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President's Welcome

Welcome to the final edition of Croc Tales.

As we look back over the 2013 season there is much we can be proud of.

Success can be measured in many ways and although premiership successes did not flow our way in 2013 (though we are claiming the Under 18s as rightful winners) there is still a lot that we achieved as a club. We were again the only club in the NTRU to field sides from Under 6s through to A Grade and we did this each week without any forfeits or disruptions. We also have an amazing supporter base who week in, week out support the club and the players in an endless number of ways, all in an entirely voluntary capacity.

The committee and senior coaches will be working hard in the off-season to ensure that we make a strong start next season. In 2014 we hope to be as successful on-field as we are off-field.

And finally... although this is the final edition of Croc Tales, from time to time we'll send out flyers to let you know what's going on, such as the AGM, occasional off-season clubhouse functions and of course updates on our upcoming 7s competition.

Ben Blyton, President

The club's most capped A Grade player,
Craig Leach (370 games)
at the Junior Presentation
with another generation of players.



Coming up...

Palmerston Junior 7s
Term 4, 2013

Sunday 3 November
Annual General Meeting

Some scenes from the Junior Presentation Night...



Full house



Life Members presented the Club Officials Awards



Early arrivals



Dinner time

Junior Presentation Night



The Junior Presentation was held on Friday 16 August at the clubhouse, in what was a wonderful celebration of the 2013 Junior season. Approximately 60 families – a total of 180 to 200 people all up – came along to support their young players. Presentations were held in the clubhouse and afterwards families were able to enjoy the dry season weather with dinner on the clubhouse grounds.

It was great to see the excitement on the players faces as they received their medals or trophies. Most importantly, the kids certainly appeared to enjoy the night! It was also good to see some of our life members come down and enjoy the company of the future of the club.

Any mention of presentation night would not be complete without a massive thank you to Julie Franz and Robbie Hantelmann (parents of Zeb in Under 12s). Julie and Robbie took on the responsibility for catering for the night and did an absolutely magnificent job. They organised the BBQ and prepared the amazing salads, as well as ensured that the serving of the food went as smoothly as it did. So thank you Julie and Rob; the food on the night was awesome and one of the reasons why the night was such a success.

To everyone else who helped – the coaches and managers at the working bee on the Thursday, those that helped with running around and setting up on the Friday, the MC, those on the BBQ, behind the bar, etc. - thank you very much, your efforts were appreciated! On that note, we're passing on this message received from one of the parents:

Could you please pass on my congratulations for the presentation on Friday night – it was amazingly well organised and smoothly run – well done to all involved.

And finally, a sincere thank you to all the parents and carers of our Junior players. Without your support throughout the season - transporting children back and forth to training and the games each week, ensuring that they have the right gear, encouraging them in their efforts, etc. - we wouldn't have the strong Junior numbers that we are fortunate to have.

Note: If you were unable to attend Presentation Night and need to collect your medal and team photo, please contact Wendy Leach by return email to arrange their collection.

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U8 Oliver Muller



U10 Ben Sack



U12 Kenny O'Connor



U14 Tai Terupo



U16 Liam Bilston

Junior Presentation Night

Congratulations to all individual award winners:

Under 8 Best and Fairest	Aaron McFarlane
Under 8 Best Team Member	Maloi Terupo
Under 8 Coaches Award	Oliver Muller
Under 10 Best and Fairest	Mitchell Brady
Under 10 Best Forward	Ben Sack
Under 10 Best Back	Thomas Deane
Under 10 Coaches Award	Ayden Whitehouse
Under 12 Best and Fairest	Kenny O'Connor
Under 12 Best Forward	Jack Deane
Under 12 Best Back	Riley Reid
Under 12 Coaches Award	Cameron Croker
Under 14 Best and Fairest	Hamish Martin
Under 14 Best Forward	Tai Terupo
Under 14 Best Back	Wayne Bilston
Under 14 Coaches Award	Michael Sack
Under 16 Best and Fairest	Luke Morgan Doherty
Under 16 Best Forward	Liam Bilston
Under 16 Best Back	Brodie McMahon
Under 16 Coaches Award	Felix Byrne
Deo Award	Jet Wyles-Kelly
Junior Coach of the Year	Wayne Smith / Dale Reid



More individual award winners...



U8 Aaron McFarlane



U10 Ayden Whitehouse



U12 Jack Deane



U14 Hamish Martin



U16 Brodie McMahon

Junior Presentation Night

Extract from Ben Blyton's welcoming speech on the night...

KERR BARLOW SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2013 we awarded 6 Kerr-Barlow Scholarships: 2 seniors and 4 juniors. Of the 6 scholarship holders, 5 played some senior games with the club, 2 were regular A Graders and another 2 played some A Grade during the year. Thomas Roe was the only player not to play any senior rugby (he's in the Under 16s); however he still progressed nicely with his rugby. The folding of the Under 18 competition hindered what we could have potentially achieved with the 2013 scholarship program. With lessons learned from this season the club is determined to make the program a success next year. We will be calling for applications for new scholarship holders early in the new year, prior to the start of the 2014 season.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

The club takes our juniors and their development seriously. We were successful with a grant application from the Department of Sport and will be using this, as well as club funds, to purchase new training equipment specifically for the juniors. So Juniors – you can look forward to some even better training sessions next season!

GOOD SPORTS ACCREDITATION LEVEL 2

We have recently been awarded our Level 2 Good Sports Accreditation, in recognition of our focus on young people, families and participation in sport with a culture of responsible management of alcohol. In 2012 we were the first rugby union club in the Territory to receive a Level 1 Accreditation and now we've become only the second club in the Territory, across any sport, to receive the Level 2 Accreditation.

COOL ROOM

The cool room is installed! It is sure to be an invaluable asset in the years to come. Stage 2 of the kitchen re-development will also commence shortly with the installation of a new commercial style kitchen. This will partially be funded by a grant we've received from the Palmerston City Council. Stage 3 will be the purchasing of commercial grade appliances. Until then, we'll utilise our current appliances, meaning that by the start of next season we should have a fully operational kitchen again. Thursday night dinners could well return as a permanent arrangement for next season.

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More individual award winners...



Deo Award: U16 Jet Wyles-Kelly
with proud Dad Ned



Junior Coaches of the Year,
Wayne Smith and Dale Reid

From little things, big things grow...



U6s and their coaches...



... some of the U12s...



... up to U16s.

Photos supplied by Fiona Austine

7s COMPETITION



2013 Palmerston 7s

Wondering what sport to play in term 4?

Could do with some great **off-season fitness training**
and **skill-development**?

Would like to catch up with your **rugby team mates**?

Well this year you can!

In term 4, Palmerston Rugby Union Club will be holding a
Junior 7s Tournament at Moulden Oval.

As mentioned in the last edition of Croc Tales, we will be running our very own 7's tournament for approximately 6 weeks during term 4, aimed at the age groups of 6 to 16 year olds. In addition to registered Palmerston players, other clubs, schools and new members will be invited to participate. We have already had one other NTRU club express an interest in entering a side, which is fantastic news.

We're all enjoying a short breather after the busy end-of-season; however we'll have full details of the proposed tournament available early in September.



Junior Presentation Night 2013

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Noticeboard

BUNNINGS BBQ

The next Bunnings BBQ is on this Sunday 1 August. Shifts are as follows:

- 8-10am - filled
- 10-12pm - filled
- 12-2pm - four people required
- 2-4pm - four people required

If you are able to help with the 12-2pm or 2-4pm shift, please contact Dennis Grant on 0437 912 140.

UNDER 16s TRIALS

All the best to the Palmerston Under 16s players who attended the try-outs for the NT Under 16 side last Sunday 18 August.



SENIOR SCHOOLS SEVENS TOURNAMENT

All the best to the Palmerston Juniors who have nominated to play in their school 7s team/s.



Other Club News

CANSTRUCTION DARWIN 2013



Jas Deo, of RP Project Management, has entered a Palmerston Croc's team in the upcoming Canstruction Darwin 2013 Competition being held in the Great Hall of Parliament House from 1-7 September. The aim of the competition is to build a giant size structure out of canned foods. The canned foods will then be donated to Foodbank NT after the close of the competition.

The Palmerston Croc's team, under the direction of engineer Jas, will be building a rugby pitch with a grandstand at 1:50 scale. The model will be about 2.4m x 1.4m by approximately 1.0m high and the completed construction will be on display in the Great Hall until Friday 6 December. If anyone is interested in joining the team, please contact Jas on 0438 325 742. This activity would suit older players, e.g. U12 and above. It sounds like a lot of fun!

FAREWELL ANDREW CROZIER



The CEO of the NTRU, Andrew Crozier, has recently announced his resignation and will shortly be relocating back to Canberra. The club would like to thank Andrew for his contribution to NT rugby in the time that he has been in Darwin. As club president, I have personally found Andrew to be very easy to work with and he has been very positive and supportive on what we are trying to achieve at Palmerston. The club wishes Andrew and his family all the best in their next chapter of their lives.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The date for our AGM has been set for the **Sunday 3 November**. While we've have a group of fantastic people doing great things on the committee this year, the club would really benefit from some additional people on the committee next year. With resignations and job transfers, we ended up having at least four positions vacant by the end of the season. It would be great if these could be filled for next season. Position descriptions are available and we'll also have them up on the club's website prior to the AGM.

If you would like to become more involved, please let the club know, either via phone/text (ph. 0417 082 531), email (admin@palmerstonrugby.com.au) or via the website.

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