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President's Welcome

Welcome again.

It was a very quiet fortnight on the playing side, with only one senior game in the last two weeks and three of the junior sides also having byes.

Off the field, we had our golf day and although the numbers were down on last year I am sure all who attended had a good time.

As we enter the last round we are still a chance to make the A grade finals. All the junior sides will again be playing during their finals series. Well done juniors.

The date for the Senior Presentation Night has been set (see page 5). And don't forget the Royal Darwin Show clean up - it's our major fundraiser for the year and something the club has been doing now for over 10 years (again, more details on page 5). We also have a quiz this week – see page 7 for your chance to win a Palmerston cap.

In the meantime, enjoy the Lions series. Hope to see you down at the rugby in the coming weeks.

Ben Blyton, President



Under 12s in superb form

What's coming up...

Friday 21st June Under 6, 8 and 14 play on Field 1, Under 10, 12 and 16 play on Field 2 Saturday 22 June – All games v Souths at Warren Park: B Grade @ 2.30, A Grade @ 4pm



NTRU LADDERS

A Grade						
Team	Р	w	D	L	Points	
University	9	8	0	1	40	
Casuarina	9	7	1	1	38	
Souths	9	4	0	5	22	
Dragons	9	1	1	7	10	
Palmerston	8	1	0	7	5	

B Grade							
Team	Р	w	D	L	Points		
Swampdogs	11	9	0	2	41		
Dragons	11	7	2	2	39		
Souths	11	6	0	5	31		
Casuarina	11	3	3	5	25		
University	11	2	2	7	19		
Palmerston	11	2	1	8	14		

UNDER 6s





Around The Grounds



8 JUNE 2013 (ROUND 11)

B Grade Swampdogs 43 Palmerston 0

A Grade had the bye

15 JUNE 2013

No senior games due to the Queen's Birthday long weekend.



JUNIORS ROUND 10 RESULTS - 7 JUNE 2013

Round 10 was a quiet round for Palmerston, with the Under 10s, 12s and 16s all having a bye.

Under 6 *Palmerston 30 Souths 15* **Tries:** E McKenzie 3, L Muller 2

Update by Bryony Bree (manager)

It's great to see how much the team have improved. This week saw many close tries, but it was Levi and Ethan who got over the line. Izzy and Jordan had some great runs, and the whole team worked well to support each other. Player of the week was Hamish for his improvement in listening during the game.

Under 8 University 40 Palmerston 25

Tries: O Muller 1, C Blyton 1, C Brady 1, A McFarlane 1, I Mosedale 1

Under 14 University 58 Palmerston 19 Tries: W Bilston, H Martin, Conversion: H Martin



Under 6 games are always well supported





UNDER 6s





UNDER 8s





UNDER 10s







Under 6 Palmerston 45 Casuarina 10 Tries: L Muller 4 J Howe 2 E McKenzie 2 Locky 1

Update by Bryony Bree (manager)

This week saw the return of Tommy to the team and Hamish volunteering to play for the Cougars to even the numbers. Levi had a great game getting 4 tries, Ethan and Jackson both got 2, and Lachlan from the Swampdogs 1. Player of the week was Izzy for her first full game on the field. Well done everyone.

Under 8 Palmerston 60 Swampdogs 35

Tries: C Brady 2, C Blyton 2, I Mosedale 2, O Muller 2, B Priore-Smith 2, G Blackman 1, A McFarlane 1

Update by Glen Brady (coach

The Under 8s led by captain Connor this week faced off against Swampdogs Blue. From the kick off it was clear that our team were well polished and eager to go for that try line. This week was a highlight for me as the team culture was evident in all aspects of the game. This resulted in some excellent play, passing and defence - which ended with a strong rendition of the club song! Well done to all players. Keep it up and you will have fun and personal reward as well as the occasional win.

Under 10 University 30 Palmerston 21

Tries: M Brady, T Humphreys, T Deane; Penalties: M Brady, T Deane

Thank you to Jamie Akers for very capably stepping in as coach in Ben's absence last week. Very much appreciated! By all accounts the team played well. Good work Under 10s.

Under 12 Palmerston 50 University 0

Tries: J Blyton 2, K O'Connor 2, C Croker 1, E Muller 1, L Freer 1, J Deane 1; **Conversions:** R Reid 5

Update by Wayne Smith (coach)

Well the boys are back playing as a team which is always good to see. What an awesome game to watch. From the kick off the boys continually applied pressure to the opposition. The scrums were good to watch not to mention the rucks and mauls with the boys wining a lot of balls. The backs were on fire drawing their opposition in and passing at the right moment. The positive communication between all the players was what we have been striving for and it all paid off. Don't forget that we have our sleepover this weekend, and we'll be training over the holidays.



UNDER 12s





UNDER 14s





UNDER 16s





Under 14 *Swampdogs 61 Palmerston 17* (No scorers provided)

Under 16 Palmerston 22 University 5 Tries: H Degoumois, L Bradbury, B Hakes, K Kachionis; Conversion: H Degoumois



SCHOOL HOLIDAY GAMES AND TRAINING

Week no.	Training	Friday night games
1	All teams training*	28/6/13 – games as usual
2	U6, U8, U10, U14 - break	
	U12s - training	No games
	U16s - TBC	
3	U6, U8, U10, U14 - break	
	U12s - training No games	
	U16s - TBC	
4	All teams training*	19/7/13 – games as usual

*Some coaches (Georgia, Glen and Cody) are away on some of these dates; however coaches have been organised to ensure that training goes ahead.



UNDER 12s SLEEPOVER

Under 12s, by now you would have all received a note about your sleepover to be held at the clubhouse this weekend:

When: Saturday 22 June at 4pm, to 9am on Sunday 23 JuneCost: \$10 to cover food and drinksWhat to bring: sleeping bag, pillow, change of clothes

If you haven't already done so, please RSVP to Kylie (manager) this afternoon at training. Please also pay your \$10.00.

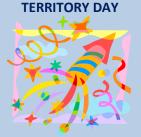




SHORTS, SOCKS AND SINGLETS

Shorts, socks and singlets have finally arrived. If you have been waiting on gear, drop into the clubhouse during training to collect your outstanding items.





Wondering what to do about Cracker Night this year? **Come down to the clubhouse!** Refer to the flyer sent out with Croc Tales for all details.

SENIOR PRESENTION NIGHT

Keep Saturday 20 July free as this is the night of the **Senior Presentation Night.** This year it will be held at Cazaly's. Full details will be announced next week. Tickets will also go on sale from Monday and must be pre-purchased. Contact either Ben or Brock with any queries.



News and events...

WALLABIES VS. LIONS GAME



If you're in Brisbane, don't forget the pre-game drinks at the Normandy Hotel this Saturday 22nd from 2pm onwards. It is sure to be a great afternoon.

NTRU CLUB VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The club is calling for nominations for the *NTRU Volunteer of the Year* award. The NTRU will present the award at the NTRU Presentation Night (date to be confirmed). In past years, the NTRU winner has received a ticket to the ARU John Eales Medal dinner.

The Volunteer of the Year can be nominated from any part of the club, so if you think someone is worthy please nominate them now. Nominations are to be forwarded to the Club Secretary, Rob Sloan, by the 9th July (email: <u>robert.sloan@bigpond.com</u>). When nominating someone please, provide your reasons for your nomination.

SAVE THE DATE: ROYAL DARWIN SHOW CLEAN UP

It's on again, our MAJOR fundraiser of the year: The Royal Darwin Show Clean up!

We've been doing this for over ten years now. It's a whole club effort and a great fundraiser to be part of (everyone works hard during their shift and then enjoys their free entry to the show afterwards!).

Last year, the response we got from club members was outstanding. We are looking at similar shifts again this year:

- Thursday 24 July Seniors (Past Players)
- Friday 26 July Seniors
- Saturday 27 July Juniors
- Sundays 28 July Seniors



Contacts for the senior shifts are Dennis Grant and Brock Evans. Contact for the junior shifts is Ben Blyton.

Make sure you save the date as your support would be greatly appreciated. Further details will be provided in the coming week.





SUPPORTER'S MEMBERSHIPS

A reminder that if you've paid for a \$50.00 Supporter's Membership this year and haven't yet received your PRUC polo shirt or your PRUC membership key ring (below), please see Dennis in the clubhouse on Tuesdays or Thursdays, from 6pm onwards.



WALLABY SHOELACES



Want the best-laced boots in town? Make sure you've collected your Wallaby shoelaces, handed out to every junior player in Australia in commemoration of the Lions tour this year. More shoelaces are available in the clubhouse if you haven't received a pair yet.



Club News

PRUC GOLF DAY

Update from Dennis Grant (the Grumpy Old Barman)



Numbers for the PRUC Golf Day were light on, but all who turned up had a great day. There were plenty of birdies and I believe most teams cheated, hence all teams got around the course in par. The young boys did manage to keep their carts on four wheels and that was a complete surprise to me.

The BBQ back at the clubhouse was well received, along with the cheap drinks. Brocky and I will be organising another Golf Day later in the year. Keep an eye on Croc Tales.

NTRU News

NEW DEVELOPMENT RUGBY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

The NTRU have recently appointed Damien Tyson to the position of development officer for the NTRU. Damien has advised that his role will involve:

- Wallaby Gold Program
- Girls NT 7s team
- NT 14s team
- Hottest Sevens
- Shadow coach for NT 16s
- Competition management
- Player development, looking mainly at juniors
- Development of the game throughout the NT in our schools
- Schoolboys team

The club has extended a standing invitation to Damian to come out to Palmerston whenever he likes, to meet our junior and senior coaches and players and to see what we are trying to achieve out here. I am sure you will make Damien feel welcome.



PALMERSTON CLUB

The Quiz...



This week's 'From the Archives' photo comes from the family photo album of one our well known club members. **Can you guess who he is?** He's in the front row, third from left, hand on knee.

If you think you know who he is, contact us by return email or via the club website: (<u>http://www.palmerstonrugby.com.au/contact.asp</u>). The first correct reply wins a Palmerston Crocs cap! We'll announce the winner in the next edition of Croc Tales

In the Spotlight...

Last fortnight's Croc Tales included an article about A Grade captain **Rhys Hitchcock**. Proving what a small world the rugby world is, the match report about Rhys's final game at his old club included a mention of former Palmerston Crocs player **Ian Verrall**, who was playing his first game for the club.

MATCH REPORT

Kuttabul opened 2013 with a 17-17 draw in their 2nd Grade match against Bowen.

Although scoring 3 tries to 2, the Camelboks were unable to convert possession and position into points late in the match.

South African national Dustin Gover capped off a strong perfomance with a try in his debut match.

Club stalwart Damian Royan was busy and was rewarded by a try, gifted to him by the departing Rhys Hitchcock. The often abrasive Hitchcock will be a big loss to the Camelboks as he heads to Darwin for work.

Jamie Nash finished off a nice movement to get the Camelboks to a draw, but the team were unable to deliver the final blow when they had a glut of possession in the final stages of the match.

The match also saw the debut of NT Mosquitos rep Ian Verrall who was thrust into the playmaking role just before kick-off, when regular flyhalf Usaia Tawakevou failed to show for the match. Verrall played strongly and looks to be a bright prospect for the Camelboks as they look to press for back to back premierships in 2013.

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