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President's Welcome

Welcome to the third and final 'special edition' of Croc Tales. Read all about the final rounds of our inaugural Junior 7s tournament on pages 2 and 3. Also in this edition is a write-up about the NT Under 14s recent tour to Malaysia, as well as all our recent club news.

As 2013 closes, I can't help but start to look forward to the 2014 season. Things off the field are starting to come together... We hope to be making an announcement about a senior coach very soon. Sponsorship is looking good for 2014 with most sponsors having already confirmed that they will be back on board next year. The kitchen redevelopment is well underway and may even be completed before Christmas. A fantastic new 7s kit has been ordered for the Hottest 7s, which promises to be a great weekend of rugby. And some more significant senior and junior developments are in the pipeline for 2014. All in all, it is shaping up to be a good year!

As this is the last edition of Croc Tales for 2013, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our players, supporters and sponsors a very merry and safe Christmas and all the best for the year ahead.

Ben Blyton
President



7s ACTION

Under 8s



Under 10s



Under 13s



Junior 7s Tournament



The final round of our Junior 7s tournament was held on Friday 22nd November. Although we were prepared for rain we were lucky - Cyclone Alessia held off long enough for us all to enjoy a pleasant evening down at Moulden Oval, with not a raindrop in sight. More details are on the following page →

The Junior 7s tournament ran for 5 weeks and the club is happy with how it all went – it took a leap of faith to attempt something like this for first time, and we're glad we did.

We would like to thank and acknowledge the support we received from Brian Anderson and the rest of the Casuarina U8s - having the two Cas Cougars sides participating certainly enhanced that age group and increased the enjoyment for our players. We would also like to thank the individual players from the other clubs as well as the newly registered players who came down and played in the U10s and U13s. Not only did they increase our numbers, but they also gave our players new team mates for the tournament.

New CEO of the NTRU **Mark Heath** and NTRU President **Dan Bree** attended the last night of the 7s and both were impressed with the concept and the numbers down at Moulden. We will certainly be running the tournament again in 2014. Casuarina has already indicated that they may be able to bring down more age groups and we are hopeful that other clubs may come on board as well.

And finally, thanks to all club members who helped out in some way throughout the 5 weeks. Your support ensured the success of the tournament and made it a lot of fun for our young players!



FEEDBACK WELCOME!



We would love to get your feedback on various aspects this year's tournament. This will greatly help us in planning for next year's tournament!

It would be very much appreciated if you could take a few minutes to complete a short survey.

Please go to the link below to access the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C5VWK3R>

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Under 8s



Under 10s



7s PRESENTATIONS

Under 8s



Under 10s



Under 13s



Junior 7s Tournament Rounds 4 & 5



ROUND 4 RESULTS

U8s Game 1: Palmerston 55 Casuarina 55

U10s Game 1: Team Nutri Grain 25 d Team Streets 10

U10s Game 2: Team Nutri Grain 20 d Team Streets 10

Under 13s Game 1: Palmerston Red 15 d Palmerston Blue 10

Under 13s Game 2: Palmerston Blue 15 d Palmerston Red 10

ROUND 5 RESULTS

U8s Game 1: Casuarina 30 Palmerston 15

U8s Game 2: Casuarina 20 Palmerston 20

U10s: Game 1: Team Streets 20 d Team Nutri Grain 10

U10s Game 2: Team Nutri Grain 15 d Team Streets 10

Under 13s Game 1: Palmerston Blue 10 d Palmerston Red 0

Under 13s Game 2: Palmerston Blue 15 d Palmerston Red 10

Well done to all players for your keen participation and good sportsmanship!

Under 8s

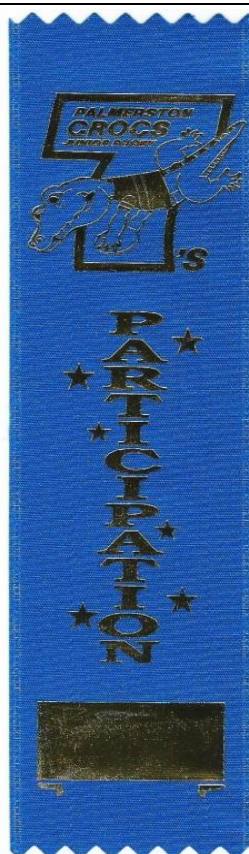
Jack Bendtsen, Gareth Blackman, Connor Blyton, Charli Brady, Joe Gill, Benson Kimani, Aaron McFarlane, Braedon Smith, Maloi Terupo, Isaiah Waters, Carly Whitehouse

Under 10s

Daniel Akers, Lily Blackman, Alexandra Blyton, Mitchell Brady, Justin Hemopo, Aaron Hovland, Tristan Humphreys, Beau Lothian, Chace Lothian, Jesse Loudon, Maddy McVee, Ben Sack, Kaleb Tatipata, Ayden Whitehouse, Briony Whitehouse, Elijah Urirau

Under 13s

Jack Akers, Wayne Bilston, Jacob Blyton, Jack Briskin, Leigh Chui-Clark, Cameron Croker, Sachin Deo, Zeb Hantelmann, David Hemopo, Aiden Holt, Jayden Humphreys, Corey McVee, Joshua McVee, Michael Sack, Caleb Schatz, Brad Svansfeld, Daniel Wilson, Jonah Wistrand, Jack Wistrand



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Noticeboard

HOTTEST 7s IN THE WORLD



*Training
for the Hottest 7s starts
on*

Thursday 2 January.

*All interested players
will need to attend.*

JUNIORS PIZZA NIGHT



*The Reid, Blyton, Brady, Smith
and Terupo families*



*Ali Brady, Celine Terupo
and Maxie Smith*

Club News

HOTTEST 7s IN THE WORLD

As mentioned in last week's Croc Tales, Palmerston has again entered a team in the Hottest 7s in the World tournament which will be held on the Australia Day weekend of the 25th/26th January.

Like last year the club has ordered a special one-off jumper and the only way to get one of these jumpers is to be involved with the 7s. The club is also looking at a couple of other exciting announcements for the 7s, so watch this space! But more importantly, get ready to get down to training when it starts on the **Thursday 2nd January** (it sounds early but it's only 3 weeks of training prior to the event).



CONGRATULATIONS PAUL DEVIR

Congratulations to **Paul Devir** who was named in the NT Mozzies 7s squad to compete in the Hottest 7s. This is the first representative side to be named for 2014 and we wish Paul all the best in the final selection.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Interested in coaching or assistant coaching, managing a side or becoming a club trainer? Although some positions are already filled, other positions remain vacant and the club would love to hear from anyone who may be interested.

Applicants must hold, or be willing to obtain an Ochre Card. All coaches are also required to complete the compulsory *Smart Rugby* coaching course (paid for by the club), which is usually offered around the start of the new season. Interested? Contact the club via the website, email (admin@palmerstonrugby.com.au) or text (0417 082 531).



JUNIORS PIZZA NIGHT / FAREWELL THE BRADYS

Last Tuesday night saw approximately 18 junior families stay back after training for a Pizza Night and to farewell the Brady family. 25 pizzas disappeared in as many minutes and the kids had a great time catching up with their team mates back at the clubhouse. The club wishes the Brady's well in their move back to Victoria.





NT UNDER 14 MALAYSIAN TOUR 7th - 13th November 2013

Palmerston Crocs - NT Under 14

- Hamish Martin
- Tai Terupo
- Wayne Bilston

Thursday 7th – STAR Ipoh School



Friday 8th - Abseiling



Saturday 9th - Principals Cup



NT Under 14s Malaysian Tour

*By Wayne Smith,
Palmerston Juniors Coach and NT Under 14s Assistant Coach*

It was a great honour to be asked to be the assistant coach for the NT's Under 14 Malaysian tour to play in the Presidents Cup played in Ipoh and then to take on a combined team KL Saracens on the last Tuesday of the tour in Kuala Lumpur.

It was a very excited and nervous group of boys who started training on the 17th September. With 35 talented players coming from all NT clubs it was interesting to see rival players training as one and to see the friendships that have formed since is amazing.

We played a practice match against the Gove team who came over to Darwin on the 3rd and 4th October, which was the first time both these teams played together. It was an interesting two matches to watch.

The team selection was on the 9th October. It was hard to pick a team due to the talent that exists across all the players, but in the end there could only be 23 players in the squad. Hone Edwards (Dragons) was selected as captain and two players were also selected from the Gove team. Players selected from Palmerston were **Hamish Martin** (vice-captain), **Tai Terupo** and **Wayne Bilston**.

With the team finalised it was full steam ahead with the boys putting in 100% at the remaining training sessions and ensuring that passports etc. were all sorted out. The NTRU did a marvellous job with the organisation and planning of the whole event with a lot of time and effort invested in the tour.

The tour itinerary was as follows:

Thursday 7 November 2013

Depart from Darwin direct to Kuala Lumpur and travel from Kuala Lumpur to Ipoh. We all stayed at the host school S.T.A.R Ipoh which is a boarding school with around 600 students.

Friday 8 November 2013

Friday was an activity day with the boys' abseiling down a waterfall and for some overcoming the fear of heights.



Sunday 10th - Principals Cup**Wednesday 13th - Sunway Lagoon****Special mentions**

- **Guts Award**
Josh Robinson (Swampdogs)
- **Try of the Tour**
Fin Russell (East Arnhem)
- **Best Back**
Hone Edwards (Dragons)
- **Best Forward**
Charles Harrison (Pirates)
- **Player of the Tour**
Hamish Martin (Palmerston)

Thank you to Wayne Smith for supplying the text and photos for this article.

Saturday 9 November 2013

In oppressive heat the team played 3 games winning one and losing two games with both losses being by a solitary try.

Sunday 10 November 2013

The NT Under 14s went down 7-5 in the Plate Final of the Principals Cup in Ipoh. The boys won their first two matches on Day Two 34-0 & 12-7 and finished the weekend with three wins and three losses, scoring 90 points and conceding 36.

Monday 11 November 2013

Travel from Ipoh to Kuala Lumpur. The boys had lunch and a city tour around Kuala Lumpur.

Tuesday 12 November 2013

Match against the combined team KL Saracens, losing a tough game 25-10 in stifling heat.

Wednesday 13 November 2013

Full day at Sunway Lagoon and flight from Kuala Lumpur direct to Darwin.

Well done boys and look forward to the exciting future of junior rugby in the NT with the Junior Gold program starting next year!



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