From the NT News about the recent Australian Schools Championships: "At an NT awards function after the tournament in Sydney, Ryan Cotton was acknowledged for outstanding performance at the meet". Well done Ryan!



**Under 18's – Swampdogs 66 Palmerston 7**



## THE JUNIORS

*Update from Junior Coordinator Robbie Taylor*

Firstly, welcome back everyone from the long break. Hopefully we can continue on with our strong season and get to the finals in good shape. This week sees the Under 10's through to Under 16's going up against Casuarina in the Junior competition. Good luck to all and hoping the results come our way.

A couple of things...

All players need to be fully paid up before the first week of the finals, otherwise they will not be able to participate in the finals series.

The NTRU has reported that there have been a couple of incidents at the gates on Saturdays for the Under 18's games. We ask all parents and players to be mindful of the fact they are representing the club and to please treat those on the gate as you would like to be treated yourself.

## UPCOMING PRUC EVENTS

**Junior Camp / Family Fun Day**

- WHEN Sunday 12 August
- WHERE Moulden Oval, starting at 10.00am

**Junior Presentation Day (Under 6's – Under 16's)**

- WHEN Sunday 9 September
- WHERE Palmerston Water Park,
- TIME 9.00am, with presentations starting at 10.00am

**Senior Presentation Night**

- WHEN Saturday 15 September

**Annual General Meeting**

- WHEN Sunday 28 October
- WHERE The Clubhouse





## Royal Darwin Show Clean Up

What a weekend! **A HUGE THANKYOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THE CLUB'S BIGGEST FUNDRAISER FOR THE YEAR.** The support for all but one of the shifts was fantastic and the club is very appreciative of everyone who volunteered their time over the long weekend to help out. The enthusiasm of the Under 14's and Under 16's in particular was awesome! Thanks also to Dennis Grant, Robbie Taylor and Ben Blyton for their behind-the-scenes work in ensuring that the weekend went smoothly. The Show Society was happy with the results and advised the club that it was a job well done (and if we've missed anyone in the list below - thank you also!)

### THURSDAY

Garry Russell  
Dallas Graetz  
David Ley  
Bernie Bree  
Dennis Grant  
Sean Killiner  
Kerry Smith  
Robbie Taylor

### FRIDAY

Dennis Grant  
Drew Weaver  
John Kniti  
Sarah Webb  
Tommy Hurse (thanks for turning up at 7am)  
Blake Bishell  
Cecily Boulton  
Allan Babbs  
Dan & Di Lee  
Brock Evans  
James Protherough  
Fiona Austine  
Luke Schneider  
Jordan Simahauser  
Robbie Taylor  
Ryan Cotton  
Keegan Durrant

### SATURDAY - UNDER 14's

Keanu Feeney  
Michael Norris  
Brodie McMahon  
Kosta Kachionis  
Kael Croker  
Jonathan Briston  
Elijah Simpson  
Keegan Quakawoot  
Isaako Teuti  
Jet Wyles-Kelly  
Zach Pickering  
Hamish Martin  
Tai Terupo  
Sean McFarlane  
Bryce Brady-Bye  
Jack  
Rhys  
Thomas  
Janine Teuati  
Robbie and Bec Taylor

### SATURDAY - UNDER 16's

(Thanks to Gareth, Julie and Dylan for looking after this group while Robbie and Bec coached the Under 18's at Rugby Park)  
Hayden Bert  
Ashley Theyers  
Tom Devine-Harrison  
Gavin McHugh

Stephen Galea  
Nathaniel Bilston  
Mason Worrigul  
Phillip Ambrum  
Greg Svanfields  
Brice Herbert  
Jimi Harris  
Ben Kaart  
William Bohning  
Felix Byrne  
Bayley Hakes  
Ayrton Deo  
Henry Degoumois  
Robbie Taylor

### SATURDAY - LATE SHIFT

Ben Blyton  
Jas Deo with Ayrton, Sachin and Larissa  
Glen Brady  
Steve Coddington  
Peter Hakes with sons Bayley and Connor  
Robbie Taylor

### SUNDAY

Rob Sloan  
Lyn Cotton  
Dennis Grant  
Dallas Graetz  
Steve Nugent



Pictured – Saturday morning, Robbie & Bec and some of the superb Under 14's and the Saturday night graveyard shift.

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## Noticeboard

### SENIOR SUBS

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

### AVON JUNIOR RAFFLE

Thank you to Paula and Tracy for the donation of **Avon** products for the recent Junior fundraising raffle. Thanks also to the ticket sellers.

The raffle was won by **Adam Pitman**, green ticket **C19**. Approximately **\$300** was raised.

### NTRU DATES FOR THE DIARY

**22 - 23 September**

NT Country Rugby Union Carnival

**Saturday 25 August**

NTRU Presentation and Junior Fundraising Evening, see flyer →



### MONSTER RAFFLE

See **Dennis Grant** for tickets.

### PRUC FACEBOOK

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



## Other news...

### AN INVITATION FROM THE NTRU

**Eric Johnston Presentation  
and  
Annual Junior Fundraising Dinner and Dance**

**Staring Sydney based Ventriloquist  
Darren Carr  
and  
Super Rugby guest speaker**

**When:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2012  
**Where:** Holiday Inn, Esplanade, Darwin  
**Time:** 7:30pm  
**Price per ticket:** \$125.00

*Dress: Formal (men - shirt & tie, ladies – cocktail dress)*

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*RSVP: by the 17<sup>th</sup> August 2012*

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### CAMPER TRAILER RAFFLE

Club sponsor, James Ballantyne from *Outback& Beyond Camper Trailer Hire* has donated a one week hire of a Challenge Camper Trailer (pictured) to the club. Thankyou James!



Raffle tickets for this great prize are **two dollars each**, with only **100 tickets** to be sold. Tickets are available at the bar. Be sure to get in early!

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# Celebrating 35 Years



## HALL OF FAME

### Ratu Koritamana

Ratu played for the Palmerston Crocs from the early 1980's until 1989/90 season. He was the Best and Fairest player in 1982/83.

Ratu was a man of few words on the paddock, but he let his skills show the way in typical Fijian style. Ball in one outstretched hand, palming off defenders, he would have a little giggle as he scored his tries. He played in many positions: breakaway, number 8, second row and the centres, but he was at home as a great loose forward. He was a powerful defender, and moved very quickly for a big man in attack, reading play perfectly. Not many opposition players took on Ratu!

Ratu brought plenty of other Fijians to Palmy, including brother Abel and Smoking Joe Tadeo. Ratu would always throw an orphans Christmas party every year for any travelling Crocs away from home. Signature dish... pumpkin, pig and kava. A very well deserved Legend of the Crocs.

#### Ratu Koritamana

Welcome to the Palmerston Rugby Union Club Hall of Fame



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# Celebrating 35 Years

## STORIES FROM THE ARCHIVES

In last week's Croc Tales we had the first page of our newsletter from 1977. This week, we're moving forward to October 2002...



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## A Frog captaining a bunch of Crocs?

**Whoever thought it impossible was proved wrong when Jeremy "Bullfrog" Bree was elected as Palmerston Club Captain 2002/2003.**

The election campaign was a close race between Bullfrog, Boulder and Frankie Mills. A mass vote from everyone after training was held in a true democratic and organised Palmie fashion. Even with an odd vote or two for oneself (you know who you are!!) we reached a well deserved decision in the end.

As a late bloomer to Rugby, the black sheep of the Bree clan, Bernie's heart skipped a beat as Jeremy first took to the field while in his late teens. Heading into his sixth year with the Club, he still shows great promise being a regular A grade player and is approaching his 50 game milestone shortly. However his mark on the Club was probably most felt after he took part in a very professional bare-bum model shoot for the PRUC 2001 Calendar!

Never shy to get involved with the club and its antics, Jeremy will be our host throughout the year for the majority of our social occasions. He is there as a support person for players and can be contacted at the games, at training and most calendar events. Be sure to introduce yourself next time you bump into him.



### Dennis Bree XV VS Roger Rudduck Police XV

The Bree XV will take on the Police XV in Katherine on October 26th. All players new, old, good or bad are encouraged to attend.

The game is to be the curtain raiser to the ABC match of the day with Darwin XV showing Katherine XV what we are made of. The day will be topped off with Dennis and Roger both being awarded life membership to NTRU. Should be a great day and in old bus trip fashion it should be a rather memorable day for all. Have a chat with Garry Russell and get your bum on a seat, or...

CONTACT VINCE KELLY FOR MORE INFO

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