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President's Welcome

Well, all good things must come to an end and now that our season has ended, this will be the last of our weekly Croc Tales for the year.

From time to time we'll be publishing a Croc Tales in the off season, when we think we have something worth telling you about. For those who think they may struggle to cope without their weekly read, we can set up a re-run of this year editions starting from week 1 next week - just let us know.

Seriously though, I would like to say thank you to everyone who contributed to Croc Tales throughout the year. The variety of articles and stories made it an interesting read. A huge thank you especially to both Wendy Leach and Selina Blyton for putting it all together week in and week out, you've done a great job and Croc Tales has definitely been one of our successes this year.

On the weekend some senior players who could not get enough of rugby went down to Katherine to play in the NT Country Club Championships. The boys did an awesome job of representing the club and put in a whole hearted performance, playing 5 games in two days. Well done! Read about how they went in the following pages.

In little over a month we have our AGM. Please keep **Sunday 28th October** free as we need you down at the clubhouse for this important event. Our proposed new committee structure is detailed later in Croc Tales - have a look and think about if you would like to stand for any of positions. We need at least 5 new people for next year's committee but the more we get the better will be in 2013.

Ben Blyton

What it's all about - from U6's through to A Grade - training together, a great game, then catching up with mates afterwards.

Pictured are U8's Maloi, Connor and Aaron, having a feed before watching their big brothers play.





Palmy Crocs



The coach



Hog's at height

Photos supplied by Fiona Weaver

Around The Grounds



NT Country Rugby Carnival with NO SOFT CROCS

By John / Nadine / Brockspider / Dale

John Herbert named team captain – and for the first time in recorded history – more backs than tight 5 players. Katherine supplied a lovely dry heat of approximately 39 in the shade, but with Chillibins 'esky for Australians' drinks and food and beautiful ladies by our side for support, the first day started.

Game 1 – Crocs v Barbarians

Try 1; Cameron on the wing received the ball – step – step – 4 meters forward – chip kick – John 'the flying prop' Herbert catches – dummies – switch – back to winger – and TRY!!!!

Try 2; There was a solid play – 50m out – ball spread through the hands to the hooker seagulling on the wing – break – tackle – break – tackle – run – run – run – run – swerve – dummy to winger who was flying in the open and had speed to burn – decision making in hookers head – decides fullback's can't tackle – break tackle – run – run – run – run – white line fever – TRY!!!! (who says hooker's can't think?)

Conversions by Divo and Hogan – kick 2 points – kick 2 points – kick no points

Try fail; Smithy – run – run – run – run – chip kick – pirouette – run – run – run – dive – knock ball on – EPIC FAIL!!!! 9 points for effort, unfortunately no points for try.

☆ Crocs win 12 -7 ☆

Game 2 – Crocs v Katherine Pirates

Try 1: 'Hog' Onions chip kick over the top from the win - punched through the line – run – run – run – run – TRY!!!!

Try 2; Penalty – kick – 30m gain – line out 15m out (backs sit down, have a cup of tea and do hair, winger's supply combs). Hooker throws – Hogan catches – pigs drive maul like a ferrari – hard and fast – Hogan goes down – ladies smile – TRY!!!!

Conversions by Divo – kick 2 points – kick 3 points – kick 3 points – kick 2 points.

☆ Crocs win 20 – 12 ☆





Devo on song



Errol on the pilfer



k-o Corey



Palmerston vs. Alice – game 3

Game 3 – Crocs v Alice Springs

The Crocs played well, it was a hard fought battle – heaps of defence – Alice had a very 'large/fricking HUGE' team. A Shane Cotton esc inside centre for Alice played havoc with our Smithy esc inside centre. The Crocs defended exceptionally well.

Try 1; Sorry I was at the bar – Brock – my bad... I missed it...

Five all with five minutes to go, but eventually the savagely 'large' Alice forwards crashed over to win the game 12 – 5.

With the Saturday games over – drink – drink – slurp – slurp – chug – chug – how you doin Rosie? OMG time to go to bed. Wake up – sore head – Sunday!

Crocs lose 12 – 5

Game 4 – Crocs v Pirates... again

Crocs short, borrowed 2 players from Barbarians. Captaincy taken off injured John and passed to fit John. Crocs start game hungover. Corey receives the ball – white line fever from 60m out – knocked out by shoulder charge... where am I?... Again...

Try 1; Forwards – pick – drive – pick – drive – pick – drive – 40m later – forwards finally pass to winger – acting as second rower – Chris Hocking – 5m out – step – step – punch though – TRY!!!!
Conversions – Divo – 0

Crocs lose 13 – 5

Game 5 – Crocs v Alice Springs... again

Try 1; Scrum on halfway - halfback to five-eight – five-eight to inside – cut one to fullback – run – run – run – run – left turn - run – run – run – swan dive by Divo – TRY!!!!

Try 2; Scrum again – Tyrone to Divo – run – run – run – chip kick – a flying chicken wing scooped up the ball – chip kick – swerve – catch – run – run – TRY!!!!

Try 3; Pick – drive – pick – drive – pick – drive – 60m gain – halfback pass to Shawny – run – run – TRY!!!!

Try 4; Drunk by now... sorry I can't recall anything, it didn't happen... Conversions – Divo 100%

★ **Crocs win 24 – 7** ★

CROCS WIN THE BOWL. Crocs handed the bowl to Alice as we could not field a front row and were 4 players short. We did the sportsman like thing and forfeited the game after the full time siren.

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Palmerston vs. Alice - final



Noticeboard

OFF SEASON FITNESS TRAINING

A Grade player **Paul Williams** is 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**.



CLUB HOUSE HIRE

Do you have a birthday or other function coming up and require a venue? For those that may not know, the clubhouse is available for hire to club members and invited guests. For details, phone **Dennis Grant on 0437 912 140**.



Summing Up

Over the weekend the Crocs went well. We would like to thank all players and spectators, with special mention to the Mead brothers, Bill and Scott for Saturday, Ash for his effort on Sunday for driving down and playing both games. Thanks also to Boza, apparently he needed a break from the inlaws on Sunday, and thanks to all Barbarians and Tindal boys who played for us on the Sunday when we found ourselves short of players.

Player's player for the trip has to go to Garry Keppel, the only U18's player to come; he stepped up with solid defence and his attack was fearless, often taking scappy ball back to the piggies. He came into his own on Sunday in the finals showing exceptional drive for his back line.

Thanks also to wives/partners/significant others who helped out; especially Nadine who did all the paperwork. Last but not least, welcome back Backpacker; with your exceptionally strong water running skills and remarkably dubious line duties in full Katherine bare foot style 'look'. Oh and thanks Spider.

Palmerston Crocs Team spirit...



New Committee Structure



The current committee has reviewed the structure of the committee and has concluded that it's time to reorganise the committee structure. Although the existing structure has served us well for 35 years, it is thought that the proposed structure aligned with our core functions is better placed to meet our current requirements.

The aim of the new committee structure is to enable the committee to devote more time to strategic issues, reinforce our core business (rugby) and clearly define roles within the committee. The proposed structure is tabled below. Job descriptions are available for anyone who is interested in standing for any of these roles. The intention is that following the AGM, smaller committees will be formed where necessary to assist a director with their duties as required. Please note also that positions titles are subject to change and ratification at the AGM.

AGM ELECTED POSITIONS				
Executive	Rugby Operations	Finance	Facilities	Administration
President	Rugby Director	Finance Director	Facilities Director	Administration Director
Vice President	Senior Development			
Secretary	Junior Development			
Treasurer				

Surveys



2012 JUNIOR SURVEY
2012 SENIOR SURVEY

We recently conducted a survey of junior parents and senior players about the rugby club and what they wanted in moving forward. Here's a brief summary of the key results:

Junior Parents – 100% of parents are happy with the existing sub structure (which includes shorts, socks and a shirt) and the vast majority didn't want to move to a reduced package (of just shorts and socks). As a result, we will be sticking with the existing sub structure, although for the older kids (Under 14's and up) a singlet will replace the shirt*. There were also lots of positive comments regarding good coaches, family atmosphere, well run programs, etc.

Senior Players – The subs structure was discussed with most players wanting the larger package. We will therefore continue with the current package, although again we'll replace the polo with a singlet*. Senior players have also request more social events – we will be sure to organise more of these in the 2013 season. Senior players were also interested in off season activities. Paul Williams is currently running fitness sessions and we will look at organising some touch days along with other events during the off season.

(*polos will still be for sale through the Croc Shop)

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The A-Z of 2012

Can you remember...

Awesome costumes
at the 70's Senior
Presentation

Brilliant 35th
Reunion Dinner

Cash for Cans

Darwin Show Clean

Eric Johnston NTRU
Dinner

Five Bunnings
Sausage Sizzles

Good Sports
Accreditation

Home games

Incredible support

Junior Presentation
at the Waterpark

Katherine rugby

Live on ABC 105.7

Meeting old friends
at the reunion

Nerada training with
the Juniors

Old Salties game

Past Players Day

Quality club

Recruiting at the
markets and shops

Snogga guest
coaching

TIO Junior Champs.

Under 14's and 16's
Minor Premiers

Volunteers

Working bees

X-cellent friendships

Your club

Zzzz... the off-season



Celebrating 35 Years

Over the season, we've been searching the archives each week in celebration of our 35 year history. This week, we're looking back over our 2012 season...



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