

Upcoming Games

SATURDAY 8th July

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1

12.30 **C** v Stubbies
1.30 **B** v Dragons
3.00 **A** v Dragons

SUNDAY 9th July

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1

5.00 NT Indigenous U16
v Strathallen U16's
6.00 NT Schoolboys
v Strathallen U18's

See the full draw in the [Resource Library](#) on our webpage.

A Grade Tooheys New Cup							
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT	
Dragons	11	7	0	4	8	36	
Palmerston	11	7	0	4	7	35	
University	11	7	1	3	5	35	
Souths	11	5	0	6	3	23	
Casuarina	12	1	1	9	1	7	

B Grade Abel Finance Cup							
	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
Palmerston	14	13	0	1	0	8	60
Dragons	14	8	0	6	1	6	34
Jabiru	12	6	0	6	0	6	33
Casuarina	14	6	0	7	0	7	31
University	13	7	0	6	1	4	28
Souths	13	0	0	13	1	1	0

Coming Events

Player's Tea & Guest Speaker

Next Thursday, 13th July there will be a **Player's Tea** and **Guest Speaker** after training at the Clubhouse.

Be there with your mates and begin **preparing for the last round** of the competition.

Darwin Show Garbage Services

This year our commitments run from **Thursday 27th July to Sunday 30th July**. We don't have any senior rugby this week-end.

At this stage I still really need people for **Friday night, Saturday and Saturday night shifts**. I ask people to give me a full day (7:00am – 5:00pm) or night (5:00pm – 1:00am) shift if at all possible.

It isn't really that hard (now that we have a few years experience under our belt) and there is time to stop and have a cool drink / look around the pavilions / watch the action in the main ring as well as getting the job done.

Give me a call NOW on 0401 111 700 and nominate yourself and a couple of mates for one of these shifts.

Vince's 40th Birthday C Grade Clash

Vince Kelly wants to celebrate the turning of 40 in a big way. He has taken the liberty of **challenging the Stray Cats to a game** against the Palmerston Crocs C Grade **to welcome in his 41st year**. He has also organised a referee with John Kirwan agreeing to do the honours.

At this stage the date isn't confirmed but Wednesday evening 19th July or Saturday lunch timish 22nd July are being considered.

Watch this space and be ready to appear.

Ian Hogan's 18th Birthday

At the other end of the spectrum, **Ian Hogan** will be celebrating his 18th birthday with a gathering at the Trailer Boat club on **Saturday 22nd July**. Events get underway from 6.30pm for 7.00pm.

Dinner is available from the Bistro at the Club.

All club members and supporters are welcome **BUT you must RSVP** to dad, Peter, so he can keep things organised with the Trailer Boat Club. He can be contacted on hoges@ozconnect.net or on 8901 1344 or 0413 476 648.

Last Week's Games

A v University

Ok, so we were getting into a rut, winning all of our games, so someone has decided that we needed a bit of **variety to spice up our lives**.

No, we didn't resort to a loss, we still maintained our **winning form with a 22 - 0 VICTORY** but we did manage to be a part of the game being called off early. About 20 minutes early I understand.

Apparently **both teams would not leave the referee alone**, players insisting on giving him a helping hand with constructive comments and he wasn't impressed. So,



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after a couple of warnings, **he blew his whistle and walked off.**

Did this rob us of a bonus point (we had already scored 4 tries) or did it save us from a Souths comeback (we hadn't scored in the 2nd half), we will never know?

With University scrapping in (46 – 40) against a rejuvenated Casuarina, it leaves **us, University and Dragons all within a point** of each other. That makes this Saturday's game against Dragons very critical.

Tries were scored by **Brock Evans, Craig Leach, Jono Schwalger** and **Trent Abbott**. **Nick Barlow** kicked the conversion.

This week both the **Coaches Award** and the **Player's Player award** went to **Craig 'Squitter' Leach**. Could it have been that rest he had in the sin bin that gave him some extra get up and go?

B v Souths

Souths have struggled at times to get a B Grade team on the field so it was good to get this game even if they only had 13 players and scrums were uncontested.

Coach Blyton saw things this way from his spot in the grandstand. 'Saturday saw the **Killer Bs win again, this time 69 - 0** against Souths. 11 tries and the score line suggest we played well and we totally dominated every aspect of the game. High lights included the following:

- Welcome to **Kopu**, **Damian Collie's** cousin) who played his 1st game for the club.
- **Brendan Smith** scored his 1st ever try in rugby and couldn't stop laughing. It looks like he is enjoying himself.
- **Ashley Binding** playing rugby instead of attending a family friend's wedding that his parents had traveled to Darwin to be at. It was even suggested that it could have been his wedding and that he still would have wanted to play rugby.
- Welcome back from injury **Shane Cotton** and welcome back from test match duty **Vince Kelly** and **Dennis Bree**. Both front rowers tell me that they can match the try that **Greg Homes** scored against Ireland, if only given the opportunity.
- Special mention to our two schoolboys **Michael Killiner** and **Paddy Killen** - both players were keen to play despite having already played 4 games of rugby during the week and only being back in Darwin a day. Both players came off the bench and each scored a try in the 2nd half. The B Grade side is looking forward to the schoolboy rugby season finishing so we can have these two back and in the run on side.

Well it finally happened, this week **we had 29 players**

which does not go into 22 easily. I had to tell 7 guys that they would not be getting a game.

Guys **do yourself a favour and get to training** at least one night a week. Also if you are running late for the game ring me as I had 3 people who, if on time, would have been a part of the 22 but lost their spots because they were late. This is disappointing for them especially after they had trained during the week.

Guys who did not get a game last week, please do not give up as there is still 6 weeks to go till the finals and any thing can and will happen. I know of 5 players from the 22 on Saturday that will not be there this week and that is before any injuries etc are taken into consideration.

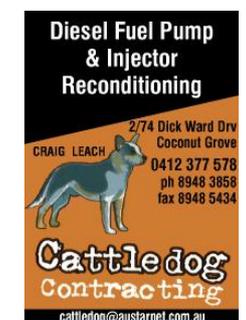
See you down at training.'

Tries were scored by **Dan Maroulis (2), Aaron Parker (2), Vince Kelly (2)** (but was either of them as good as Greg Holmes?), **Kapu Hita-Duval, Brendan Smith, Karl McFarland, Michael Killiner** and **Paddy Killen**. **Conversions** were kicked by **Paul Veach (4), Alan Babbs, Leigh Stait** and **Paddy Killen**.

The **Player's Player Award** winner was **Leigh Stait**.

Quick Rugby

Always alert to the possibility of any new innovations in the game they



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This week-end at the Top End Hotel

- Thursday nights - Trivia with Shelley from 6.30pm, then stick around for the Footy Show on the big screen.
- Friday Lunches @ Honey Pot Club - 12 - 4pm (\$60) 3 course meal plus show
- Chase the Ace @ Lizards Bar this Friday 5-8pm - Over \$1,000 up for grabs + Music playing from 8pm
- **Goose Club Raffle @ Lizards Bar - Fridays 6-9pm for Palmerston Rugby Union Club**
- Darwin Cricket club Raffles - Saturday night from 6pm + Live music from 8pm on Saturday
- The Sunday Sesh is back - Music from 4pm.



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play in heaven, the referee of last week's game against Souths used an **old, tried and tested idea and shortened the game.** In doing so he was using his knowledge of the success of the One Day Cricket sensation when it was introduced to lure people back to the game after many drawn tests against the Poms.

The shortened form of rugby **didn't immediately take off** and the crowd seemed bewildered more than excited.

Back to the drawing board! Next week we will use the netball method and all players will dress in **skin tight lycra** for the game.

Connop's Corner

Coach Connop was again **very delighted and pleased** with the win against Souths. Well done, the team played like legends and I don't regret that the game was called off. There are always many sides to a story but the one thing that is certain is that **we have to lift ourselves above the referee** and just concentrate on **playing super rugby.** We need to continue to listen to our most experienced players like half back **John Sullivan**, who is doing a super job behind the rucks and mauls. **Well done Sully!**

We now have to **move forward and focus on the next game.** Bit by bit, in small chunks and be positive.

I also like to say well done to **Craig Leach** on getting the **Coaches Award** and the **Player's Player Award.** I must have been right in

choosing him. (must be vintage red wine)

I wish to stress a small but very important point. We **need to discipline ourselves better before the match** and make sure we are in the dressing rooms altogether. Some players have been lagging and **turning up a tad late.** Be there or be square!

It is now that time of year to make sure you have played enough games to qualify to play in the finals plus see if you have qualified for A Grade or B Grade. **Ben Blyton** is working his way through the team sheets so we know where everyone stands.

A special thanks to **Bernie Bree** for organising the jumpers each week and many thanks for doing the ice, water and beer. **Bernie does some great things without being recognised** and being thanked, so well done Bernie and thanks to you.

Also thanks to **Garry Russell** for doing this superb newsletter and the behind the scenes work with paper work and sponsors.

Shamrock Homes

Shamrock Homes have recently come on board to sponsor the club. In particular, they are helping considerably to **purchase new sets of jumpers** for our U14 and U16 teams.

If you or anyone you know is in the market for a **new home** or other building work then talk to **Damian (0402 349 572), Michael or Gail** at Shamrock Homes.

Thank you & welcome aboard!

Blizzard Air & Refrigeration

Gavin Pocock from Blizzard Air & Refrigeration has also just come on board as a sponsor of the club. He is also helping the juniors get their new jumpers.

Thanks Gavin and also welcome aboard.

If you need any air conditioning or refrigeration work then **give Gavin a call on 0424 001 554.**

Croc Shop New Stock!!

They are running out fast so get yours now.

PRUC ties - \$40
PRUC Kit Bags - \$10

Check them out at the clubhouse or see **Ben Emmett** or **Craig Leach.**

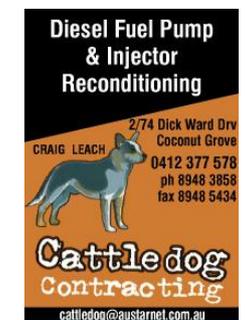
Player fees must be up to date to get these great prices.

Limited stock so be quick.

Interstate orders can be arranged plus packaging & postage. Talk to **Cube (0403 219 789)** or **Squirter (0412 377 578).** Squirter is attending the Bledisloe Test in Brisbane at the end of this month and may be convinced to deliver personally.

Referee & Touch Judge Course

Coaching and Development Manager, **Dale Roberson**, will be conducting a referee and touch judge course for anyone interested in attending on **Wednesday 12th and 19th July.** The course will run for approx 2½ hours each night and will be free for anyone who attends.



The course will start at 6pm on both Wednesdays. You must attend both nights to be eligible for attaining the Level 1 Certificate.

Give Dale a call on 8945 1444 if you want a course registration form or any other details.

He is keen to hear from any interested people.



Which past Crocs player does this child belong to? Could be any one of many, if stories about the Jabiru bus trip are anything to go by.

Croc Jottings

It is now the height of the Dry season and that brings a few visitors to town. Have you noticed? Among them are a couple of past players.

Frankie Mills has been here to help out with the running of the V8 Supercar weekend and to catch up with family and friends. I'm not sure if we will see him at the games though.

John Milo is also in town with wife Sally and children Luke and Zoe visiting friends and touring.

Milo now resides in Cairns after spending some years traveling the world after leaving Darwin.

There is a growing possibility he may make it to Saturday's games. Now, what are the chances of getting him to have a run in the **C Grade game?**

I believe Michael Killiner's boots fit.

