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President's Welcome

Welcome to an out-of-season Croc Tales! A lot has been happening over the past few months and with our inaugural Junior 7s competition up and running, we thought it was a good time to provide an update on some of the things that have been occurring.

Our big off-season activity, the Junior 7s Tournament, kicked off last Friday. Despite a pretty impressive electrical storm for the later games, the players had a great time and the feedback from parents has been positive. A full write up is on the following pages.

Off-field, our kitchen redevelopment is about to commence, thanks to another successful grant application. Read about it the club news. In other significant news, in 2014 our club will be sponsoring the Palmerston Netball Club for their 2014 season. Their club comprises approximately 70 members who will become 'netball members' of PRUC. We'll include more details in upcoming editions of Croc Tales.

A reminder about our AGM this coming Sunday... We encourage all interested club members to attend and importantly, we would love to see some new people on the committee to help share the load. Our club is in great shape thanks to the work of the previous committee and a lot of the hard work has been done, but we need some people to help us get back on track with our core business – winning rugby union games!

And finally, a special mention goes to the Palmerston Under 14 players who will be representing the NT in the Under 14 tour to Malaysia next week. All the best - we hope you have a great tour.

Ben Blyton, President

Coming up...



Annual General Meeting

Sunday 3 November at 2.30pm at the clubhouse.

Refer to the flyer on page 5 for details.

Hope to see you there!



Junior 7s Tournament continues

Training – every Tuesday from 5pm to 6pm

Games – every Friday from 6pm (U8 & U10) and 6.45pm (U12+). Arrive 20 minutes before your game time. BBQ every Friday, drinks available at the bbq or clubhouse.



OUR FIRST NIGHT!

Many thanks to the following people involved on Friday:

REFEREE (TACKLE GAMES)

Robbie Taylor

SPORTS MEDIC

Cecily Boulton

COACHES

Under 8s

Glen Brady
Ben Blyton

Under 10s

Gary Humphreys
Jamie Akers

Under 12s +

Dallas Smith
Dale Reid

SCORERS

Under 8s

Laura Brady
Jacob Blyton
Melanie Blackman

Under 10s

Manuel
Belinda Sack

BBQ

Pauline & Ned Kelly
Cassy Chui
Jordan Simshauser
Thomas Roe
and others

CLUBHOUSE BAR

Dennis Grant

LINE MARKING

Robbie Taylor

GENERAL ORGANISATION

Selina & Ben Blyton

Junior 7s Tournament



Friday 25th October was the first night of the first ever Juniors 7s tournament. This is a new event especially for our Junior players and we hope they enjoy it. We're aiming to run the tournament over a period of five weeks, with the final games and 7s presentation to be held on Friday 22 November.

In addition to the games on Friday nights, the kids are also training on Tuesday nights. Not only are they all enjoying the opportunity to catch up with their rugby team mates again, they're also developing their skills and increasing their fitness in what is normally the off-season for rugby.

As with anything new, it's a bit of 'try it and see how we go' and we'd like to thank our junior families for their support of this inaugural event. We'd also like to welcome all new players who have registered for this event, as well as the guest players we have participating from Casuarina, Swampdogs and University. On that note, a special thankyou to the awesome Casuarina Under 8s, who have entered two sides in the Under 8 competition. The support of their coach Brian Anderson in the lead up to this tournament has very much appreciated.

A wrap up of the round 1 is on the following page.

As with any event, there are many people involved in getting things underway and happening. Everyone's contribution is appreciated, even if it's just dragging a wheelie bin back to the clubhouse after the games. So thanks to everyone who helped out in some way!



Under 10s: Elijah, Maddy, Chace, Alexandra, Mitchell, Justin and Ben ready for their first game of 7s rugby.

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ROUND 1 ACTION



Palmerston Crocs U8s



Casuarina Cougars U8s



Under 10s half time break



Under 12s warming up



Cassie, Pauline, Ned and Jordan

Have some good photos? We'd love to include them in Croc Tales! All contributions acknowledged. Send to croctales@palmerstonrugby.com.au

Junior 7s Tournament – Round 1

Round 1 kicked off with 4 x Under 8 teams, 2 x Under 10 teams and 2 x Under 12+ teams. At this stage we don't have the numbers for Under 14s and Under 16s, although several players from these sides did turn up on Friday. We'll certainly have games for these players if their numbers increase.



Under 8s

The Palmerston players certainly enjoyed having the enthusiastic Casuarina Cougar teams to play against. The games were close affairs with some good solid skills evident in all teams. The final results were as follows:

- Palmerston Red 30 drew with Casuarina Blue 30
- Casuarina White 35 d Palmerston Blue 30
- Casuarina White 35 d Palmerston Red 15
- Casuarina Blue 45 d Palmerston Blue 40

Under 10s

It was Palmerston Crocs vs. Palmerston Crocs in the Under 10s. Captains picked their sides and the first game was on, with players running in an impressive number of tries for their first game in months. For the second game, the players mixed and matched again from existing players, and again made some big runs.

Robbie Taylor will be refereeing the tackle games (thanks Robbie!). Having someone who knows what they are doing in these games certainly makes them safer and more enjoyable for the players.

Under 12s

While the weather held off for the U8s and U10s, a BOM storm warning issued in the evening suggested the U12s may not be so lucky. However, they were able to get a full first half in and were halfway through the second half before the game was called off for safety. The Under 12s still enjoyed having a run and experiencing a different format of the game. As one U12 player said, the first thing he noticed was that the gaps were much wider!

We look forward to seeing you all again for Round 2!

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Noticeboard



POSITION VACANT BALL KID MANAGER

The NTRU are looking for a volunteer to manage the ball kids during the Hottest 7s Tournament held over the Australia Day weekend. The job will involve organising the kids throughout the weekend. There will be about 26 kids, on a roster that the NTRU will put together. Interested? Please get in contact with Damien Tyson, NT Rugby Development Manager, at damien.tyson@ntrugby.com.au.

OUR FINAL BBQ FOR 2013



The first and second shifts.

Club News

CONGRATULATIONS NT UNDER 14s!

Congratulations to the Under 14 Palmerston players who were selected in the NT Under 14 side to tour Malaysia: **Wayne Bilston**, **Hamish Martin** and **Tai Terupo**. Congratulations also to **Wayne Smith** (Palmerston U12 coach) who was named as one of the coaches of the NT side.

The team will travel to Malaysia next Thursday 7th November. They will compete in the President's Cup in Ipoh against several teams from surrounding areas, and then have another game in Kuala Lumpur before returning home the following Wednesday 13th. All the best boys, we hope you have a great time!

CLUBHOUSE KITCHEN

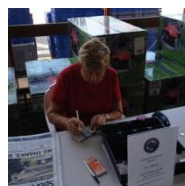
Good news regarding our clubhouse kitchen – our grant application with the Department of Sport, Recreation and Racing, was successful, meaning we're now in a position to redevelop the clubhouse kitchen into a fully operational commercial kitchen by the start of the 2014 season. Everyone can once again look forward to Thursday night dinners in the 2014 season.



BUNNINGS BBQ – SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER

Thanks once again to our hardworking Bunnings BBQ-ers who sizzled and served sausages for the fifth and final time on Saturday 12 October. After 40 odd hours of barbequing, we're now having a well-deserved rest until we start all over again in 2014. The Bunnings BBQs represent one of our major fundraisers for the year, so a massive thankyou to everyone who has given up precious hours of their weekends to help out at these events throughout 2013.

BUNNINGS RAFFLE – SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER



Wendy selling raffle tickets

In recognition of our ongoing support of Bunnings BBQs, Bunnings very generously provided a barbeque for the club to raffle off at their store on 12th October, with full proceeds of the raffle going to back club. Many thanks to Bunnings for both the opportunity and the product to raffle.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Support the Palmerston Crocs in 2014!

Do you have an interest in the running of the club?
Would you like to increase your involvement in the club? Contribute your knowledge, skills and time? Make a difference? Have a say in the future of junior & senior rugby in Palmerston and beyond?

New members are welcomed and encouraged.

- **WHEN** Sunday 3 November 2013
- **WHERE** PRUC Clubhouse
- **TIME** 2:30pm
- **AGENDA** Annual Report
Treasurer's Report
Election of Officers
Election of Committee
Any other business

The bar will be open and light refreshments served.

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