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President's Welcome

Another fortnight has come and gone and the season is getting ever closer. Numbers at training continue to be steady and a few more familiar faces have started training again – welcome back Jarvo! Remember, it's important we know what's happening so if you can't make training please phone and let people know.

The next few weeks will see some exciting things taking place:

We have our Junior Sign-On Day on **Sunday 10 March** between 10am and 2pm, with a sausage sizzle to be held over lunch time. Training for the Juniors starts the following Tuesday. On that note, we are still looking for coaches for Under 6s, 8s and 10s. Having coached these age groups before, it is a very rewarding activity and I would recommend it to anyone. If you do have an interest please let me know.

Our Season Launch will be held on **Friday 15 March**. This event is for all club members, both Junior and Senior. It will be a great night with a lot happening, including the naming of the Kerr-Barlow Scholarships and a look at the 2013 playing jumper for starters.

The season proper for the Seniors starts the following day, on **Saturday 16 March**. A Grade has a bye, but B Grade and the Under 18s will be flying the flag for Palmerston.

Ben Blyton
President

Recruiting for the Palmerston Crocs
last weekend – more on page 4.



What's on this fortnight...

Saturday 2 March – 10s Tournament @ Uni Pirates' Ground
(refer flyer attached for full details)

Saturday 9 March – 10s Tournament, location @ South's Ground

Sunday 10 March – Junior Sign-On Day at the Clubhouse

Tuesday 12 March – Junior training commences

WEEKEND 10s ACTION



Under 18s v St Johns



Under 18s make a tackle

10s COMP 2ND MARCH



University Pirates
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We invite all UniPirates and Opposition supporters to come and take part in the event. Come and support your team and makes this a family event.

office.unipirates@gmail.com

10's Comp 2nd March

Events

Under 18	
Palmerston V's Dragons	2.30pm
Cougars V's St Johns	2.50pm
Senior	
Souths V's Swampdogs	3.10pm
Under 18	
Palmerston V's St Johns	3.30pm
Cougars V's Dragons	3.50pm
Senior	
Souths V's Palmerston	4.10pm
Swampdogs V's Cougars	4.30pm
Dragons V's University	4.50pm
Palmerston V's Collie Threads	5.10pm
Dragons V's Cougars	5.30pm
University V's Collie Threads	5.50pm

Activities

- BBQ and Drinks
- Water Slide for Kids
- After Match Function

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Charles Darwin University
Casuarina Campus
Corner Lakeside Drive and
Dripstone Road

(full sized flyer attached)

TYPO CORRECTION

The flyer accompanying last fortnight's Croc Tales had the Junior Sign-On Day as Saturday 10 March. The correct date is **Sunday 10 March.**

Around The Grounds



Seniors

Update from A Grade coach Kerry Smith

After some confusion regarding the 10s competition to start the pre-season, we finally headed to Marrara to play. First up was Uni Pirates and with a team distracted by some last minute position changes the guys managed some good aspects of play but were a little disorganised in defence and let in three tries to nil.

The second game for the day had a similar result although some of the lessons learned from the first game helped and there were times we put together some good ball retention and a couple of good backline runs. Every one that took the field stood up and played well but fitness and disruption were very telling factors. There were a number of Under 18 players that stepped up to help the Seniors and they did an incredible job.

Under 18s

Update from Under 18s coach Justin McKenzie

The U18s participated in the 10s competition as part of pre-season preparations and a chance to catch-up with the local rugby community. Attendance from the team was good, reinforced by good attendance from some Under 16s. The first game at 2:30 against St John's resulted in a score of 5 tries to nil Crocs way. I was really impressed by our ability to hold the line, work good cover defence and capitalise on loose ball opportunities.

Tries - Jordan B. x 1, Bailey H. x 1, Greg S. x1, William B. x 1 and Jimmy H. x 1.

The second game at 3:30 against Cougars was at a faster pace delivering victory to the Crocs 7 tries to nil. Once again, capitalising on loose ball and fast hands through the backline delivered a favourable result. I was impressed by the aggressive defence and intensity displayed by the players.

Tries - Henry x 1, Bailey x 1, Felix x 1 Haydon x 1, Jordan S. x 1, William B x 1 and Greg S x1.

Top three players for the day - Greg S. 3 points, Jimmy H. 2 points and Ben C. 1 point.



Around The Grounds... in Singapore!

Past player **Colin Snowden**, now living in Gove, recently took an East Arnhem Rugby Union side to compete in the SCC International Rugby 7s in Singapore. These photos show the team in their game against Daveta (Fiji). Also spotted in the photos is another past player, **Michael Killiner**, who currently lives in Singapore.



Photos: Colin Snowden



THE JUNIORS

NT Junior Gold Program



On Sunday 16 February the NTRU held selection trials for the Pathway to Gold program. Palmerston players were very well represented - well done to all the boys who tried out. The NTRU was impressed with the commitment and application of the participants who attended the three hour long training session, which was held in very tough conditions.

Congratulations to the following Palmerston players who have been invited to attend a second skills session which will be held on Monday 4 March from 5pm to 6.30pm:

- Under 14: Elijah Simpson
- Under 15: Michael Norris, Kosta Kachionis, Isaako Teauti, Dylan Marsh, Luke Doherty, Matt Ellis, Jonathon Briskin
- Under 16: Felix Byrne, Bayley Hakes, Ayrton Deo
- Under 17: Isaiah Atkins, Jorden Boyd, Ben Kaart, Xavier McKenzie, Jake Ross, Will Bohning, Greg Svanfelds
- Under 18: Cody McFarlane, Ryan Cotton

A 'cut' of players will follow this session and remaining players will proceed to the next selection stage of the Pathway to Gold program.

Boys, the club wishes you the best and all we ask is that you give it your very best shot when you are going for these programs.

Other News...

FAREWELL + NEW TO THE CLUB HOUSE

The **Hoe** family are leaving town to take up teaching positions in Brunei. Ricky was our fantastic Under 6 coach last year and we wish **Ricky, Kim, Freddie, Lilly and Lizzie** all the best for their exciting year ahead.



Our loss is also our gain however, as Ricky and Kim have very kindly loaned their pool table to the clubhouse while they are in Brunei. Stay tuned for the 1st Palmerston World Championship Pool Competition to be held soon.



AT THE EXPO



Craig and Ben at the expo

IN TOWN RECENTLY



Paddy Bree (centre) with Kerry Smith and Dennis Bree after training



A young Paddy

RECRUITMENT ACTION

On Sunday 24 February the club manned a table at the Defence Community

Organisation's (DCO) Welcome to the Top End Community Services Expo and Family Day 2013. There was a fair bit of interest in the Palmerston Crocs, particularly from junior aged players and hopefully from some seniors as well. Thanks to Ben Blyton, Craig Leach and Kerry Smith who helped man the table throughout the expo.



We have plans to have a similar information table at the Palmerston Shopping Centre prior to the season starting, as well as at the Palmerston Markets when they get underway.

We are also placing flyers around Palmerston with details about the club. If anybody would like to place a flyer at their work place or wants some flyers to distribute, just let the committee know.



GUESS WHO WAS IN TOWN THIS WEEK?

Two valuable ex-club members were on lightening visits to Darwin this week and both made time to drop in on the club and renew acquaintances.

Paddy Bree (now in Brisbane) came down to training last week and caught up with some old friends and made a couple of new ones. It's always good to see Paddy and he kept some of the younger senior players entertained with his stories at the bar.

Sean Kearns (now in Townsville) came down to the 10s on Saturday. Although he did not have a game, the club was very happy to see him. Unfortunately Sean could not confirm the rumour that he was about to be posted back to Darwin.

CHICKEN WING GETS HIS WING CLIPPED

Anthony Smith, star A Grade player and star Under 16 coach, fractured his arm at training last week, while teaching his Under 16s how to tackle. Anthony will be out of action for approximately 6 – 8 weeks (probably the same amount of time that a certain Under 16 player will be doing fitness training!).



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Noticeboard

BARGAINS AT NEVER-TO-BE-REPEATED PRICES!



The club will be selling various past-season items at hugely reduced prices! These include jumpers (great for training - which we are all doing now), shirts, shorts, socks etc. See Dennis Grant at the bar to find out what's available.

WORKING BEE



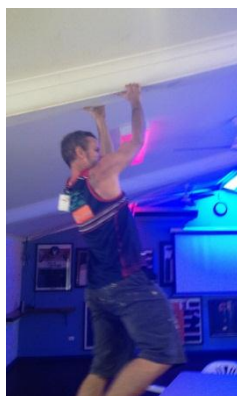
In preparation for the season start, a **working bee will be held this Sunday at the clubhouse from 11am onwards**. A sausage sizzle will be held over lunchtime. There are various jobs that need doing and we'll also be doing some runs to the tip, so a **ute or trailer will be handy!**

\$75 SPORTS VOUCHERS



The club is registered for the **\$75 sports vouchers scheme**. Junior parents will be able to use the vouchers towards the \$100 junior registration fee.

NEW CLUB RECORD



Before departing for Brunei, **Ricky Hoe** attempted to break his and **Brock Evan's** longstanding record for monkey-gripping along the supporting framework of the clubhouse – and succeeded! His 3½ times across and back (confirmed by Ben and Charlie) set a new benchmark. Ricky left the clubhouse with a strut, feeling pretty good about himself. He did mention that it was somewhat easier with no flying object to contend with, or people pulling on his legs.

GARRY RUSSELL CELEBRATES HIS BIRTHDAY

Garry Russell, scholarship sponsor, past player, past President and a Life Member of the club, celebrated his 55th birthday last Saturday. Garry mentioned that he got all he wished for when the Reds beat the Waratahs on Saturday night.



GARY HARPER CELEBRATES HIS BIRTHDAY



Also celebrating a significant birthday last weekend was another past player and past President, **Gary Harper**, who turned 60. Rumour has it that he has written a book about his life. It's sure to be a bestseller (just ask Gary). If you would like to purchase a copy, Gary is taking orders now.

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 POSITIVE, RESPECTFUL, UNITED, CHARACTER, INCLUSIVE

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