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President's Welcome

Good day all and welcome to the first edition of Croc Tales for season 2013. I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas. As we settle into the new year our thoughts are once again turning to rugby.

I am looking forward to 2013 with great enthusiasm. Locally, we have the Hottest Sevens, the Brumbies vs. Western Force game and a new-look season to look forward to in the upcoming weeks (full details follow in page 2 and 3). For the Wallabies, we have the British Lions Rugby tour coming to Australia. The British Lions were last here in Australia in 2001 and the Wallabies won the series 2-1. It was a great result and to see and experience the Lions supporters on that tour made you fully understand the significance of the event.

With the start of a new season we also have a new committee. I would like to firstly like to thank last year's committee for an excellent job off the field in 2012. It was agreed by all who saw our annual report at the AGM that the club is in good shape and this year's committee has a solid base to work from. To our new and returning committee members for the 2013 season, welcome and a sincere thank you for volunteering your time. The work that has been done so far has been impressive and I am sure that 2013 will be another good year.

To our players, off field preparations for the season are well and truly underway. All coaching appointments are currently being finalised and these will be announced in Edition 2 of Croc Tales.

And finally, Croc Tales will run fortnightly during the pre-season and then commence weekly in March. There's always a lot happening and Croc Tales will keep you in the loop both on and off the field.

All the best and we will see you at the rugby.

Ben Blyton
President

What's on this week...

Training for the **Hottest Sevens** commences Thursday, 6pm at Moulden Oval. Clubhouse bar will be open after training.



Vision, Mission and Values

These will guide the decision making, governance, culture and behaviours of the Club and its members into the future.

VISION

To be recognised as the premier Rugby Union Club in the Top End

MISSION

- Providing opportunities for players, coaches, administrators and volunteers to develop their skills in a positive, safe, well resourced, supportive and enjoyable environment.
- Contributing to the wider community by providing an activity in a family safe environment and one that supports and encourages a healthy, active lifestyle.

VALUES

- RESPECTFUL
- POSITIVE
- LOYAL
- INCLUSIVE

Around The Grounds - Hottest 7s in the World



The Heineken Hottest 7s is held over the Australia Day long weekend. Not only is it a significant event in the NT sporting calendar, it's also one of the biggest sevens tournament in the southern hemisphere (refer <http://www.hottest7s.com> for full details about the event).

This year we are again entering two sides in the Hottest 7s: our Number 1 side and a Tight 5 side.

As the tournament grows it is time that Palmerston takes this form of the game more seriously. So in a first for the club, the Number 1 side will have its own dedicated 7s strip. This strip will also be used in the upcoming 10s events and the exciting news is that the players selected in these sides will be able to keep their jumpers, as well as their warm-up singlets, at the end of these events. The Tight 5 will be playing in the traditional Palmerston jumpers. They will also be able to keep their playing jumper at the end of tournament.

Brock Evans is looking after the weekend so he is the man to see about playing. Brock can be contacted on 0408 969 200 or at spiderjerky@hotmail.com. As mentioned, training starts this Thursday 3rd January at Moulden Oval. Looking forward to seeing all interested players there.



THE JUNIORS

Our Junior players also have the opportunity to be part of the event by nominating to be a ball boy or ball girl. Full details are to be confirmed; however if you are interested could you please email Ben Blyton at ben.blyton@bigpond.com by Monday 7th January.

Brumbies vs. Western Force

This game is again on the 1st February. The curtain raiser to this game is a City vs. Country clash which will hopefully feature some Palmerston players. More details will follow as they come to hand.





Noticeboard

COMING UP IN CROC TALES # 2

- Announcement of coaches – Under 6 through to Seniors
- NTRU training courses
- Social calendar updates
- Subs for 2013
- And more!

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRUMPY BARMAN

In addition to Thursday night, the bar will also be open for a Sunday session from 3.30 to 6.30pm on the 6th January. If these are successful it will happen once a month. Last chance at 2012 bar prices. Increase will come into effect as of the second week in January.

OUR NEW WEBSITE

We have a new website currently under development. It's due to go online before the start of the season. Stay tuned!

GOOD SPORTS



Palmerston Crocs, proud to be an accredited Good Sports club.

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Please note: contributions for Croc Tales are to be submitted no later than 10pm Tuesday night.

Thanking you,
the Croc Tales team ☺

Season Details for 2013



Senior and Under 18 Season

The NTRU have decided to shorten the rugby season. It has also brought the season forward so that it commences closer to the Hottest 7s weekend and the Brumbies vs. Western Force game. Although we are still waiting on a final draw, we can advise the following:

- The season starts on Saturday 16th February with a three week 10-a-side tournament (in which Palmerston has applied to host a game).
- 15-a-side games start on the 16th March with the Grand Final to be played on the 10th August.
- The season comprises 3 rounds (shortened from 4) and will have byes over Easter, Bass in the Grass, the V8s and the weekend when both the senior and junior Mozzies are away playing representative rugby.

Junior Season

The Junior season has also been changed:

- The season starts on Friday 5th April (the first week after Easter) with the Grand Finals played on the 9th August.
- There will be a three week break over the July school holidays, with a separate 10s tournament being looked at for this time.
- Junior sign on days, training commencement dates etc. will be advertised shortly.

Your Committee

At the 2012 AGM a new committee structure was presented and voted for and position titles within the committee were amended to better reflect the key responsibilities of each position. Refer to page 4 for full details. We still have a couple of vacant positions on our committee. We will also be advertising and seeking the club appointed positions during January and February. Job descriptions are available and if you are interested in any of these positions, please contact either Ben Blyton at ben.blyton@bigpond.com or Rob Sloan at robert.sloan@bigpond.com.



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PRUC Committee Structure

| AGM ELECTED POSITIONS | | | | |
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| Executive | Rugby Operations | Finance | Facilities | Administration |
| President <i>Ben Blyton</i> | Rugby Director <i>Kerry Smith</i> | Finance Director | Facilities Director <i>Dennis Grant</i> | Administration Director <i>Wendy Leach</i> |
| Vice President <i>Drew Weaver</i> | Senior Development | | | |
| Secretary <i>Rob Sloan</i> | Junior Development | | | |
| Treasurer <i>Percy Peel</i> | CLUB APPOINTED POSITIONS AND OTHER VOLUNTEER ROLES | | | |
| | Club Captain | Grants Officer | Bar Staff | Communications <i>Selina Blyton</i> |
| | Senior Coaches* | Sponsorship Coordinator <i>Brock Evans</i> | | Volunteer Coordinator |
| | Senior Team Managers* | Fundraising <i>Dennis Grant</i> <i>Ben Blyton</i> | | Photographer |
| | Senior Registrar | Social Functions Coordinator <i>Brock Evans</i> | | |
| | Junior Coaches* | | | |
| | Junior Team Managers | | | |
| | Junior Registrar | | | |
| | Medical Staff | | | |
| | Match Day Official | | | |
| | Recruitment and Retention | | | |
| | * positions mostly filled; announcements to be made in the next edition of Croc Tales | | | |



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