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President's Welcome

Well it was not to be, both the Under 14's and Under 16's went down on Friday night in their Grand Finals. Bad luck guys, the club was proud of your achievements during the year and hopefully you will bounce back next year. Also, a great effort by the Under 6's, Under 8's and Under 10's in their last games for the season. We'll look forward to seeing you all again next year!

A big congratulations to Anthony Smith (Under 14's coach) who was awarded the *NTRU Junior Coach of the Year* on Friday night, and to Keegan Quakawoot, also of the Under 14's, who won *the Highest Point Scorer in the Junior Competition* with 209 points. Well done Smithy and Keegan.

Sunday saw the Junior Presentation Day at the Palmerston Water Slide. Full details can be found on page 4. Well done to the many people involved in the Juniors in so many ways. It's been a good season and now it's time for a well-earned rest!

This weekend sees the Senior Presentation Night on at the clubhouse on Saturday night. It's our last senior function for the year and it would be great to see you down there.

As the season winds down, don't forget the AGM on the 20th October. All positions are declared vacant and we will need some new blood on the committee to continue the good work of this year's group. Feel free to contact me for more information about any of the positions on the committee.

Ben Blyton





JUNIOR PRESENTATION DAY



Under 6 Coach Ricky Hoe



Under 8 Coach Cody McFarlane with Manager Alison McFarlane (a great mother and son team! Dad Bruce also co-managed; however unfortunately he was unable to attend on Sunday. And youngest son and brother, Aaron played for U8's)

Around The Grounds



Update from Junior Coordinator Robbie Taylor

Last Friday's Grand Final night threw up some surprises. Unfortunately we couldn't get our hands on a premiership, but there were still some positives out of the night.

Under 6's

Update by Under 6 coach Ricky Hoe

We finished off the season with a fairly chaotic game - I think our drink bottles were spiked as our defensive line became more abstract as time went on. All the usual try scorers cross line however and all players walked away with a medallion presented by the NTRU. Phew! What a season! Thanks again to all the players, parents and volunteers who made the season so much fun. Bring on the Rugby cokes!

Under 8's

Friday 31st August

Swampdogs only had two players come down so six of our players played for Swampdogs and we pretty much had ourselves a scratch match. The kids went hard against each other which was really surprising and I was proud that they did. The scores were 7 to 8 to 'Swampdogs'

Tries - Maloi Terupo 2, Reilly Wells 2, Connor Blyton 2, James Foster 1, Aaron McFarlane 1 (these were for playing both sides)

Friday 7th September

Unfortunately our last game of the year was an 8 to 7 loss to Souths but the only reason for the loss was because of some great experimental play! The guys were really getting in there and trying new things. I was very proud of their passing efforts even though it didn't work out perfectly 100% of the time

Tries - Reilly Wells 3, Connor Blyton 1, Maloi Terupo 1, Iziah Waters 1, Tristan Humphries 1.





At the Palmerston Water Park



PRUC Junior Coach of the Year Under 14 Coach **Anthony Smith**



PRUC Club Person of the Year Under 10 Coach **Wayne Smith**

Under 10's – Dragons 47 Palmerston 28

The Under 10's took on Dragons. Yet again, we were playing for 3rd spot on the ladder to finish the season. Unfortunately, we just couldn't quite finish on the note we would have liked. Everyone tried the hardest, but in the end the Dragons were just too good on the day. Still, it has been a great season for these boys, as they have been the only team to beat the eventual Premiers in the Under 10's, Casuarina, twice.

Tries - J Ackers 1, J McVee 1, B Svanfelds 1, M Brady; **Conversions** - R Reid 4; **Special Mentions** - Kenny O'Connor, Josh McVee, Jayden Humphrys

Under 14's – Casuarina 25 Palmerston 19

The game against Casuarina on Friday night was always going to be a close encounter. Unfortunately we came out slow and let Casuarina get 2 tries on the board early in the first half. It wasn't until half time that the boys woke up and decided to have a real crack. And then the team we have come to enjoy watching came out. But despite our efforts, we just weren't making the right decisions under pressure and we just couldn't quite get over the line at the end. We went down 25-19. But there were still some positives after the game with both player Keegan Quakawoot and coach Anthony Smith winning NTRU awards. Well done boys!

Tries - I Teuati 1, K Quakawoot 1, J Gilder 1; **Conversions** - ITeuati 2; **Special Mentions** - Kosta Kachionis, Keegan Quakawoot, Keanu Lee-Feeney

Under 16's – University 24 Palmerston 20

How do you describe this one? Unfortunately, there wasn't too much we did wrong, but it just wasn't our night in the end. The effort by all involved was great, everyone was committed and everyone had a good dig. We started well with a 10 point lead after 15 minutes, but somehow University clawed their way back into the game by half time. The second half was simply a case of no luck. The bounce of the ball just wouldn't go our way. In the end, we went down 24-20. A brilliant year from the boys, and still a lot to take from this season. Keep your heads up boys. Well done!!

Tries - J Harris 1, F Byrne 1; **Conversions** - G Svanfelds 2; Penalties - P Ambrum 2; **Special Mentions** - William Bohning, Jimi Harris, Xavier McKenzie.



Junior Presentation Day

Another season has gone by and what better way to conclude the season than with a great Junior Presentation Day at the



Palmerston Water Park. It was the first time we have held our presentations at the Water Park, and all in all it well. (Unfortunately the much anticipated water slide races couldn't happen as the water slides weren't operating due to mechanical issues).

It was good to see most of our Juniors present to receive their participation trophy or medallion. Special efforts and achievements were also rewarded and these are listed below. Congratulations to all the award winners, and to everyone who pulled on the Palmerston jersey this year. A special thankyou once again to all our brilliant coaches, fantastic managers and wonderful parents and carers, for your time and efforts throughout the season. Our Juniors are only as strong as your ongoing support over the entire season.



OUR AWESOME UNDER 14'S

Brodie McMahon Bryce Brady-Bye Callum Killian Connor Owen Dylan Marsh **Elijah Simpson** Ethan McAllistar Hamish Martin Isaako Teuati Jack Gilder Jet Wyles-Kelly Jonathon Briskin Josh MacDonald **Kael Croker** Keanu Lee-Feeney Keegan Quakawoot Kosta Kachionis Levi Higgins Liam Bilston Liam Boyd Luke Sikyr Marc Cubillo Matt Ellis McKenzie Lawrence **Michael Hatzismalis Michael Hewlett** Michael Norris Nathan MacDonald **Rhys Thomas** Sean McFarlane Tai Terupo **Thomas Brown** Tom O'Connor William Degoumois Zach Pickering Zane Smith

Season Review

UNDER 14's ☆MINOR PREMIERS 2012☆

By Junior Coordinator Robbie Taylor



U14 Coach Anthony Smith

Season 2013 has been a complete success for the Under 14's. We may not have got the fairy tale finish we were hoping for, but we certainly deserve to hold our heads up and be proud of the performances we have put out onto the field week in and week out. The season started well with us winning our first 3 games in a row. We came up against Casuarina in Round 4 and suffered our only loss of the home and away season. We knew that we were better than we were that night, and so the boys worked hard to try and stop a game like that happening again. I was wrapped with the efforts of the boys at every training session and for every game they played. To only lose 2 games all year and to finish as minor premiers is an amazing achievement!

Some of the other positives from this season include:

- Keegan Quakawoot scored 7 tries in one game a new record
- Keegan Quakawoot won the NTRU Junior Top Points Scorer
- Anthony Smith won both the NTRU Junior Coach of the Year and the PRUC Junior Coach of the Year
- We had 28 regular players turn up week in, week out to be a part of a special team, and to develop and learn new skills.
- We have 10 players in the NT Under 14's Training Squad who will tour to Kuala Lumpur in November 2012: Kosta Kachionis, Jonathon Briskin, Isaako Teuati, Liam Bilston, Kael Croker, Keegan Quakawoot, Jet Wyles-Kelly, Elijah Simpson, Jack Gilder and Keanu Lee-Feeney

All in all, it has been a fantastic season which has been a lot of fun for everyone involved. Hopefully we will see you all back next year, and hopefully we can go one better.



Under 14's - Minor Premiers 2012



OUR AMAZING UNDER 16'S

Ashley Theyers

Ayrton Deo **Bayley Hakes** Ben Kaart Bradley Vallely **Brice Herbert** Cody Parker **Corey Paterson** Darcy McBean **Doug Thompson Elijah Simpson** Felix Byrne Gavin McHugh **Greg Svanfelds** Hayden Bert Henry Degoumois Hoani McIlroy Jimi Harris Jordan Boyd Joseph Austral Joshua McAllistar **Kerrin Akers** Mason Worrigul Nathaniel Bilston Phillip Ambrum Scott Cotton Stephen Galea Thomas Roe **Tom Devine-Harrison Trent Keppel** Whalan Maru William Bohning William Norris

Xavier McKenzie

Season Review

UNDER 16's ☆MINOR PREMIERS 2012☆



The Under 16's season was full of success, from start to finish. We only lost 3 games all year, unfortunately all against University, and one of those in last Friday night's Grand Final. But nevertheless, the boys are young and will be better for the experience.

This season saw a bunch of boys turn into a fine group of young men. Each and every player improved immensely from the start of the season. A great example of this was in a game against the Swampdogs, where all the regular starters were benched to give the younger group a great run. They showed just what they were made of, and took it to a very physical Swampdogs team. We won the game on the back of the great first half that the younger members played.

There were so many great positives, hopefully I don't miss too many:

- We won the **NT Under 16's Junior Championship** for 2012
- We had a regular presence in the Under 18's squad (Ayrton Deo played every game for the Under 18's this season)
- 13 players were selected in the NT Under 16's Training Squad
- 4 players made the NT Under 16's Touring Squad
- Ashley Theyers won the Deo Award

We hope that all of the boys realise what a special year it has been for them as a group and we hope to see every one of them return for a bigger and better year in 2013.



The Under 16's after winning the TIO NT Junior Champsionships in May





Justin McKenzie

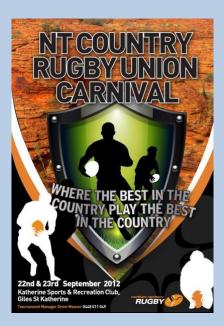


BAR TABS

Anyone with a bar tab can will need to clear it at Presentation Night. BIG ERROL has been delegated to chase up if not paid!!

NTRU DATES FOR THE DIARY

22 - 23 September NT Country Rugby Union Carnival



PRUC DATES FOR THE DIARY





Other news...

A REMINDER – OFF SEASON FITNESS TRAINING



Want to stay fit in the off season? Current A Grade player **Paul Williams** will be running **fitness training sessions** from 6:30 to 7:30 at Moulden Oval, on a 6 nights on, 2 nights off roster. All ages and abilities will be catered for and non-players are also welcome. **For details**, **phone Paul on 0423 673 470.**

TAROONA RUGBY CLUB – THE TAROONA PENGUINS

Last week's Croc Tales included an article by past player **Matt Brocklehurst**, who now plays for the **Taroona Rugby Club** in Tasmania. Matt has provided an updated on how their teams fared over the weekend. Go the Taroona Penguins!

Just letting you know that we had some success on the weekend. Our Taroona Senior Grade defeated Harlequins 18-17 in a very tight contest, despite good possession and territory we failed to capitalise on a strong tailwind and only led 6-0 at half time. Despite being a man down for all of the second half Quins played out of their skins to push us right to the final whistle. That said our structure and



commitment was good throughout the game and capped off a great year where we only lost two games and gave opportunities to a number of young blokes who came through our junior program.

In addition we also won Reserve Grade Final but lost in the U/14's, so all told two out of five is a great result and we are looking forward to next year. A full report of the Seniors GF can be found at <u>http://www.greenandgoldrugby.com/review-tassie-rugby-grand-final/</u>



MONSTER RAFFLE & CAMPER TRAILER RAFFLE

Both these raffles will be drawn at the Senior Presentation Night on **Saturday 15th September**. Tickets will be available on the night, so you still have a chance to enter if you have already purchased a ticket.





FROM THE ARCHIVES

We're not sure which season this 'wanted' advertisement dates back to, but it's obviously a couple of decades ago! As our history pages have shown many times this season, the more things change the more they stay the same – and once again we'll be calling for new players for next season (which runs over the Dry rather than what's advertised below - some things do change!).



NOT FROM THE ARCHIVES

And for something else that wasn't around twenty odd years ago... what are these Under 14's doing? (Hint: the photo was taken around the time of the London Olympics).







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