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President's Welcome

Welcome again to another special edition of Croc Tales.

The AGM on the 3rd of this month was well attended – thanks to everyone who came along. All the old faces were voted back onto the committee along with a number of exciting new faces. It's great to see a mix of generations as well as representation from our junior parents. On behalf of the 2013 committee, I would like to welcome all new and returning committee members onto the new committee as we face the challenges of the 2014 season.

The Junior 7s continues with two weeks left of games, Friday 15th and Friday 22nd. Our Under 8s, 10s and 13s have certainly been enjoying themselves and although it was disappointing that we didn't have the numbers for the Under 14s and 16s, the feedback overall has been overwhelmingly positive and we hope to make it a regular fixture of junior our rugby season.

Ben Blyton, President



On the NT Rugby Facebook page this week: Casuarina Cougars and Palmerston Crocs Under 8s.

Coming up...



Junior 7s Tournament continues...

Training - Tuesday from 5pm to 6pm

Games - 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.



Pizza Night at the Clubhouse / Farewell the Brady's

When - Tuesday 19 November, straight after training

Cost - \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family

RSVP - by 5.15pm on the 19th. See Ben at training or text 0417 082 531. All welcome!

ROUND 3 ACTION

Under 8s



Under 10s



Under 13s



Junior 7s Tournament Rounds 2 & 3



As well as being lots of fun, the 7s format has also given the players an opportunity to develop their foundation rugby skills: catching, passing, evading, tagging/tackling, etc. Also, the bigger gaps on the field have seen many players make a big run down the field, with great support from the spectators! Although the emphasis is very much on participation, here are some stats on the games so far:

- **High scoring games:** Under 8s Casuarina 1 and Palmerston 1 scored 50 points each in their first Round 3 game.
- **Highly defended games:** Under 10s have shown some great defensive skills, keeping their opposing side from scoring.
- **Very close games:** In very close matches, Under 13s drew both their Round 3 games (10-10 and 20-20).
- **Leading try scorers:** In the U8s, Casuarina are try-scoring machines! From Palmerston, **Izayah** has scored 24 times. In the U10s, **Mitchell** and **Elijah** have 10 tries each. In the closely contested U13s, in the Round 2 & 3 games, **Corey, Jacob, Sachin** and **David** have scored 2 tries each with another 8 players scoring 1 try each. Well done everyone!

FINAL GAMES AND PLAYER PRESENTATION

The final games of the tournament will be played on Friday 22nd. Following the games, there will be a short presentation for all players. Special guests on the night will be the new NTRU CEO **Mark Heath** and the NTRU President **Dan Bree**. Both are coming down to say hello and although many of you will know Dan, Mark is looking forward to meeting all those involved in our junior rugby.

FAREWELL TO THE BRADY'S

On a sad note, Friday 22nd will also bring to an end the Brady family's involvement with the club as they move interstate. Although fairly new to rugby, they have certainly been involved in a big way, with Glen coaching the U8s and winning NTRU Junior Coach of the Year, Ali managing the U10s, Mitchell winning the U10s Best and Fairest, Charli playing in the U8s (and making the front page of the *Palmerston Sun*!) and Laura helping out wherever was required. We wish the Brady's all the best with their move back to Victoria.



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2014 PRUC Committee

We are pleased to introduce the
2014 PRUC Committee:

President
Ben Blyton

Vice President
(vacant)

Secretary
Rob Sloan

Treasurer
Percy Peel

Rugby Operations
Kerry Smith

Finance
Brock Evans

Facilities
Dennis Grant

Administration
Wendy Leach

General Committee Members

Melanie Blackman
Selina Blyton
Ashley Cunningham
Michael Killiner
Greg Jarvis
Sam Johnson

Club News

HEINEKEN HOTTEST 7s IN THE WORLD

The club will again be entering a side in the *Heineken Hottest 7s in the World* held over the Australia Day weekend. In 2013 we introduced a PRUC 7s kit especially for the tournament and we will be doing the same for 2014. While there will be a limited number of singlets for sale, the jumpers are definitely a one-off and the only way you get one is to play in the tournament. The kit has been ordered and while we're keeping the awesome design of the jumper under wraps, here's a sneak preview of the singlet:



NEW SPONSOR ON BOARD FOR THE 2014 SEASON

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We are happy to announce that we have secured a new major shorts sponsor for the 2014 season, the **Coolalinga & Districts Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank**. We thank the Bendigo Bank for their sponsorship and we look forward to a long and productive relationship with the bank in the coming years.

The vital importance of club sponsors can never be underestimated - the club could not run without their support! On that note, thank you also to the committee members who are working tirelessly over the off season to ensure that sponsorship arrangements are in place for the 2014 season.

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Noticeboard

WORKING BEE @ THE CLUBHOUSE

There will be a working bee at the club house on the weekend of the 23rd / 24th November (times to be confirmed). We need to do a general tidy up as well as some work in preparation for the new kitchen.

SHAVE FOR A CURE



As reported in the *Palmerston Sun* this week, **Macy Winston** (Under 12s) will be 'chopping off her luscious locks' for charity next month. To support Macy, go to:

my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/macywinston

MOVEMBER

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Former senior player **Drew Weaver** is growing a mo for Movember. In doing so, he is hoping to raise \$2000 for the Movember Foundation. You can donate to Drew's moustache at: <http://mobro.co/weaver74>

NTRU News



NT UNDER 14s

The NT Under 14s side have just returned from their tour of Malaysia. We'll include a write-up in our next edition of Croc Tales.

NTRU CEO ANNOUNCED

The NTRU recently announced the appointment of **Mark Heath** to the position of CEO of NT Rugby, commencing Monday 4 November. The club welcomes Mark appointment to the role and looks forward to working with him in growing and developing rugby union in the Territory.

NEW NTRU WEBSITE

The NTRU have recently relaunched their website. Check it out at www.ntrugby.com.au. Life Member **Bernie Bree** stars on the slideshow on the home page while the latest generation of Palmy Crocs can be found on our club page:



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