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President's Welcome

Welcome to another edition of Croc Tales. The Senior season has now come to an end. We played our last games on the 20 July, followed that evening with our Senior Presentation Night at Cazalys Palmerston Club. Approximately 70 people attended and a great night was had by everyone.

This week our older Juniors are heading into their semi-finals with confidence. The Under 12s and 16s are looking strong in their respective semi's, while the Under 14's will give their all in their dream of also playing for one more week. The Under 6s, 8s and 10s continue with their round robin competitions.

Last weekend saw the club hold its major fundraiser of the year, the Darwin Show Clean Up. Thank you to all that helped over the weekend. Everyone's efforts made it a rewarding weekend; the Under 14s and Under 16s in particular were amazing.

And lastly, the Junior Presentation Night will be held on Friday 16 August. The club is trying something different this year with the presentation being held at the clubhouse. It is hoped that as many club members, both junior and senior, can come along and celebrate the junior season with the players of the future.

Ben Blyton, President

Good luck to our semi-finalists U12, U14 & U16.

Go Palmy Croc's!

Coming up...

Friday 2 August

Semi-final: U12 vs. Dragons on Field 2

Semi-final: U14 vs. Souths/Dragons Field 1

Semi-final: U16 vs. Swampdogs Field 2

U6s, U8s and U10s play as per usual

Team photos of all sides will be taken tonight (refer page 5)

Friday 9 August

Finals for the U12, U14 and U16 sides that won their semi-final
Final games for U6s and U8s (will confirm U10s – may have a bye)
NTRU Junior presentations throughout the evening.

Friday 16 August

*****PRUC Junior Presentation Night*****

A GRADE



Message from Kerry...

"I'd urge all players from this year and any who are thinking of coming down next year to stay in touch as its intended to have one or two get together through the off season and continue to build from where we left off".

Around The Grounds

ROUND 15 RESULTS - 20 JULY 2013. *Updates by Kerry Smith.***A Grade** Dragons 22 Palmerston 19

The last week of regular season games was possibly one of the most entertaining for the year. Significant was the fact that Palmy started the game with intensity and concentration from the first whistle. While Dragons were first to score, it took some hard work and they were forced to construct the opportunity which was a change from the cheap early points we had seen on so many occasions previously. Palmerston defence was solid for long periods throughout the game and put pressure on the passes and forced errors. A clinical and smart use of our pace from outside backs saw some classic rugby and the opportunity for our dominant forwards to win ball and turn defence to attack.

The second half started very similar to the first. Palmerston were clearly on the ascendency and provided good ball for what I hope is a glimpse to the future with a young strong, quick backline that made ground and looked exciting every time they ran. It's near impossible to single out any individual players as being the best on ground as this was a truly 18 player effort, but I will make mention of Gavin McHugh who had a blinder and along with Chris Mead and Paul Devir played a full game of B grade prior to the A grade. 'Devo' and 'Meady' both scored tries with a third scored by Paul Williams. Dragons had a bit more penetration to the try line and used possession to full advantage to finish 3 points in front.

Tries: Chris Mead, Paul Devir, Paul Williams; **Conversions:** P Devir 2

PRUC A Grade 2013



B GRADE



SENIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT

Turn to page 6 for all our well-deserved award winners.



Paul Devir
Senior Highest Point Scorer
Senior Highest Try Scorer

B Grade Dragons 38 Palmerston 33

The Killer B's looked the goods early and won possession regularly and then put the ball out wide which always looked exciting. At times we were a bit slow to the breakdown and took pressure off the opposition with stoppages letting them restart and reset the defence. Clearly from this game and the past experience from the season, pace and fitness were the qualities that would convert possession to points. Palmy and Dragons had an equal mix of older heads and youthful pace and fitness and the game see-sawed accordingly. The opposition just had the slight edge when it came to finishing positive plays which gave them a 5 point lead at full time. Players that had a strong game were Luke 'Milky' Schneider, Chris and Dominic Mead, Michael 'Nicko' Nicholas and Tino Peato. Possibly the most inspirational and encouraging aspect of the game was the fact that we had a full 80 minute solid performance from a youthful Dennis Bree who was backed up by the youngest Crocs stepping up from under 18's (*Dennis is no. 3 in the photo below*).



Tries: Gavin McHugh 1, Michael Nicholas 1, Cameron Sushames 1, Paul Devir 1, Chris Mead 1; **Conversion:** Paul Devir 1; **Penalties:** Paul Devir 2

PRUC B Grade 2013



UNDER 6s



UNDER 8s



UNDER 10s



THE JUNIORS

ROUND 14 RESULTS - 19 JULY 2013

Under 6 Palmerston 20 Casuarina 15

Tries: E McKenzie 2, Lachlan 1, Ethan 1



Under 6s

Update by Bryony Bree (manager)

The seven Crocs played a combined Casuarina side as there were many players still away on holidays. Ethan showed some great skills, stepping through to score two tries during the game. Our team mates from the Swampdogs each crossed the line to get a try each.

Under 8 University 50 Palmerston 45

Tries: C Blyton 4, J Davis 4, M Terupo 1

Under 10 Swampdogs 33 Palmerston 12

Tries: B Sack 1, T Humphreys 1; **Conversion:** T Deane 1

Update by Ben Blyton (coach)

The score did not reflect the quality of this game as it was definitely one of our better games. The skill level of all players has improved considerably since the start of the season and the passing, running and tackling is certainly of much higher standard now. All of our players contributed but several of the players were outstanding, with Maddy McVee, Alexandra Blyton and Tristan Humphreys all having their best games of the season. Well done everyone.

Under 12 Palmerston 46 Swampdogs 10

Tries: C Croker 1, O Ruru 2, E Muller 1, K O'Connor 1, J Briskin 1, J Blyton 1; **Conversions:** R Reid 3

Under 14 Swampdogs 102 Palmerston 0

Under 16 Palmerston 24 Swampdogs 5

Tries: T Roe 1, I Teuati 1, J Brown 1, C Clark 1; **Conversions:** K Kachionis 1, B McMahon 1

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UNDER 12s



UNDER 14s



UNDER 16s



ROUND 15 RESULTS - 25 JULY 2013

Under 6 Souths 40 Palmerston 35

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

Update by Bryony Bree (manager)

This week was a very competitive game against Souths. Jackson had a fantastic game after returning from holidays, with four tries, Ethan and Levi once again showing the crowd how to weave through to get two tries each, and Izzy and Jordan backing up.

Under 8 Casuarina 65 Palmerston 55

Tries: A McFarlane 5, C Blyton 2, I Mosedale 2, O Muller 1, G Blackman 1

Under 10 had a bye

Under 12 had a bye

Under 14 Dragons 78 Palmerston 0

Under 16 had a bye



Under 16s

JUNIOR LADDERS GOING INTO THE FINAL SERIES

Under 12s

Casuarina
Palmerston
Darwin Dragons
Swampdogs
University

Under 14s

Souths Dragons
Swampdogs
University
Palmerston

Under 16s

Darwin Dragons
Palmerston
Swampdogs
University
Casuarina

JUNIOR PHOTOS

Team photos will be taken this Friday 2 August, as follows:

Where

- the in-goal area of Field 1 at the Palmerston Stand end

When

- Under 12's - 6.20pm, before their game
- Under 6's - after their game
- Under 8's - after their game
- Under 10's - after their game
- Under 14's - 7.20pm, before their game
- Under 16's - 8.20pm, before their game



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Rhys Hitchcock



Paul Williams



Jordan Simshauser



Gavin McHugh



Luke Schneider



Greg Svanvelds



Gareth Felton & Ben Blyton

Senior Presentation Night

Congratulations to all award winners:



A Grade Best & Fairest

Rhys Hitchcock

A Grade Best Forward

Paul Williams

A Grade Best Back

Tyrone Gersch-Mizen

Coaches Award

Gareth Felton

B Grade Best & Fairest

Greg Jarvis

B Grade Best Forward

Jordan Simshauser

A Grade Best Back

Gavin McHugh

Coaches Award

Luke Schweider

Under 18 Best & Fairest

Isaiah Atkins

Under 18 Best Forward

Xavier McKenzie

Under 18 Best Back

Greg Svanvelds

Coaches Award

Gavin McHugh

Senior Highest Point Scorer

Paul Devir

Senior Highest Try Scorer

Paul Devir

Most Promising Junior

Jordan Simshauser

Club Person of the Year

Blyton Family



CONGRATULATIONS!

As mentioned in the last edition of Croc Tales, A Grade player, Under 16 coach and genuine good bloke Anthony Smith became a Dad recently. A huge congratulations to Smithy and his wonderful partner Nicole, on the arrival of gorgeous Ariana Jaye!



Proud Dad at Presentation Night.

SUPER 15s FINAL

All the best to former Palmerston Junior Tawera 'Narada' Kerr-Barlow, who will be playing with the Chiefs this weekend against the ACT Brumbies.



Junior Presentation Night



Refer to the flyer sent out with this edition of Croc Tales for full details about Junior Presentation Night.

To assist with catering, it would be great to pre-sell as many tickets before the night as possible. Drop into the clubhouse on Tuesday or Thursday, or alternatively see us in the Palmerston Stand on Friday night. Tickets are \$5 per person or \$15 per family. This includes a delicious club bbq, soft drinks and desserts. There will also be an ongoing slide show, as well as several lucky door prizes.

Each player will receive a participation medal and team photo, and Under 8s and above are also in the running to achieve the Best & Fairest, Best Forward, Best Back or Coaches Award for their team. There is also a perpetual trophy awarded, the Deo Award as described below:

*The **Deo Award** is awarded to a junior player (U10 to U16) who has shown consistent perseverance throughout the season; a player who has either played above their weight, played well against the odds or just consistently dug deep when the chips were down. Each coach has nominated one player for the Deo Award and the nominees and winner will be announced at presentation night.*

Royal Darwin Show Clean Up



Well another year is done and dusted and a huge thank you to all who helped with the Show Clean Up. We had over 70 people volunteer their time over the long weekend and a couple of amazing people do multiple shifts, so thank you all.

At times on a hot Saturday afternoon, when you're emptying yet another bin into a skip and you have just had another dollop of some sort of sauce (bin juice) run down your arm, you're thinking "why am I doing this?" We'll, it's because you like Palmerston Rugby Union Club and this event is important to the club because:

- It is one of the few events that seniors and juniors can do together,
- It's a social event where you get to catch up with lots and lots of people,
- We are raising our profile in the community, and
- The money is good for a weekend work.

So thanks again, the club appreciates it.

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A massive thankyou to all these wonderful club members who gave up some of their long weekend to help out with the clean-up. An excellent effort!!

Fiona Austine
James Ballantyne
Ben Blyton
Jacob Blyton
Dennis Bree
Noel Bree
Jack Briskin
JJ Briskin
Felix Byrne
Ashley Cunningham
Lyndal Cunningham
Ayrton Deo
Jas Deo
Larissa Deo
Robyn Deo
Sachin Deo
Matthew Ellis
Brock Evans
Gareth Felton
Tyrone Gersch-Mizen
Dallas Graetz
Dennis Grant
Maurice Harland
Aaron Hakes
Bayley Hakes
Connor Hakes
Rhys Hitchcock
Brad Hogan
Tom Hurse
Greg Jarvis
Kosta Kachionis
Ned Kelly
Pauline Wyles
Jet Wyles-Kelly
Vince Kelly
Callum Killian
Michael Killiner
Craig Leach
Josh MacDonald
Nathan MacDonald
Georgia McFarlane
Sean McFarlane
Gavin McHugh
Dylan Marsh
Liam Marsh
Jack Marshall
Ms Marshall
Mackenna Marshall
Michael Norris
Lara O'Connor
Sarah O'Connor
Percy Peel
Luke Schneider
Jordan Simshauser
Rob Sloan
Anthony Smith
Kerry Smith
Sue Smith
Robbie Taylor
Tai Terupo
Isaako Teuati
Paul Williams
Paul Williams's partner
Jodie Winston

+ to those helpers whose names we may have missed, apologies and THANKS!!

Royal Darwin Show Clean Up (cont.)



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Noticeboard

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE WINNER

The winner of the lucky door prize at the Senior Presentation Night (a PRUC sports bag sponsored by Cate Killiner Real Estate) was Ben Kaart's family.

GROG RAFFLE WINNER

The Grog Raffle was also drawn at the Senior Presentation Night. The winner was Janice Evans (Brock's Mum).

COMMITTEE MEETING

The next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 August. If you have any items that you would like raised, please let a committee member know.

NTRU PRESENTATION DINNER

Please note the change in venue and the change in ticket price for the NTRU Presentation Dinner.



Northern Territory Rugby Union invites you to attend

**To The Eric Johnston Presentation
&
Annual Junior Fundraising Dinner**

Sunday, 4 August 2013
5:30 pm
Rydges Airport Resort

\$140.00 per person
3 Course Buffet
4 Hour Beverage Package

Entertainment - Peter Dee
Wallabies Guest Speaker - To be confirmed

Inquiries, please contact Lesanne Bennett
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RSVP by Friday, 26 July 2013
Dress: Dinner Formal

'Supporting Junior Rugby Union in the Territory'

NTRU News



NT UNDER 16s

Trials for the NT Under 16s will take place on **Sunday 18 August**. A large squad will be selected to train on the following days:

- Wednesday 21 August
- Wednesday 28 August
- Wednesday 4 September
- Wednesday 11 September
- Monday 16 September
- Wednesday 18 September
- Monday 23 September
- Wednesday 25 September

The team will depart for the Nationals on **Sunday 29 September** and return on **Friday 4 October**. The cost of the trip will be **\$450**. This includes all flights, transfers, food, accommodation and kit.

SENIOR SCHOOLS 7S TOURNAMENT




SENIOR SCHOOLS SEVENS TOURNAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2013




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The OLYMPICS START HERE !!!!**

Your school needs to enter the following teams;

- Boy Senior School Team (years 10-12)
- Girls Senior School Team (years 10-12)

Winning two teams will travel to the Gold Coast to compete in the National School Sevens in October in conjunction with the IRB sevens

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