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President's Welcome

Well it was a great week on the rugby front for Palmerston. The Under 14's and 16's both had wins and are straight through to their grand finals. B grade had a strong win in a very entertaining game and play in this week's preliminary final, as does the Under 18's. Both games are against Casuarina, a team we all love to beat, so no doubt we will see you all down at the Rugby on Saturday.

Saturday night was the NTRU Presentation Night. Although we didn't win any awards, a good night was had by all who attended. Well done to Dennis Grant who was in the running for the NTRU Volunteer of the Year. Congratulations must also go to Ian Verrall who finished a creditable 5th in the Eric Johnston Medal, and to former Palmerston Junior Jake Barlow for winning the Referee of the Year award. Photos of the night are included later in this edition of Croc Tales.

Continuing on from last week's success stories for the season... this week I would like to highlight the great work that has been done on fundraising this year. Our major fundraiser, the Darwin Show Clean Up was a big success. It was great to see Palmy old boys, senior players, junior players and parents of junior players all pitching in to help. We have now been doing this event for over 10 years with hopefully many more to come.

We have also had a number of successful Bunnings Sausage Sizzles with our next and last for this season on this Sunday – Fathers Day. These days are also great for the club and over the year have brought in quite a lot of money. So thank you all who have helped! I believe some help may still be required on Sunday so if you can spare an hour or two give Dennis Grant a ring

Ben Blyton

What's on this weekend...

FRIDAY	Under 6's, 8's and 10's at Rugby Park
SATURDAY	Under 18's vs. Casuarina, 3.45 pm at Rugby Park B Grade vs. Casuarina, 5.15 pm at Rugby Park



B GRADE PHOTOS FROM THE SEASON



Photos supplied by Fiona Austine

Around The Grounds



B Grade - Palmerston 32 Swampdogs 26

Update from coach Craig Leach

Palmy B Grade played Swampdogs in the preliminary final on Saturday. It was a must-win situation for us.

A good start saw us pressure the dogs and centre Nick Skinnon powered over for the 1st try. A great counter-attack passage of play saw Paul Devir and Kurt Collie-Whakere gain great ground to put blockbusting Errol Wilson over for a meat pie. Devo kicked the conversions and we up 14-19, running into the wind at half time.

Impact changes at the break worked well as we got our teeth into the game, and Nick Skinnon scored another 5 pointer. Man of the match, Matt Solis, also notched up a try and we looked like bringing home a dog scalp! Golden boot, Paul Devir, knocked over two long-range penalties to draw us away.

Final score was **32 – 26** to the Crocs, and a semi-final berth against old foes, Casuarina.

Thanks to Josh Parker who moved to hooker, due to injuries. Time to focus on the next game, as we march toward Grand Final Day.

Tries - Nick Skinnon (2), Matt Solis (1), Errol Wilson (1); **Conversions** - Paul Devir (3); **Penalties** - Paul Devir (2)

Under 18s – straight through to the Preliminary Final



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**Under 6's – Under
16's**

Juniors Grand Final Night

Friday, 7th September

*A message from
Robbie Taylor*

"We will have a team in all but one grade. This will be the night where hopefully the club can show what is in store for the future. Make sure you get down and lend your voice to the future of the Palmerston Crocs. We hope that everyone can get down and back the kids home for one last night. NO SOFT CROCS!!!"



Under 8's

*All Junior 'Around the Grounds'
photos supplied by Fiona Austine*



THE JUNIORS

Update from Junior Coordinator Robbie Taylor

Where do we begin for this week? What an awesome weekend the Palmerston Crocs had, with great performances across the board. We have made it through to the Grand Finals for both Under 14's and Under 16's. This means all junior grades, with the exception of the Under 12's, will be playing on Grand Final night. Well done to all involved! It's a week like this that make you realise just how much you get out of being a part of the club.

Under 6's - Update from Under 6 coach Ricky Hoe

We played an unruly rough and tumble Pirate outfit this week in Under 6 Rugby. They seemed faster and scored some opportunistic tries in the first half. Undermanned (must be voting/last dry season weekend or something!) and shell shocked, we pulled together in the second half, stopped watching contrails and magpie geese in the sky, and got on with business.

Hats off to Bradley - his fearless tackling saw his jaw bruise and eyes leak. He returned to the field and nothing would stop him from scoring the next try! Isaac was also fearless in attack and defence, and continues to have the best manners after the game when the lollies are handed out! Xavier stopped chasing Olivia in the second half and put in a good performance as well! After the game I reinforced the importance of listening to the whistle to the pirate rabble and used offensive words like soccer in response to their on-field behaviour!

Under 8's – Update # 1 from Under 8 coach Cody McFarlane

Friday 17th August

The Palmerston boys and girls of the U8's had a brilliant win against the 'Swamp Puppies', 10 to 7 being the tries scored. The ball was really shared around and the guys even did some big passes in general play! Shane has really been going hard the last few weeks and Daniel did a fantastic job in probably one of the best games I've seen him play.

Tries - Aaron McFarlane 2, Madison McVee 2, Josh Egan 2, Maloi Terupo 2, Connor Blyton 1, Daniel Akers 1; **Special Mentions** - Daniel Akers, Shane Bracken, Aaron McFarlane and Maloi Terupo

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Under 8's



Under 10's



Under 12's



Under 14's

Under 8's – Update # 2 from Under 8 coach Cody McFarlane

Friday 24th August

The guys had a great game, unfortunately it was our biggest loss of the year but the guys were trying something new and I commend them for their efforts, it was a very fast exciting game.

Tries - Tristan Humphries 2, Maloi Terupo 1, Reilly Wells 1, Maddison McVee 1; **Special Mentions** - Aaron McFarlane, James Foster, Maloi Terupo

Under 10's - Dragons 34 Palmerston 7

This was a game that would go a long way in deciding who would finish third or fourth come Grand Final night. The boys were eager to have a good crack at it, but being up against a great Dragons side on the night, we just couldn't quite get the points. With two games to go, we still have a good chance at bouncing back up to third, and with the spirit the boys have shown all year, there's a good chance we will.

Try - Riley Reid 1; **Conversion** - Riley Reid 1; **Special Mentions** - Kenny O'Connor, Jacob Blyton, Patrick Woodcock

Under 12's - Casuarina d Palmerston

Unfortunately, the fairy tale has come to an end with the Under 12's going down to Casuarina in the minor Semi Final. The kids started well with some great scrambling defence. Throughout the game, we showed glimpses on what we could really do, but the points just weren't coming up on the scoreboard. No matter the result on Friday night, the Under 12's had done a brilliant job just to make the finals. The entire club is proud of all of you who played. A special thank you to Paul Theyers, Ryan Cotton and Josh Parker for all your help.

Special Mentions - Cory McVee, Cameron Croker, Mitchell Theyers

Under 14's - Palmerston 43 Casuarina 34

We did it the hard way, but we did it. The Under 14's defeated Casuarina 43 - 34 in what was a see-saw event. Our boys started slow, letting the Cougars score 2 quick tries. The second try must have woken them from the dead, because from there, the boys

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Under 14's



Under 14's



Under 16's



Under 16's

worked hard to get back in front just before half time, and never let it slip from there. The ball security was crucial in order for the boys to keep the scoreboard ticking. Everyone put in a good effort to ensure that the team went straight through to the Grand Final. This team is a real chance of coming away with the Premiership. One more big game boys, and the job is done. Well done!!!

Tries - Keegan Quakawoot 4, Elijah Simpson 2, Thomas Brown 1;
Conversions - Isaako Teuati 2, Elijah Simpson 2; **Special Mentions** - Michael Norris, Keegan Quakawoot, Tai Terupo

Under 16's - Palmerston 25 University 10

The good news keeps on coming, with a great team effort to get the vital win over University 25 - 10 in the Under 16's Qualifying Final. The last time these two teams met, Uni won 31 - 0, so this was a very special win for the boys. The big difference in this week's performance was the discipline the boys showed, especially when defending their own line. It was also the best display the team has put on for quite a while. Well done boys, one more game, and then we can reflect on a great season.

Tries - Xavier McKenzie 1, Greg Svanfelds 1, Felix Byrne 1;
Conversions - Greg Svanfelds 1, Phillip Ambrum 1; **Penalties** - Greg Svanfelds 2; **Special Mentions** - Ben Kaart, Jordan Boyd, Greg Svanfelds



Under 16's

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OUR UNDER 6'S

Bodhi Dobson-Miller

Brad Pitman

Carly Whitehouse

Declan Howson

Elias Pitman

Gareth Blackman

Hamish Blake

Isaac Foster

Kai DuToit

Lachlan Coble

Levi Muller

Lily Hoe

Noah Roberts

Oliver Muller

Olivia Hantelmann

Rodney Powell

Tobee Torenbeek-White

Tommy Bree

Tynan Hobbs

Xavier Franz-Hoobin

*Team photo supplied by
Fiona Austine*

Season Review**UNDER 6s**

By Under 6's coach Ricky Hoe



At the beginning of the 2012 season, week one of U6 training was like herding cats... now, towards its end we are a highly revered and focussed team of Croclings. With enough numbers to split ourselves into two sides if necessary, we are capable of executing set moves in attack and setting a defensive line fast - sometimes we allowed the opposition an extra try or two just to keep our them interested! The best thing is that we had such a fun time doing it!

Such a successful season is only possible with the help from volunteers along the way, including Julie our super manager, Ozzie, stand in coach Kelvin, Kim, Ben Blyton, Dan Bree, and all of the supportive parents.

Thanks to you all!

Palmerston, Palmerston, Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!



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OUR UNDER 8'S

Aaron McFarlane

Alexandra Blyton

Briney Whitehouse

Connor Blyton

Daniel Akers

Dylan Morrison

Freddie Hoe

Izaiah Waters

James Foster

Jasch Davis

Jayden Chapman

Jesse Lowden

Josh Egan

Maddison McVee

Maloi Terupo

Pagen Bowers

Reilly Wells

Reuben Smith

Shane Bracken

Taylor Dries

Tristan Humphreys

*Team photo supplied by
Fiona Austine*

Season Review

UNDER 8's

*By Under 8's coach
Cody McFarlane*



The boys and girls of the Under 8's Palmerston Rugby Union side have had a very successful year. Not only have they almost won every game but they have all had a great time in their rugby with me and so have I. The guys have achieved a lot this year including increased passing skills, game awareness and even running forward!

One of the highlights for me this year was when I let the team run themselves without me on the field. This was a lot to put on them as they have always had someone there in the past but they stood up to the challenge and played a fantastic game, I was really proud.

Overall a great fun filled season and with only a couple of games left I can't wait to see them next season. A special thank you to my Mum and Dad (Alison and Bruce McFarlane) for helping me out all year as well. Without their help, I would have been a little stuck at times. And also a special thank you to all of the Mum's and Dad's who kept bringing their kids down to training and to games on Friday nights.



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Noticeboard

JUNIOR AND SENIOR SURVEYS

Have you handed in your survey?

We need all surveys by tomorrow, **Friday 31st August**. Please email Wendy Leach (wleach@bigpond.com) if you haven't received a survey yet.

Thank you to everyone who has already completed their survey. A summary of the survey results will be included in an upcoming edition of Croc Tales.

NTRU DATES FOR THE DIARY

22 - 23 September

NT Country Rugby Union Carnival

PRUC DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 9 September

Junior Presentation Day

Saturday 15 September

Senior Presentation Night

Refer to the flyers attached for Presentation event details.



Sunday 28 October

Annual General Meeting

Family Fun Day photo (right) supplied by Taz Whitehouse

Other news...

NTRU ERIC JOHNSTON PRESENTATION AND ANNUAL JUNIOR FUNDRAISING DINNER AND DANCE

As mentioned in the Welcome, the NTRU Referee Award was won by Jake Barlow. Congratulations Jake! The guest speaker for the evening was Stephen Larkham – a truly inspirational, completely down-to-earth, former Wallaby great and current Brumbies coach.



Photos supplied by E Temple-Bree

PRUC FAMILY FUN DAY

On Sunday 11th August the club held a Family Fun Day at Moulden Oval, organised by **Junior Coordinators Robbie and Bec Taylor**.

After a slow start about 50 kids turned up to join in the fun. The theme of the day was about active kids and healthy eating. Rugby skills, an obstacle course, a jumping castle and water slides were all provided, along with a t-shirt for those who attended. Fruit platters were had for morning tea and Ned and Pauline cooked a BBQ lunch. By our trustee sources, the highlights of the day were the games of touch rugby, Under 14's vs. Everyone Else (including the parents).

A sincere thank you to Palmerston City Council who supplied a grant to assist with the running of the day. Thanks also to the **Mayor Ian Abbott** for generously giving up his Sunday morning to drop in for a look at the action.



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MONSTER RAFFLE PRIZE LIST UPDATE

1st Prize

- \$70 food & drink voucher at Arch Rivals
- \$100 food & drink voucher at Casuarina Sports Club
- 10 x visits to Life Balance Gym in Rosebery
- 1 x gerni
- 1 x large esky
- 1 x small esky
- 1 x trolley / ladder
- 6 x Bohemia crystal wine glasses
- 1 x Uniden wireless power pad
- 1 x 4 man tent
- 1 x camping chair
- 1 x pewter hip flask
- 2 x bamboo cutting boards
- 6 x Heineken beer glasses
- 1 x Coopers Pale Ale pewter beer mug
- 6 x Tiger Royal rokal wine glasses
- 1 x fishing rod and reel
- 1 x club polo shirt
- 1 x club cap
- 1 x club stubbie cooler
- 1 x car sticker

2nd Prize

- \$500 gift basket donated by Hair Studio, Casuarina. Contains Wella products and 8 packets of hair extensions.

See **Dennis Grant** for tickets.

Fundraising news...

OUR NEXT SAUSAGE SIZZLE – FATHERS DAY!

Our next Bunnings Sausage Sizzle will be held on **Sunday 2nd September**. This is also Fathers Day, so we're expecting a busy day! Volunteers are required for the following shifts:

- 4 x 7.30 to 10.00am
- 4 x 10.00am to Midday
- 4 x Midday to 2.00pm
- 4 x 2.00pm to 4.00pm



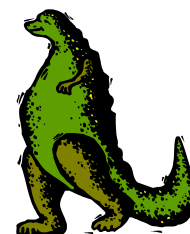
The roster will be on the notice board at the clubhouse. Alternatively, let Dennis know on 0437 912 140 or email dennis.grant2@defence.gov.au

MONSTER RAFFLE PRIZE LIST UPDATE

As you may now, Dennis Grant has been running a **Monster Raffle** all season.

On the left is an update on the prize list. The current value of first prize is approximately **\$1800**. We also have a second prize of a **\$500** gift basket of hair products, which has been kindly donated by Hair Studio at Casuarina. One for the ladies.

This raffle will be drawn at the Senior Presentation Night on **Saturday 15th September**. Tickets are on sale at the bar Tuesday and Thursday nights and will be also available at Presentation Night.



Help support the fundraising for next year's kit!

CAMPER TRAILER RAFFLE



Our **Camper Trailer Raffle** will also be drawn at Presentation Night. Tickets are **\$2** each and are available at the bar. Prize kindly donated by club sponsor *Outback & Beyond Camper Trailer Hire*.

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Celebrating 35 Years

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Presentation Night this year has a 70's theme. We realise that many of you may not have even have born in the 70's, and the rest of you have forgotten or are trying to forget the 70's, so here are some photos from some early club events for inspiration.



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