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## President's Welcome

Welcome to another edition of Croc Tales. A lot has happened in the last fortnight: the Heineken Hottest 7s in the World have come and gone and we have now officially started training for the season ahead.

Exciting times are ahead of us with a new focus on both the rugby and the social aspects for this year. A draft club calendar is included in this edition of Croc Tales. This will also be included in our new club website which will be live very soon.

On the training front, numbers were encouraging leading up to the 7s and on Tuesday we also had quite a lot of new faces. So to the new players, welcome to the club and to the old players, it's time to get down to training.

**Ben Blyton**  
President



Palmerston Crocs Hottest 7s Team

## What's on this week...

Seniors training has started. Under 18s and Under 16s also welcome. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6pm at Moulden Oval.



## RESULTS

### PALMERSTON CROCS 7S

#### Pool Games

PRUC 26 beat 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade 12

PRUC 12 lost to The Outlaws 41

PRUC 24 beat KRU Rucking Roos 10

#### Gecko Quarter Final

PRUC 21 beat Barraba Rams 5

#### Gecko Semi Final

PRUC 7 lost to South Darwin 31

### TIGHT 5

PRUC 31 beat Thirsty Camels 7

PRUC 19 lost to South Darwin 22



## Heineken Hottest 7s in the World

**Well the Hottest Seven's on the weekend lived up to its name with an absolute scorcher of a weekend.**

Our young side, with five players from last year's Under 18s, performed really well during the weekend. Injuries to both Paul Williams and Brad Hogan in the last game on Saturday robbed us of our most experienced forwards and left us a little light on for Sunday's games; however we managed to make it through to the quarter final of the Gecko competition before bowing out in the semi-final.

So well done to the fourteen guys who played for Palmerston over the weekend! You guys did well and it gives us something to build on as we move on towards season 2013. Thanks go to Brock Evans for coaching and Ashley Cunningham for running the water over the weekend, and to Cecily Boulton for being the Team Manager and Medic.

### POINTS OF INTEREST

Our loss in the pool stages was to The Outlaws – a team that had travelled up from Perth and was a first division side last year. Our two tries against them were the only tries scored against them in the pool stage. They went on to make the Barra final. Our other loss was in the semi-final against South Darwin, who went on to easily win the Gecko final.

### TIGHT 5 COMPETITION

Once again Palmerston entered the Tight 5 competition where we hoped to defend our title – in fact we were so confident we would win again this year we did not bother to take back last year's trophy. Our campaign started out well with a good win against the Thirsty Camels and things were on track for back to back titles.

The following game, which also turned out to be the final against Souths, saw us start again in fine form with classical 7s play by our portly gentlemen. We opened with scoring a few fine tries, then the wheels fell off with a try against the run of play by Souths, followed by a travesty of justice when the referee - who I can only imagine was having trouble keeping up with the speed of play – allowed Souths to score off an intercept by a player who was standing behind our ruck. Unfortunately we never recovered and lost by a couple of points; never mind, we drank Souths' beer and we still have the trophy.

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## OTHER SEVENS INFORMATION

Congratulations to Anthony Smith who was chosen to represent the NT as part of the Mozzie side. The Mozzies made the Buff final where they were beaten by the PNG national team. In our eyes 'Chicken Wing' was the player of the tournament for the Mozzies.

The Collie Threads, a team coached by Damien Collie and featuring predominately Palmerston players, also competed in the 7s. The Collie Threads made the quarter finals of the Gecko competition where they exited the competition.

It's been said that Palmerston players were playing in 9 out of 39 men's teams.

Our 7s jumper received rave reviews. Tsunami were so happy with it, they made an extra one to display in the Tsunami tent of what their product can achieve. Many people commented that they thought it was one of the jumpers of the tournament. The only way to have one is to have been part of the 7s weekend - remember that for next year boys.

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

And lastly, the Palmerston Crocs were also out in force over the weekend as volunteers, making a significant contribution to NT Rugby:

We supplied three out of the six teams of Ball Kids, as well as a volunteer to assist Fiona Weaver in organising the kids on the day (thanks Peter Hakes!).

At least three of the medical volunteers had connections with our club.

Furthermore, the likes of Drew and Fiona Weaver, Rob Sloan, Dennis Bree, Sean Killiner and Dan Bree all spent considerable time working at Rugby Park over the weekend in NTRU roles.

Sincere apologies if anyone has been missed of this list - **On behalf of the club, thank you to all our volunteers for your time and contribution. It is greatly appreciated.**



Rob and Dennis

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Peter with just some of our very hard working Hottest 7s Ball Kids:

Back row

Sachin, Bailey, Connor, Peter, Ayrton, Jacob

Front Row

Daniel, Connor, Aidan



## AND THE ON FRIDAY...

Craig 'Squirter' Leach was in vintage form at Shenanigans after the Hottest 7s Lunch. Squirter was ensuring that former Wallaby Brendan Cannon remembered his trip to Darwin with stories and antidotes of Territory rugby. The look on Cannon's face was priceless when Squirter ate his lit cigarette.



## Other News...

### ANTHONY SMITH

Anthony Smith has been selected to play for city against country in the curtain raiser to the Brumbies V Western Force game. Well done Chicken Wing!

### KEEGAN QUAKAWOOT



Keegan Quakawoot, one of our stars from last year's Under 14s side, has won a scholarship to Nudgee College in Brisbane. Keegan would have left by now, but the club is proud of you Keegan and wish you all the best in both your sporting and academic endeavours at Nudgee.

← Anthony Smith presenting Keegan with a Palmerston jumper after training.

### From Keegan's proud Mum...

*Just wanting to let you know that my son Keegan Quakawoot, who played in the Crocs U14 in 2012 and was NTRU junior player with most points for 2012, is heading off to St Joseph's Nudgee College in Brisbane this year. He scored a scholarship through his Rugby efforts. Keegan's season with the Crocs was his first ever season in Rugby Union for which he made the NT side and was part of the NTIS emerging development squad.*

*Keegan loved every minute of playing union with his U14 team mates and being coached by Smithy (Anthony). He's going to miss not playing with them big time this year. His older brother Kendall had his first training session with the senior team last Thursday for the 7s comp.*

*Cheers, Carole Quakawoot*

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## Noticeboard

### BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE # 1

The first Bunnings sausage sizzle for the year is on **Sunday 10th February.**

We're looking for volunteers to man the BBQ. Four people per shift are required; the shifts are:

**7.30am to 10.00am**  
**10.00am to 12 noon**  
**12 noon to 2.00pm**  
**2.00pm to 4.00pm**

To book a shift, please call **Dennis on 0437 912 140.**

The Bunnings policy is that you must wear closed in shoes and socks. Club members are also encouraged to wear the club polo.

### ✂ 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.

## Other News...

### ACT BRUMBIES AND WESTERN FORCE IN TOWN

The Brumbies vs. Western Force trial match is on at Rugby Park this Friday 1 February at 7:30pm. It promises to be a great game.



### JUNIORS

#### MEET THE BRUMBIES THIS SATURDAY!

The Brumbies will be at **Rugby Park, Marrara** **this Saturday 2 February @ 11am.** They will be signing autographs and doing rugby skills / games with the kids.

All are encouraged to come down and meet some of Australia's rugby elite.

Wear your club shirt and show the Brumbies where you are from.

### KERR-BARLOW SCHOLARSHIPS

We had a fantastic response to the announcement of the scholarship program. Thank you to everyone who contacted us.

We are still looking for a couple more sponsors of this worthwhile program. We are also looking for a couple more mentors for the scholarship holders, so if you are interested in either being a sponsor or being a mentor or just want to find out more about what we are trying to achieve, please contact Ben Blyton (ph. 0417 082 531).

Under 18 players for this year or from last year, there is still time to apply. An Application Form is included on page 7. We will be announcing the scholarship holders at our season launch on the 15 March.





## Noticeboard

### BAR PRICES



The following bar prices will come in to effect on **1st February**.

Soft Drinks / Water	\$2.00
Gatorades	\$4.00
Light Beers	\$4.50
Heavy Beers	\$5.00
Ciders	\$5.00
Spirits	\$7.00

There will be another Sunday Session on **17th February**.

Drink special: Corona's \$4.00, lime is free.

## Positions Vacant



With our 2012 **Under 6** coach leaving town, and our **Under 8** and **Under 10** coaches moving up age groups, we are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to fill these coaching positions.

If our numbers are similar to last year we may need to register two team in some age groups, which also means more coaches!

The club supports coaches in obtaining the necessary coaching qualifications. Coaches are also required to obtain an Ochre Card. If are interested in becoming a junior coach, or if you would like to find out more, please phone Ben Blyton on 0417 082 531.



Under 8s, 2012

## 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, POSTITIVE, LOYAL, INCLUSIVE

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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
<b>TOTAL VALUE (APPROXIMATE)</b>	<b>\$580</b>	<b>\$680</b>

(\*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.



## Club Calendar

Our club calendar is updated regularly and will be able to accessed via our new club website soon. The dates below are current at the time of printing; however changes may occur during the season. Updates to the calendar will be advised in *Croc Tales* and on the club website.

DATE	EVENT	CATEGORY
Sunday 10 February, 8am – 4 pm	Bunning's Sausage Sizzle	Fund Raising
Saturday 23 February	Home Game (10s)	Seniors
Sunday 10 March, 10am – 2pm	Junior Sign On Day	Juniors
Tuesday 12 March, 5pm – 6pm	Junior Training Commences: Under 6 - 16's	Juniors
Tuesday 12 March, 6pm	Sports Trainer Course	Volunteer Development
Wednesday 13 March, 6pm – 9pm	Running Rugby Course	Volunteer Development
Friday 15 March, 6pm – 8.30 pm	Smart Rugby Course	Volunteer Development
Friday 15 March, 6.30pm	Season Launch at the Clubhouse	Social / Seniors / Juniors
Saturday 16 March	Senior & Under 18 Season Commences (A Grade Bye)	Seniors
Saturday 16 March, 2pm – 5pm	Rugby Skills Session (ARU run)	Volunteer Development
Saturday 16 March, 5pm – 8pm	Coaching Kids	Volunteer Development
Sunday 17 March, 10am – 6pm	Foundation Course Level 1 Coach/Ref Course (8hrs)	Volunteer Development
Monday 18 March, 6pm – 8.30pm	Smart Rugby	Volunteer Development
Tuesday 19 March	First Aid Course (Sports Med)	Volunteer Development
Sunday 31 March, 8am – 4pm	Bunning's Sausage Sizzle	Fund Raising
Friday 5 April	Junior Games Commence	Juniors
Saturday 6 April	Home Game V Uni	Seniors
Saturday 27 April	Home Game V Swampdogs	Seniors
Saturday 18 May	Home Game V Casuarina	Seniors
Sunday 19 May, 8am – 4 pm	Bunning's Sausage Sizzle	Fund Raising
Friday 7 June, 2pm	Palmerston Golf Day	Social / Seniors / Juniors
Sunday 21 July, 8am – 4 pm	Bunning's Sausage Sizzle	Fund Raising
Friday 28 June	Last junior round before midyear school holidays	Juniors
Friday 5 & 12 July	No junior rugby due to mid-year school holidays	Juniors
TBA in June / July School Holidays	PRUC Junior Rugby Clinic at Palmerston Club Grounds	Juniors
Thursday 25 – Sunday 28 July	Royal Darwin Show Clean Up	Fund Raising
Friday 26 July & Friday 2 August	Junior Semi Finals	Juniors
Friday 27 July & Friday 3 August	Senior Semi Finals	Seniors
Friday 9 August	Junior Grand Finals	Juniors
Saturday 10 August	Senior Grand Finals	Seniors
TBA August	Junior Presentation Day	Juniors
TBA August	Senior Presentation Night	Seniors
Sunday 1 September	Bunning's Sausage Sizzle	Fund Raising





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