



Future Rugby Tests

04/11/2000	France vs Australia Paris
11/11/2000	INT Scotland vs Australia Edinburgh
18/11/2000	INT England vs Australia London

Registration is due now

We just ask that you help out your club by being a prompt payer who doesn't have to be chased.

This season:

Players registration/membership	\$120
Non players membership	\$30

Your shorts and socks will cost a further \$20 + \$10. We take cards and you can pay Tuesday or Thursday at the clubhouse bar.

Do you have your own insurance?

All players are insured through the compulsory ARU Insurance that clubs pay at the rate of \$1000 per team. This however may not be enough for your circumstances. I suggest that you read the handouts on the bar at the Clubhouse and see what more you need to do.

The First Supper

Each month we will be having a Thursday night dinner at the clubhouse. These follow food themes and we will begin with curry (see details below!). We have actually practised this in the off season with the Oldies and I can guarantee good food. It is a night to get together with families friends and others. Please invite anyone you know, they are a good evening. We keep costs to a minimum and quality to a maximum. Sadly it will be the last night for pre-GST drink prices. We have to catch up.

Curry Night at the Clubhouse and a Welcome to the New Faces

Thursday November 2: \$5 a head

This is a family night and proved very popular last year. It is a good night to relax, show your family and friends the clubhouse and have them meet your rugby friends.



Palmy People

A baby! Paul and Jo Dale and now Finlay! – Congratulations!

Got married!

Ben Loves Selina!

...and to prove it he has married her. The two were married in Brisbane while the first game of the season was underway. I'm sure that after putting in the hard yards at pre-season training to get to the peak of fitness that he is at, it must have been a let down to then miss the match but getting married is a good excuse – just don't use it too often!

CROC SHOP

There isn't much there and we do need to order again soon. Because of this gear is going cheap so have a look.



There are great shirts, hats, coolers and training jerseys starting at \$20!

Who Are the Workers?

We had a working bee at the clubhouse to get rid of many years of accumulated rubbish and when I arrived (late) I was amazed and pleased to see the amount of work done and that it was beer o'clock. Thanks to Dan Bree and Ben Blyton for arranging it and to Jeremy, Brock, Todd, Simon (Backpacker) and Dan Easton for their great help. Also thanks to: Cameron Leach for his freezer. (took a long time to say thanks but we remembered. Ben Johnson for his washing machine. Bernie Bree for his fridge. Darwin Air Conditioning Services for fixing the AC and the beer fridge.



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The season has started again, the humidity is climbing, beers are on ice and all is right in the world. Almost all!

It has been another slow start in the training department and we do hope that you all have made some resolution about your particular contribution this year. Here are some areas that you may wish to become involved in:

Juniors. We really do need help to support the number of juniors who want to play.

Sub committees. Committee members are forming subcommittees to go off and do stuff. Talk to me if you have a particular interest area.

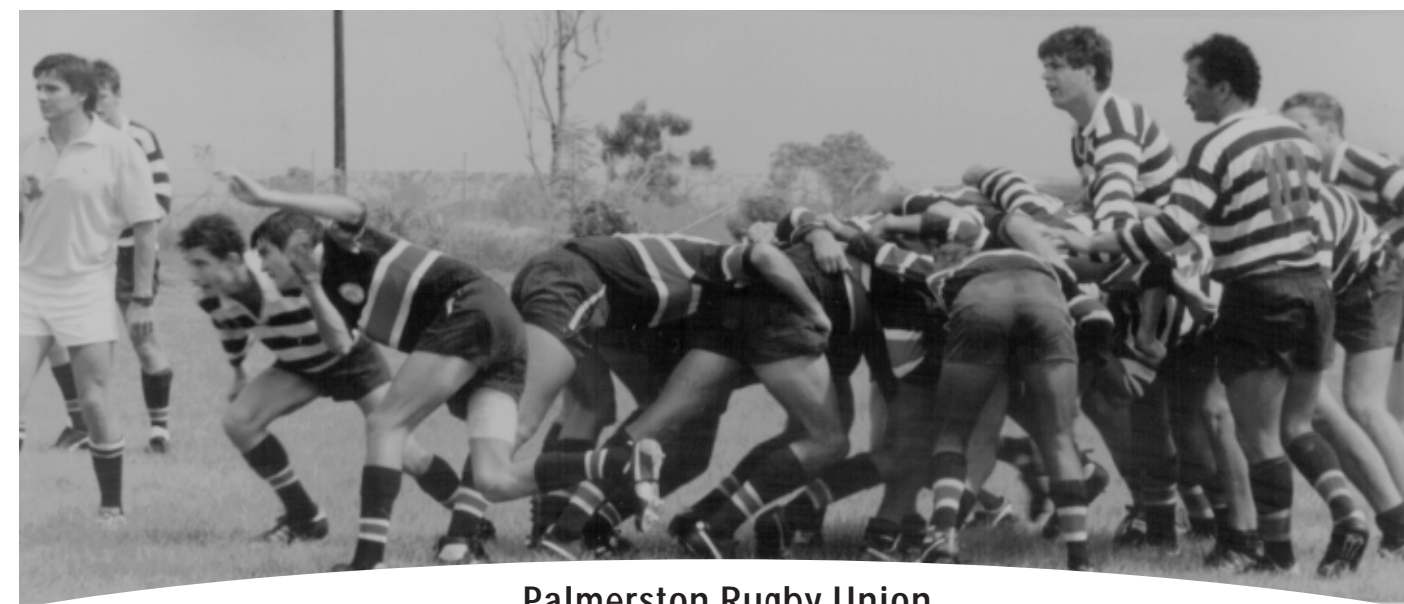
Coaching and managing. There are still vacancies and we do know that more will come up during the season.

There are lots of things that can get you involved in a Rugby Club and we hope that you feel a part of what is a great club culture.

Hope you enjoyed the last newsletter. We are pretty pleased ourselves with the improved look thanks to Christine Bree.

If you are receiving this newsletter and want to change how it is delivered (eg you would like it delivered to your email address) let us know. We are hoping that before Christmas you will be able to access it on our web site.

The President
Bernie Bree



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calendar

october

- Saturday 7** ● Season started.
- Thursday 12** ● Juniors training begins at the Moulden Oval, 5pm every Thursday. Call Gail Barlow 8932 3155 (hm) or Bernie Bree 8981 3211 (wk).
- Sun 15 & Sat 21** ● Level 0 Coaching Course for under 8 and 10s coaches.
- Friday 20** ● Strategic Plan Meeting 7pm at the Palmerston Clubhouse.
- Sat 21 & Sun 22** ● Dan Bree to organise a paint-a-thon at the clubhouse.
- Sunday 22** ● Level 0 Coaching Course 9.00am-midday.
- Monday 23** ● Next Palmerston Committee Meeting.
- Friday 27** ● Sponsorship Draw.

november

- Thursday 2** ● Curry Night at the Palmerston Clubhouse. Great family social night. Meals are \$5 per head.
- Saturday 25** ● Ladies and Sponsors day at Rugby Park.

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- 20-21st Jan 2001** ● Level 2 Referees Course.

Strategic Planning Meeting

Many of you will remember that over a year ago we got together to map out what we thought the future for Palmerston Rugby Union Club should look like. It is now time to ratify the recommendations from that meeting and I would like to invite all who have a past, present or future interest in the club to come along and have your say. It is a very important time for us and we need the input of all to set our direction.

At the Clubhouse, Friday 20th October at 7:00pm

Refreshments will be served

Ladies and Sponsors Day

It is tentatively booked for November 25th when we once again play Uni. For those who have never been, it is a great day where the club puts on drinks and food for the supporters - the ladies and sponsors - to repay all that we put you through.

Be there!



Some Early Success

Well done to the players who got down to Rugby Park for the 10 a side competition on Friday nights and thanks to the supporters who came to make them feel wanted. They took out the final against Souths scoring a swag of tries (6) to nil. Earlier they had done the same to Dragons. The skill level of their running game has made me excited to get down and watch the new young talent perform this season.

The next week it was off to lovely Jabiru where we went through to the finals undefeated only to stumble at the last game. Thanks to the guys who went there. I know it's not always the coolest of spots to play a number of games in one day with very few reserves but well done.

A Great Start to the Season

It was great to start off with a 22-12 win against Uni. The players always looked to have the game in hand but I was certainly relieved to see Frankie go in under the posts to put us ahead. Ricky Hoe was robbed of a try when after being pulled back on his chase for the ball over the try line he still managed to get there but a penalty try was awarded. I was really impressed to see that we were keen to counter attack and this kept Uni forever on the back foot. It was a sign of another great season - well done.

'B' grade were unfortunate to lose at the bell but as the team gets together it will see more success. Rick probably won't be able to continue to coach due to study commitments - any takers?

The Draw

So that you can plan ahead, here is the Draw. It can also be accessed at:
www.users.bigpond.com/ntru

Round 2: October 14 - Oval 1

7:30pm Palmerston vs Litchfield 'A' Grade

4:45pm Palmerston vs Litchfield 'B' Grade

(Palmerston 'B' Grade goes to Jabiru on 4 Nov)

This month we lose some very great supporters.

Pat Aratema first arrived in Darwin as a young fellow along with Ratu, Abel and an assortment of undesirables who turned out to be able to play rugby as well as they drank - and could at times mix the two. That was about 20 years ago and since then the youngster has played great rugby, been a great organiser and worker for the club, ran the club bar (he had a lot of early experience in this job), married Liz, had two children and started his own business.

Liz Aratema has for many years been a committee member and a secretary. At times she has been left with the running of the club and we will miss her knowledge and calm, efficient style.

Having said all these nice things I must inform you that they have decided to go home to NZ! Well the place does need some help. You may be a bit old for the All Blacks though Pat - then again, maybe not.

Whitecans (and Lightcans) - Brian and Jesse White: The Cans family is heading off to Queensland and we will miss the silent efficient organisation at 'A' Grade. Also the Juniors will miss all of the Cans family and we thank them for all of their work and for all of the broken ribs that Cans has sustained in his many, many comebacks.

Sad to see you go

Barperson NEEDED

We seek a person who can help on a regular basis at the bar. They would be required to sell, stock and keep records and perhaps do some promotion. (no topless serving required) Contact a committee member and we'll discuss the position.

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