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President's Welcome

Welcome to Edition 2 of Croc Tales for 2013.

A lot has happened since Edition 1 went out a fortnight ago. We have our senior coaching team to announce and many of our junior coaches have been confirmed. The season draw has been released as have the pools for the Hottest 7s. Key dates for coaches are included in this issue along the details about the first games of the season. We also have an important update regarding our PRUC Development Scholarships. In all, an edition with a lot of important information!

On another note, Nerada Kerr-Barlow returned home for a couple of weeks of rest and recreation before the Super 15 season kicks off. While he was in town he managed to find the time to have a couple of runs with the 7s players as well as spend some time with the rugby scholarship holders at the NTIS. We wish him well for his upcoming season.

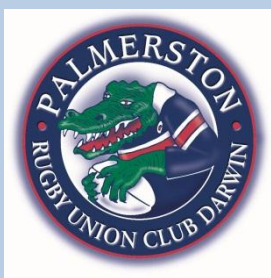
Ben Blyton
President



7s training at Moulden Oval

What's on this week...

Training for the **Hottest Sevens** continues,
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6pm at Moulden Oval



Senior Coaching Team

We are excited to announce the following appointments for the 2013 season:

**Head Coach
(A Grade)**

Kerry Smith

**Assistant Coach
(B Grade)**

Damian Collie

**Under 18 Coach
Justin McKenzie**

**Strength &
Conditioning Coach
Paul Williams**

**A Grade Manager
Rob Sloan**

The above are a formidable team. They have a passion for the game and a wealth of experience both on and off the rugby field. We wish them every success in leading our senior sides towards a strong, positive season.

**Note: all other team managers will be announced in the next edition of Croc Tales.*

Around The Grounds



Training has started and it's time to get down to Moulden Oval and start getting ready for the season. Brock Evans and Anthony Smith are looking after the 7s teams and while training will have a 7s focus, the run will do everyone good.

A big reminder: the club has purchased a special playing jumper for this year's pre-season. The jumper will be used by our number one team in the 7s tournament and again in the 10s tournament which follows on from the 7s. Players who represent the club in both these tournaments will be able to keep their jumpers. It's an awesome jumper! For those of you who missed it on our Facebook page last Thursday and would like a sneak preview, be sure to check it out now (<http://www.facebook.com/PalmerstonRugbyUnionClub>)

For our tight 5 team - the defending champions in their division of the tournament - you will be playing in our traditional strip and will also have the opportunity to purchase your jumper at a very reasonable rate.

Heineken Hottest 7s

Here's our pool for the Hottest 7s:



Men's Div 2

Pool E

The OutLaws

1st Brigade

Palmerston

Rucking Roos Green

First Games for 2013

The 2013 season will start with a three week ten-a-side competition. Palmerston will host the first round of 10s on Saturday the 23rd February. Seniors and the Under 18s will all have games. The season draw will be available at the clubhouse.





Junior Coaches (U12, 14, 16)

We are pleased to announce the following appointments for the 2013 season:

Under 16s Anthony Smith

Anthony Smith has coached with the club for a number of years. He is a current PRUC A Grade and NT Mozzie player. In 2012 he was honoured as both the NTRU Junior Coach of the Year and PRUC Junior Coach of the Year.

Under 14s Cody McFarlane

Cody McFarlane, although young, has had access to many good coaches through his junior rep honours (NT U14, U16 & U18) as well as the NTIS emerging talent squad.

Under 12s Wayne Smith

Wayne Smith is an experienced, dedicated junior coach, well regarded by both players and parents. In 2012 he was the well-deserved recipient of the PRUC Club Person of the Year Award.

**Note: U6, U8 & U10 coaches to be announced in the next edition.*

Subscriptions for 2013

Subscriptions have been set for the 2013 Season.

Senior Playing Membership

Playing subs for 2013 are \$200.00 and include the following:

- PRUC Player Membership
- PRUC membership key ring
- ARU insurance
- NTRU affiliation fees
- Clubhouse contribution
- Qualified coaches
- Club training singlet
- Playing socks and shorts
- Laundering of playing jumpers
- Player jumper for premiership winners
- Membership of Cazalys Palmerston Sports Club
- Use of Caddies at Palmerston Golf Club

Under 8s to Under 18s Playing Membership

Playing subs for 2013 are \$100.00 and include the following:

- PRUC Player Membership
- ARU insurance
- NTRU affiliation fees
- Qualified coaches
- Club training singlet
- Playing socks and shorts
- Player jumper for premiership winners (U12 and above)
- Presentation Day, including participation awards for players at the end of the season
- Membership of Cazalys Palmerston Sports Club for nominated parent or guardian
- Use of Caddies at Palmerston Golf Club for nominated parent or guardian

Under 6s Playing Membership

Playing subs for 2013 are \$60 and include all of the above (Under 6s train one night a week, hence the variation in fees).





Noticeboard

FIRST FOR THE SEASON

Congratulations to Cameron Brannelly (Buzz) who was the first player to pay his subs in full for 2013.

PAYMENT OF SUBS

All membership fees can be paid at the bar after training or by contacting Treasurer Percy Peel at percypeel@hotmail.com to arrange a bank transfer.

A NOTE TO JUNIOR PARENTS REGARDING THE \$75 SPORT VOUCHER SCHEME

Sporting organisations have been advised that they can register for the \$75 Sport Voucher Scheme from 29th January. PRUC will be registering with the scheme on this date.

A NOTE TO JUNIOR PARENTS REGARDING START DATES

The Juniors Friday night games will start the first Friday after Easter. Information regarding sign on day and the start of training will follow in subsequent issues of Croc Tales.



Subscriptions for 2013 (continued)

In 2013, we will be re-introducing non-playing memberships. These have been in place over the years, but have not been available in recent years. Non-playing memberships are not compulsory. However they do provide our many supporters with the opportunity to show their support for the club while also making a valued financial contribution to the club. In addition, the membership fee ensures that we satisfy liquor licencing requirements.

There are two types of non-playing membership:

Non Playing Full Membership

Non-playing full membership for 2013 is \$50 and includes:

- PRUC polo shirt
- PRUC membership key ring
- Membership of Cazalys Palmerston Sports Club
- Use of Caddies at Palmerston Golf Club

Non Playing Social Membership

Non-playing social membership for 2013 is \$5 and includes:

- PRUC membership card (providing membership to the clubhouse and ensuring we satisfy our liquor licences requirements!).



Boys missed training to get the first beers of the season: Dennis and Mal at the clubhouse last Thursday.

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2013 KERR-BARLOW SCHOLARSHIPS



Gail at the 35th Reunion



Narada talking to the Under 16s at training in 2012



Jake refereeing A Grade



Under 18s, 2012

2013 PRUC Development Scholarships

As announced towards the end of our 2012 season, this year we are introducing a development scholarship for emerging players. The scholarships will encourage and support the recipients in their rugby development and up to six scholarships will be available. Details are on the following page. The 2013 scholarship holders will be announced at our season launch on Friday 15th March.

We are very proud to announce that the scholarship will be named the Kerr-Barlow Scholarship after the Kerr-Barlow Family.

Gail Barlow is a Life Member of our club. She was also our first Australian representative at a senior level when she was picked to represent the Wallaroos against New Zealand in 1995. She represented Australia on five occasions. Gail was for many years heavily involved with our juniors program.

Rei Barlow was also heavily involved with the juniors and played senior rugby for the club during the 90s. Rei's active involvement included providing meals for players on a Thursday night after training.

Tawera (Narada) Kerr-Barlow played junior rugby for Palmerston before going to boarding school in New Zealand to further his dream of becoming an All Black. He represented NZ at various age levels before signing with Waikato while still at school. He signed with the Chiefs in 2011 and played a major part in their 2012 title win. He made his All Black debut in 2012 when he played Scotland at Murrayfield. He now has 2 caps for NZ. When in Darwin, Nerada always comes back and visits the club to see how we are going.

Jake Kerr-Barlow played junior and senior rugby for the club before concentrating on his refereeing career. While still at primary school he was awarded an ARU School Student Scholarship for promised school aged referees. He is currently the number 1 referee in the NTRU, winning the 2012 Referee of the Year award.

It is hoped that these scholarships will be jointly funded by the club and by sponsors from within the club. We are keen to hear from any club members who may be interested in sponsoring a scholarship holder and/or be a mentor for a scholarship holder. Sponsorship packages will cost \$300 each. Contact Ben Blyton on 0417 082 531 or at ben.blyton@bigpond.com for further details.

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2013 KERR-BARLOW SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2013, Palmerston Rugby Union Club will be offering the following scholarships to selected players:

- Under 18 Development Scholarship
- Senior Player Development Scholarship

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the scholarship a player must:

- be a current under 18 player *OR*
- be in his first year of senior rugby and have played for Juniors the year before.

Interested players will need to submit an application form (refer over) and potential scholarship holders will be interviewed by the club. Up to 3 of each scholarship type will be awarded.

CLUB COMMITMENT

The club commits the following to the successful scholarship holder:

COMMITMENT	UNDER 18 LEVEL	SENIOR LEVEL
specialist coaching	✓	✓
mentoring by a senior member of the club	✓	✓
recognition as a role model within the club	✓	✓
a season pass	n/a	\$100
a ticket to presentation night	\$100	\$100
a scholarship polo	\$45	\$45
a scholarship training jumper	\$60	\$60
a scholarship cap	\$20	\$20
a rugby ball	\$55	\$55
rugby incentive cash*	\$300	\$300
TOTAL VALUE (APPROXIMATE)	\$580	\$680

(*to be spent on any rugby related activity; prior approval from the scholarship coordinator will be required)

PLAYER COMMITMENT

The scholarship holder will commit the following to the club:

• training attendance to be at least 95% (prior notification of non-attendance required to the coach)
• to assist with coaching at one session of either our Come & Try Rugby Day or the PRUC Junior Rugby Camp
• to attend one session of the Darwin Show Clean-Up fundraiser
• to attend one session of a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraiser
• to be a positive role model for PRUC Juniors and a positive representative of the club
• to attend and actively support five Friday night junior games

CONDITION

If the player leaves PRUC to play for another rugby team playing in the Darwin competition, either in the scholarship period or the year immediately following the scholarship period, the player agrees to repay to PRUC the full scholarship amount prior to being cleared to their new club.





Noticeboard

COMING UP IN CROC TALES # 3

- Hottest 7s wrap up
- Announcement of team managers
- Social calendar updates
- And more!

OUR NEW WEBSITE

We have a new website currently under development. It's due to go online before the start of the season. Stay tuned...

✂ CROC TALES CUT OFF ✂

Please note: contributions for Croc Tales are to be submitted no later than 10pm Tuesday night.
Thank you, the Croc Tales team 😊

Coaching Courses

The following coaching courses

NTRU – Education Week Summary			
Date	Time	Course	Presenter
Tuesday 12th March	6pm	Sports Trainer Course (Sports Med)	Tbc - Local
Wednesday 13th March	6pm	Running Rugby Course (3hrs)	Denny
Friday 15th March	6pm	Smart Rugby (2.5hrs)	ARU CE
Saturday 16th March	2pm	Skills Session (2hrs)	ARU CE
Saturday 16th March	5pm	Coaching Kids Rugby (3hrs)	ARU CE
Saturday 16th March	5pm	Assistant Referee Course (3hrs)	Mancell
Sunday 17th March	10am	Foundation Course Level 1 Coach/Ref Course (8hrs)	ARU CE & Mancell
Monday 18th March	6pm	Smart Rugby (2.5hrs)	ARU CE
Tuesday 19th March	6pm	First Aid Course (Sports Med)	Tbc - Local

PRUC Vision, Mission and Values

These will guide the decision making, governance, culture and behaviours of the Club into the future.

VISION

To be recognised as the premier Rugby Union Club in the Top End

MISSION

Providing opportunities for players, coaches, administrators and volunteers to develop their skills in a positive, safe, well resourced, supportive and enjoyable environment.

Contributing to the wider community by providing an activity in a family safe environment and one that supports and encourages a healthy, active lifestyle.

VALUES

RESPECTFUL, POSITIVE, LOYAL, INCLUSIVE

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