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## President's Welcome

It's hard to believe that the season is almost over; however there is still a lot to look forward to.

Tonight sees several of our Under 16s and Under 18s play against visiting English school side St. Albans. We wish both sides all the best.

The Seniors play their last games for the season on Saturday, followed by the Senior Presentation Night on Saturday night. Places are still available for those that would like to go.

The Juniors have resumed training after the school holiday break. There'll be a lot of enthusiastic rugby played in the coming weeks as the older sides move into their final series and the younger sides make the most of their last four weeks of the season.

And of course there is the Darwin Show Clean Up - our major fund raiser - I know many of you are looking forward to this annual get together.

Read about all this and more in this edition of Croc Tales.

**Ben Blyton, President**



## Senior Presentation Night

**When:** Saturday 20 July @ 7.30pm

**Where:** Cazaly's Palmerston Club

**Hope to see you there!**

## What's coming up...

### Friday 19 July

U8s vs Uni on Field 1. U10s, 12s, 14s & 16s vs. Swampdogs on Field 2

### Saturday 20 July:

B Grade v Dragons @ 3pm, A Grade v Dragons @ 4.30pm, Field 2

## A GRADE



## NTRU LADDERS

## A Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
University	12	11	0	1	53
Casuarina	11	8	1	2	43
Souths	11	6	0	5	32
Dragons	11	1	1	9	11
Palmerston	11	1	0	10	5

## B Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Swampdogs	14	12	0	2	56
Dragons	14	9	2	3	48
Casuarina	14	5	3	6	33
Souths	14	6	0	8	31
Palmerston	14	4	1	9	24
University	14	2	2	10	20

## Around The Grounds



## ROUND 14 RESULTS - 6 JULY 2013

## A Grade University 68 Palmerston 0

Once again the preparation for the game was disjointed due to players being unavailable but a win would have set us up for a possible elimination final type game in two weeks' time against Dragons and a chance to sneak into the finals.

Unfortunately the game went the way of many this year with a defensive lapse within minutes of the start that saw an inside pass to one of Uni's quick players allowing him to score untouched near the posts, and this was repeated again relatively soon after. Disagreements with interpretations by the referee distracted players and with a yellow card and a red card reducing the number of players on the field, a win was looking well out of reach.

The first half had all the distractions but they guys put a second half together with some excellent ball retention, great phase play and some exciting back moves that just needed an ounce of luck to get a score on the board. Unfortunately Uni had too many fast, agile players in key positions that created scoring opportunities at regular intervals. The highlight of this game also followed a trend from the season which was the ability of the younger players in the side to step up. Exciting and encouraging (for the future) performances from Jordan Simshauser, Gavin McHugh, Aaron Hakes and Brad Hogan were backed up by Rhys Hitchcock, Gareth Felton, Paul Williams, Tyrone Gersch-Mizen, Tommy Hurse, Chris Mead and a strong running Errol Williams.

## B Grade Palmerston 8 University 0

With an injury list that had grown over the past two playing weeks, and the unsettling effects of bye rounds, we had to pull one or two players out of retirement to put 15 tri coloured jumpers on the ground.

We managed to fill all positions while University were in an equal position with their side starting with 12, then 13, then 15. The two sides were evenly matched which meant that play moved quickly between the 22 metre lines at each end but rarely penetrated beyond. Palmy had overlaps but failed to get the ball out quickly at the right times.





## B GRADE



Game photos by Fiona Austine



Connor Blyton could not quite believe Dad was having a run!

Half time score 0 – 0. In the second half Palmerston finally got one extra pass to stick and went to a 5 – 0 lead which remained for most of the half until a penalty goal was awarded. Palmerston then hung on for a well- deserved 8 – 0 win. One highlight of the game was undoubtedly an 80 minute effort by the President Ben ‘Burly’ Blyton, backed up by Luke Schneider who had his best game of the year, along with a magnificent senior debut by Bayley Hakes at full back who took out a number of hard running Uni players as the last line of defence.

**Try:** Brock Evans 1; **Penalty:** Paul Devir 1



## THE JUNIORS

Well, the Juniors are back training after a two week break for all the sides except U12 and U16, who trained throughout the holidays.

**Under 12s - Update by Wayne Smith (coach)**

I would like to thank all the players and their parents who were able to attend training throughout the holidays where possible. The training sessions held over the holiday period were well attended and the boys and girl were enthusiastic and a lot of fun was had. We learnt a lot of new drills which we will continue to fine tune in training.

There will be no training on the 25<sup>th</sup> July due to some of our players having siblings playing at Rugby Park on the Thursday (we have a bye) and the fact that this could be a logistical nightmare for parents if we were to train at Palmerston (the boys and girl have trained well during the holidays).

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR ALL JUNIORS**

**Friday 19 July**

- Friday night games recommence.

**Thursday 25 July**

- All Junior training **cancelled**.
- All Junior games have been moved to the Thursday due to the public holiday on the Friday.
- **Note:** Under 10s, 12s and 16s have a bye on this day.

**Don't miss the calendar on page 9 for more important dates.**

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## PALMY CROCS ON TOUR!

Several Palmerston members travelled to Sydney to watch the game and be part of the record breaking crowd of 83,702 at Sydney's ANZ Stadium. This was the third stadium record of the series (52,499 at Suncorp Stadium and 56,771 at Etihad Stadium).

(<http://www.rugby.com.au/News/NewsArticle/tabid/1699/ArticleID/9743/Default.aspx>)



Photos supplied by Evey Temple-Bree

## ST ALBAN'S

Be there at Rugby Park this evening to watch the St Alban's boys take on the best local Under 16s and 18s.

6.00pm U16 v St Alban's 2<sup>nd</sup> XV

7.30pm U18 v St Alban's 1<sup>st</sup> XV

## Wallabies vs. British Lions



Well, the final game against the British Lions didn't give us the result that most of us were hoping for, with the Lions scoring four tries to Australia's 1. The final result was a convincing 41-16 to the Lions, who won the series 2-1.



## St Alban's Tour

Closer to home, and this week sees Darwin being the first port of call for touring English school side, St Albans. Comprising 50 students in total, the school will also travel to Cairns and then onto Brisbane, playing rugby against local sides at each destination. The Palmerston Croc's were outstanding with their generosity in opening their homes to the visitors, billeting almost half of the 50 students. A huge thankyou to the **Russell's, Killiner's, McPhee's, Blyton's, Peel's, Smith's, Deo's and Blake's** for taking on the students at very short notice.

The suggested itinerary for the evening activities with the host families included watching the State of Origin on Wednesday night, so we opened our clubhouse for all our billeting families as well as our Under 16 and Under 18 players. Unfortunately, the super short notice proved a little too short for the Palmerston players and only a couple made it (next time we may need to organise a mini-bus as well!); however the 12 St Albans players who went along had a great night and twenty boxes of pizzas disappeared in no time.



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## Noticeboard

### COMMITTEE MEETING

The next committee meeting will be held on the 14 August - if you have something that you wished discussed please let a committee member know.

### MOULDEN OVAL UPDATE

We've been keeping in contact with Moulden School about the sad state of our training field. Unfortunately it's still looking dry and dusty as the bore has been giving trouble; however DBH Contracting are onto it and hopefully it will begin to bounce back soon!

### QUIZ WINNERS



A great effort from everyone who entered our quiz. Congratulations to both Fiona Austine and Gareth Felton who tied in being the first to correctly name the mystery club member as **Ned Kelly** (pictured below at Bunnings)



## Club News

### NT MOZZIES – STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHALLENGE



The NT Mozzies have just returned from their tour to Adelaide to compete in the State Representative Challenge. The Mozzies lost to Queensland Country, beat Tasmania and drew with South Australia, resulting in 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall.

By all reports Palmerston player **Rhys Hitchcock** acquitted himself well. Rhys played the second half against Queensland Country and starting the games against Tasmania and South Australia. Well done Rhys.

### NT UNDER 16 SQUAD VS. ST ALBANS



Congratulations to the following Palmerston players who have been selected in the 26-man Under 16 squad to play the St Albans 2<sup>nd</sup> XV at 6pm tonight: **Ayrton Deo, Bayley Hakes, Henry Degoumos, Brodie McMahon, Luke Morgan-Doherty, Whalan Maru, Isaako Teuati and Matthew Ellis.**

It will be interesting to see how the local side go against the English boys who are more used to playing in cold and often wet and muddy conditions.

### NTRU CLUB VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

Many thanks to everyone who submitted nominations for Palmerston's NTRU Volunteer of the Year. The club is pleased to announce that this year's nominee is **Wayne Smith - U12s coach.**



Wayne is a very passionate coach who cares deeply for the boys and girls he coaches. In addition to weekly training and games, Wayne gives up countless hours to organise team activities such as a club dinner and movie night, sleepovers and holiday programs. Wayne, although the lead, is just one of a sensational team of volunteers that run our U12s - all club officials, from co-coach Dale Reid to managers Robyn Deo and Kylie Akers, deserve to be mentioned (unfortunately we can only have one nominee!). Wayne and wife Maxie will receive an invitation to the NTRU Dinner on 4 August, where he will go up against other the clubs' nominees for the NTRU Volunteer of the Year award.



## NT UNDER 18s

Many thanks to Damien Tyson who provided these player write-ups for Croc Tales. He also had this to say about the Palmerston boys:

*"All boys had a good tour and I thought they were all nice young men. As a club you have an amazing group of young talent coming through, defiantly a club that will be successful in this competition in years to come".*

## APOLOGIES

Sincere apologies to Simon Davis whose name was inadvertently omitted from our Under 18 write up in last fortnight's edition of Croc Tales. Simon was a valued member of the NT Under 18 team that travelled to Sydney recently.



Photos from the NTRU

## NT UNDER 18s - AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLBOY CHAMPIONSHIPS

*Update by Damien Tyson, Rugby Development Manager NTRU and coach of the NT Under 18s Schoolboys.*

### Xavier McKenzie

One to watch in the future. Plays a very strong role in and around the rucks and has a great ability to steal the football. High work rate and showed great maturity

### Diego Smith

Very impressed with Diego's attitude. Fantastic body shape for a prop, and our scrum was so much stronger when Diego played there. He has a high work rate and is well respected by his peers. Definitely a player that would benefit from a good player development program.

### Isaiah Atkins

Although Isaiah is fairly new to rugby at times he showed great talent or instinct, his try against SA being a good example. This instinct can't be coached only developed. As Isaiah continues to gain experience he will continue to develop.

### Greg Svanfelds

Wonderful young man with a great footy brain and a lot of composure under pressure. Greg has a great ability to be able to lead a team around the park. Greg has plenty of desire to improve; no doubt that he will be a great asset to any footy team.

### Simon Davis

Simon is a very quiet young man with potential. He runs the ball very well and can tackle. Didn't get a lot of field time but played at least 20min each game. Well done Simon.

### Ryan Cotton

Ryan, when his head is in the game is very aggressive and gets in the faces of his opponents. He can have a great impact on the game both mentally and physically when he wants to.

### Jye Snowden (former Palmerston Junior now living in Gove)

By far the player of the tournament in my eyes, very high work rate, prepares himself in the right manner before games. His work on the ball and his willingness to continue to get up and tackle no matter how tired he was. A player to watch.

Jye was also named the NT Player of the Tournament. Congratulations Jye!

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## THE BBQ LINE UP

8am to 10am



The morning shift: Ned, Rob, Dennis and Mal

10am to 12pm



The Deo's: Jas, Sachin, Robyn and Larissa, and the Blyton's: Alexandra and Ben

12pm to 2pm



Brockspider's shift: Brock's Dad, Brock and Sonny.

2pm to 4pm



The afternoon shift: Squiter, Dennis, Tino and Percy.

## Fundraising News

## BUNNINGS BBQ ON SUNDAY 14 JULY

Many thanks to our ever-reliable helpers, who once again turned sausages and cooked onions for dozens of hungry Bunnings customers last Sunday 14 July. Approximately \$1400 was raised for the Palmerston Crocs.

## IT'S ON AGAIN – THE ROYAL DARWIN SHOW CLEAN UP

This is the club's major fund raising event of the year and one event that the whole club can participate in. We have been doing the clean-up for over 10 years now and it really has been a gold mine for the club over the years, plus a lot of fun for all.



The plan this year is like last year: the senior side of the club will do the Thursday, Friday and Sunday morning sessions and the junior side of the club will do the Saturday sessions. Helping with the clean-up also includes a free entry to the show.

If you can help please see either **Dennis (ph. 0437 912 140)** or **Ben (ph. 0409 082 537)**. Several spots on the rosters are still available.

## \$\$ Why fundraise? \$\$

In this day and age of professional sport, there's a commonly held perception that the \$\$ at the top flow down the line. While this may be the case in some sports, it's not the case in rugby union and we do not receive any funding from the NTRU or the ARU.

The club 100% raises its own funding through sponsorship, subscriptions, the bar, grants that we apply for, and fund raising activities. The club is also 100% run by volunteers and does not have any paid positions. Last year, it cost over \$100 000 to run the club (from Under 6s through to A Grade). Sponsorships and subs raised just over \$55 000, meaning that we had to raise another \$50 000.

We do this, and do it successfully; however it's the reason your support of events such as the Darwin Show Clean Up is very important and much appreciated by all club members!



## WELCOME ADELINE!



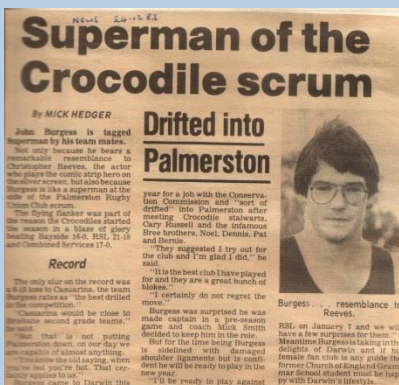
Toddy and Nic with  
Adeline Anne Hadley Harrison

## NEW DAD ANTHONY SMITH



We'll have photo with Danielle and Baby Smith in our next edition of Croc Tales!

## JB IN THE '80's



## Social News

## IT'S A GIRL!



Congratulations to former Palmerston player Todd (T-Bear) Harrison and wife Nichole, on the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter Adeline Anne Hadley Harrison on Saturday 13 July. At an impressive 10 pounds, it may not be long before Adeline is running around the rugby field, although she won't be taking on the nickname of A-Bear: Toddy has advised that possible nicknames include Battery, Powerline and Sparkles.

## IT'S ANOTHER GIRL!

In breaking news, A Grade player and Under 16 coach Anthony Smith (Chicken Wing) has literally JUST become a Dad! Congratulations Danielle and Anthony! We'll include more details next week.

## IN TOWN RECENTLY...

Former Palmerston player JB, along with his wife Noelene, was in town recently and took the time to go down to the game on Saturday. JB was an outstanding player for the Crocs in the mid to late '80s, and it was great to see him looking so well after serious illness in recent years.

Old heads catching up:



Ratu, Ben, Noel, Rog, JB, Noelene, Squirrel, Dennis, Percy, Jessie

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## End of Season Calendar

Thursday 18 July	Juniors	NT U18s & NT U16s vs. St Alban's School
Friday 19 July	Juniors	Friday night games resume
Saturday 20 July	Seniors	A and B Grade vs. Dragons
Saturday 20 July	Seniors	<b>PRUC Senior Presentation Night</b>
Thursday 25 July	Juniors	All Junior games have been moved to the Thursday due to the public holiday on the Friday. Under 10s, 12s and 16s have a bye.
Thurs 25 July to Sun 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
Sunday 4 August	All	NTRU Annual Dinner (flyer below)
Friday 9 August	Juniors	Final games for all remaining Junior teams NTRU Junior presentations throughout the evening
Friday 16 August	Juniors	<b>PRUC Junior Presentation Night</b>
Sunday 18 August	Seniors	Seniors End-of-Season Break-Up
TBA	All	Club Volunteers Thank You Event



Northern Territory Rugby Union invites you to attend

### The Eric Johnston Presentation & Annual Junior Fundraising Dinner

Sunday, 4 August 2013

5:30 pm

Liberty Square, Parliament House

**\$150.00 per person**

3 Course Buffet Dinner

4 Hour Beverage Package

**Entertainment - Peter Dee**

**Wallabies Guest Speaker – To be confirmed**

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RSVP by Friday, 26 July 2013

Dress: Darwin Formal

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