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President's Welcome

Well, the fortnights just seem to fly by and here we are again with another edition of Croc Tales. Last week's results for the Seniors mean we will not be playing finals rugby in either A Grade or B Grade. While this is very disappointing, both sides have the ability to still win games in their final two outings and finish off the season in some style.

In the Juniors things are progressing much better - the Under 16s are currently on top of the table, Under 12s are second and Under 14s and Under 8s are fourth. These results are great considering that all our junior grades are young sides with predominantly first year players in their age groups. This, and remembering that the Under 18s won their competition, should translate for future club success.

In mentioning the juniors, the club is always very proud and will always encourage players to play representative rugby. This week has seen the NT Under 18 Schoolboys go away for their championship. The club has 5 players in their squad and we wish them all the best. Also this week is the first stage of Under 16s representative program. We have 10 players picked to play in a Possible v Probable game on Monday night; again we wish all the boys all the best in their efforts to play for the Territory.

Our photo quiz will run for another fortnight so make sure you have a go. Stephen 'Doggy' Roberts (from Sydney) has the honour of the first incorrect answer received: just 4 minutes after Croc Tales was sent out Stephen responded with a guess of Dennis Bree, sorry Doggy you are on the wrong scent with that answer.

Ben Blyton, President

What's coming up...

Saturday 6 July:

Rugby Park No.1, B Grade v Uni @ 3pm, A Grade v Uni @ 4.30pm

End of Season Calendar

Refer to page 10 for an end-of-season calendar for all important dates through to the end of the season. Full details will be provided closer to events; in the meantime, check the calendar and if you have any queries please see your coach, manager or a committee member.

ROUND 13 PHOTOS

A GRADE



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A Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
University	11	10	0	1	48
Casuarina	11	8	1	2	43
Souths	10	5	0	5	27
Dragons	10	1	1	8	11
Palmerston	10	1	0	9	5

B Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Swampdogs	13	11	0	2	51
Dragons	13	8	2	3	43
Casuarina	13	5	3	5	33
Souths	13	6	0	7	31
Palmerston	13	3	1	9	20
University	13	2	2	9	20

Around The Grounds



ROUND 12 RESULTS – 22 JUNE 2013

A Grade Souths 27 Palmerston 12

Tries: S Newetson 1, W Tokaduadua 1; **Conversion:** Paul Devir 1

B Grade Palmerston 22 Souths 12

Tries: A Peato 1, C Brannelly 1, B Hogan 1, M Nicholas 1;

Conversion: Brock Evans 1

ROUND 13 RESULTS – 29 JUNE 2013

Updates by Ben Blyton

A Grade Casuarina 36 Palmerston 19

Tries: Errol Wilson 2, Rhys Hitchcock 1; **Conversions:** Paul Devir 2

This game again told the story of our season in A Grade. The week's preparation was again disrupted by players being unavailable due to work, injury and other commitments or priorities. Five changes to the starting side from last week and a completely reworked backline with not one player starting in the same position as they did against South's meant that it was always going to take some time to settle into our game structure.

Unfortunately the slow start again cost us with Casuarina scoring two very early tries and things were not looking that good for the Crocs. However as the game went on our boys did settle into the game and things started to even up. By about the twenty minute mark our boys were certainly starting to dominate the play. The backs, with some strong running from Anthony Smith, Tommy Hurse and Michael Nicholas were getting us over the gain line and the forwards were taking advantage of this with some great pick and drive runs and driving mauls. Our scrum at this stage was also well on top. This period of play saw us rewarded with two tries and we went into half time with lots of confidence trailing 19-12.

The second half unfortunately almost mirrored the first half - a slow start allowed Casuarina to score and soon the game was beyond us. Despite this no one gave in and for large parts of the second half we were again the dominate team and for this we were rewarded another try.



ROUND 13 PHOTOS

B GRADE



Photos supplied by Fiona Austine

Special mentions to Errol Wilson for his two try effort, Gavin McHugh for his A Grade debut, Jordan Simshauser who plays well above his weight and continues to develop, and the father and son team of Justin and Xavier McKenzie who both came off the bench to spend some time on the field together in A Grade. Another point to remember is that 3 members of today's team are members of our Under 18 team and another 3 players are 21 or younger. With these young players continuing to develop better results are just around the corner.

B Grade *Casuarina 22 Palmerston 19*

Tries: Tino Peato 1, Gavin McHugh 1, Maurie Harland 1;

Conversions: Paul Devir 2

Another game that we'll look back on and think what might have been. As B Grade gathered at Rugby Park to play Casuarina, our coach Brock Evans had one of those selection problems which happens from time to time in the B Grade competition: how do you pick a balanced rugby side from a players group of 13 forwards and 3 backs?

With this problem sorted and forwards playing in both centres and one wing spot the boys were ready to play and in the first half this is exactly what they did. Playing a slightly tighter style of game Palmerston took advantage of their chances and with some big efforts in defence led at half time 12 nil.

Unfortunately the second half saw Casuarina take advantage of the forwards in our back line and they managed to come back and score some tries which saw them hit the lead in the second half. Our guys continue to give their all and were again in front with a few minutes to go, but a late try to Casuarina then a penalty right on full time saw us go down by 3 points. A very disappointing result for us when we certainly the better team for the vast majority of the game.

Senior Presentation Night

When: Saturday 20 July

Where: Cazalys Palmerston Club

Refer to the attached flyer for full details!

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ROUND 13 PHOTOS UNDER 6s



UNDER 8s



UNDER 10s



THE JUNIORS

ROUND 12 RESULTS - 21 JUNE 2013

Under 6 *Palmerston 40 University 30*

Tries J Howe 4, E McKenzie 2, L Muller 2

Under 8 *Palmerston 50 University 50*

Tries: C Blyton 3, B Priore-Smith 2, A McFarlane 2, G Blackman 1, C Whitehouse 1, J Gill 1

Under 10 *Casuarina 57 Palmerston 17*

Tries: M Brady 2, T Deane 1; **Conversion:** M Brady 1

Under 12 *Casuarina 64 Palmerston 15*

Tries: J Deane 1, C Croker 1, O Ruru 1

Under 14 *Souths 117 Palmerston 0*

Under 16 *Palmerston 59 Casuarina 7*

Tries: T Roe 2, T O'Connor 2, H Degoumois 2, B McMahon 2, E McAllister 1, L Morgan-Doherty 1, W Maru 1; **Conversions:** H Degoumois 1, K Kachionis 1

ROUND 13 RESULTS - 28 JUNE 2013

Under 6 *Palmerston 40 University 25*

Tries: E McKenzie 3, J Howe 2, L Muller 1 (+ Tore 1)

Update by Craig Howe (Jackson's Dad)

This week the Under 6's played a combined team made up of Casuarina, University and Souths. This resulted in 11 players per side, which made for a very interesting game. Players on both sides approached the game with the same amount of vigour and enthusiasm we have come to expect from these future Wallabies. On numerous occasions it resembled seagulls fighting over a chip on Bondi Beach.

The first half was very entertaining rugby with a number of line breaks being made by both teams. With complete disregard for the sideline or the coaches, the tries came thick and fast going into the break locked at four tries each. The second half saw the Crocs dominate crossing the line three more times to secure the win. Player of the week was Jordan.

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UNDER 10s



UNDER 12s



UNDER 14s



UNDER 16s

**Under 8 Palmerston 35 Casuarina Blue 35**

Tries: C Brady 2, A McFarlane 2, O Muller 2, I Mosedale 1

Update by Glen Brady (coach)

With both teams having 8 players each we opted to widen the field and play 8 on 8. This was a test of endurance between both teams as there was no opportunity to rest. Led by Captain Jacsh, the team unit worked very well with consistent passing and every player having a good chance to have a run. Under advice from assistant coach Reuben we applied some new strategies in the second half to close out the game with a draw. Well done team - we have certainly come a long way since week one. Have a great break and we will see you after the holidays.

Under 10 Palmerston 12 Dragons/Souths 28

Tries: M Brady 1, T Humphreys 1; **Conversion:** T Deane 1

Update by Ben Blyton (coach)

This week, being school holidays, saw us missing a couple of our regular players; however the players we had put in a huge effort against the top of the table Dragons team. Our tackling was quite good and we continue to improve in some of the technical aspects of the game, such as the rucks and mauls. All up an improved performance. Special mentions to Tristan, Mitchell, Ben, Jesse and Thomas who all had great games and were well supported by Alexandra, Maddy, Lily, Aaron and Owen.

Under 12 Palmerston 34 Dragons 17

Tries: J Deane 2, K O'Connor 2, C Croker 2; **Conversions:** R Reid 2

Update by Wayne Smith (coach)

What a game the boys and girl played on Friday. From start to finish they were consistent with their defence and attack. They were able to put the previous week's training into action which was wonderful to see. We are onto the back end of the season and this is the critical part for us to maintain our domineering position. Keep up all the good work and remember the way you train is the way you play. Go Under 12s.

Under 14 University 56 Palmerston 7

Try: S McFarlane 1; **Conversion:** H Martin 1

Under 16 Palmerston 30 Dragons 0

Tries: J Briskin 1, B Hakes 1, K Quakawoot 1, B McMahon 1, M Norris 1, K Kachionis 1

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PALMY CROCS ON TOUR!



Michael with Stirling Mortlock



Al, Andrea, Dave, Garry, Mick, Paddy



Sean, Milo, Michael, Dave



Sonya, Bernie, Mike, Jeremy, Nicki



Evey, Tommy, Lily and Dan

Thanks to Sean Killiner, Evey Temple-Bree and Sonya Bree for the photos.

Wallabies vs. British Lions

'Twelve years in the making'



The British and Irish Lion rugby tour is a very special event in Rugby Union. The Lions are picked from the best players from England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland. They tour every four years; however they tour Australia only once in every twelve years as in the alternate tours they're in either NZ or South Africa. The first ever combined British tour occurred in 1888. In a rarity for the current era, the Lions are now about the only international side that still participates on extended tours.

As the Lions tour is such a significant event, many club members have travelled interstate to watch the games. Both the Brisbane and Melbourne games have been nail biters: in Brisbane, the Lions won 23-21 with the Wallabies missing a penalty goal that would have won them the match right on the final siren. In Melbourne the result was reversed; the Wallabies won 16-15, with the Lions missing a penalty goal after the siren that would have won them the game. This weekend promises to be another great game. Watch it free to air at 6.30pm on Channel 10.



A sea of gold and red



Suncorp Stadium



DID YOU KNOW?

The Tom Richards Trophy is awarded to the winner of the test series. The trophy is named after Tom Richards who is the only player to represent both the Wallabies (1908-12) and the British and Irish Lions (1910). Tom was also a war hero: he enlisted in the AIF and took part in the landings of Gallipoli on the morning of the 25 April 1915. He then later served in France, where he won the Military Cross and was twice injured and evacuated back to England. He was delisted November 1919. The Times described Tom Richards in 1908 as the first man to be picked for Earth if we were ever going to play Mars. Tom Richards is also a member of the ARU Hall of Fame.



Noticeboard

NT RUGBY UNION CLUB VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

If you're thinking of nominating a club member for the *NTRU Volunteer of the Year* award and haven't done so yet – please do so now! Nominations are to be forwarded to the Club Secretary, Rob Sloan, by the 9th July (email: robert.sloan@bigpond.com). Thanks to everyone who have sent through nominations.

RUGBY PARK REMINDER

Please remember that under no circumstances is alcohol to be taken into Rugby Park.

BUNNINGS BBQ

The next Bunnings BBQ is **Sunday 14 July**. We're looking for crews for our four usual shifts:

- 8am to 10am
- 10am to 12pm
- 12pm to 2pm
- 2pm to 4pm

Please phone Dennis on 0437912140 if you're available to help out.

THE BENDIGO BANK SIGN



Sign at the Abala Road end of Field 1 at Rugby Park.

Club News

UNDER 18s - AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLBOY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The NT Under 18s are currently in Sydney to compete in the 2013 Australian Schoolboy Championships. The NT will play in Division II against Tasmania, Australia and the Lloyd McDermott Indigenous XV side. Congratulations to the following Palmerston players who are in the side: **Diego Smith, Ryan Cotton, Greg Svanfelds, Xavier McKenzie** and **Isaiah Atkins**. Congratulations also to **Jye Snowden** from Gove (son of former Palmerston player Colin Snowden) who has also made the NT side, and to **Daniel Chui-Clark** who is in the Lloyd McDermott Indigenous XV side.

UNDER 16s – POSSIBLES vs PROBABLES MATCH

The NTRU recently asked all clubs to nominate ten Under 16 players to attend a NT Under 16 trial game. The following players were nominated by Palmerston:

- Liam Bilston
- Felix Byrne
- Henry Degoumois
- Ayrton Deo
- Luke Doherty
- Bayley Hakes
- Whalan Maru
- Brodie McMahon
- Thomas O'Connor
- Thomas Roe



Under 16s last Friday

All nominated players will need to attend the trial game. Details are as follows:

- When: Monday 8 July @ 6pm to approx. 8pm
- Where: Rugby Park, Field 1
- What: 2 x 30minute halves
- Included: a free sausage sizzle for all players

BENDIGO BANK

A few weeks back, several of our Junior players were involved in promotional photo for Bendigo Bank who is a sponsor of the NTRU. The photo can now be seen on signage at the Abala Road end of Rugby Park 1. Don't miss it - nearly every player shown is a little Palmy Croc.



UNDER 12s SLEEPOVER

WWW WRESTLING ACTION!



Reuben and Jayden square off.



Jayden and Josh take to the mat.
Referee Wayne watches on.

On the right →

Back row: Brad, Jack, Dale (coach), Sachin, Jack, Jacob, Macy, Zeb, Wayne (coach)

Front row: Bayden, Jayden, Riley, Kenny, Danny, Tom, Josh, Jermaine, Jack.

CRACKER NIGHT



A green Moulden Oval!

UNDER 12s SLEEPOVER - 22 TO 23 JUNE @ THE CLUBHOUSE

Update by Wayne Smith (Under 12 coach)

The annual sleepover was a blast, with us being able to put in a good training session filled with fun. The boys and girl were then divided up into groups and they were all tasked with providing a play / sketch followed up by the individual comedy hour where everyone had to stand up in the front and tell a joke which was entertaining. This was followed up by PRUC WWW wrestling.

Dale and I would like to thank all the children for participating, Maxie for staying over so that everyone could participate in the sleepover and Robin and Kylie as always for providing dinner and brekkie.



CRACKER NIGHT – 1 JULY

Dennis Grant the Grumpy Barman opened the clubhouse and put on a sausage sizzle for club members to enjoy cracker night. Those that turned up enjoyed themselves and had a great time letting off fire crackers in the car park area. A big thank you to the club members who helped clean up the car park after the event.

Note: Unfortunately Moulden Oval was almost entirely burnt out during the day by the irresponsible actions of others. (Letting off fire crackers on the field was not connected with the event put on by the club). We have contacted Moulden School who have confirmed that they'll organise for the field to be watered as much as possible over the coming weeks, in an attempt to get some grass back as soon as possible!

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CLEAN UP CONTACTS

Seniors:

The contacts for the senior shifts are Dennis Grant and Brock Evans. Please contact Dennis on 0437912140 or Brock on 0408969200 to confirm your availability.

Juniors

Juniors: we will be actively asking for volunteers after the school holiday break!



QUIZ CLUES

- Played for Chevalier College, Bowral
- Is a Life Member
- Better known by his nick name (which we found out after awarding his life membership last year at the 35th Reunion Dinner)
- Dad of junior and former junior players
- A very handy man to have around the club house
- Heavily involved in the juniors
- Cooks a mean bbq – at senior home games, junior club bbqs, Bunnings bbqs – you name it.

REMINDER: ROYAL DARWIN SHOW CLEAN UP

As mentioned in the last edition of Croc Tales: our major fundraiser of the year - The Royal Darwin Show Clean up – is fast approaching. Last year, the response we got from club members was outstanding and it is hoped that as many club members as possible will again generously support this event. Shifts are as follows:



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

We've been doing the Darwin Show Clean Up 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!

Quiz!



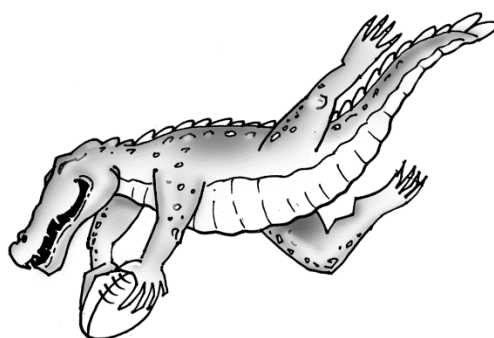
Our quiz is still running... **In the front row, third from left with his hand on his knee, is one of our well known club members in his (slightly) younger years.** The clues on the left may help.

If you think you know who he is, contact us by return email or via the club website. The first correct reply wins a Palmerston Crocs cap and we'll announce the winner in the next edition of Croc Tales. Good luck!

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End of Season Calendar

Saturday 6 July	Seniors	A and B Grade vs. University
Saturday 13 July	Seniors	A and B Grade have a bye
Sunday 14 July	All	Bunnings BBQ
Tuesday 16 July	Juniors	Training for U8s, U10s and U14s resumes
Thursday 18 July	Juniors	Training for U6s resumes
Friday 19 July	Juniors	Friday night games resume
Saturday 20 July	Seniors	A and B Grade vs. Dragons
Saturday 20 July	Seniors	PRUC Senior Presentation Night
Thursday 25 July	Juniors	All Junior games have been moved to the Thursday due to the public holiday on the Friday.
Thursday 25 July Friday 26 July Saturday 27 July Sunday 28 July	All	Darwin Show Clean Up
Friday 2 August	Juniors	Semi-finals for the U12s, U14s and U16s U6s, U8s and U10s play as per usual Team photos will also be taken on this night
Friday 9 August	Juniors	Final games for all remaining Junior teams NTRU Junior presentations throughout the evening
Friday 16 August	Juniors	PRUC Junior Presentation Night
Sunday 18 August	Seniors	Seniors End-of-Season Break-Up
TBA	All	Volunteer Recognition Event



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