

## Upcoming Games

### FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1  
6.00 **B** v Dragons  
7.30 **A** v Dragons

A Grade Tooheys New Cup							
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT	
Souths	10	9		1	3	39	
Uni versity	9	5	1	3	4	26	
Casuarina	10	4		6	2	18	
<b>Palmerston</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	
Dragons	10	3		8	1	13	

B Grade Abel Finance Cup							
	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
Jabiru	13	8		4		7	39
Uni versity	12	7	2	3		6	38
<b>Palmerston</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>27</b>
Souths	12	5		7		5	25
Dragons	12	5		7		3	23
Casuarina	12	4	1	7		3	21

## Coming Events

**Cleanup @ Darwin Show**  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July -  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July

I have had some volunteers contact me but obviously we need many more.

Each year we arrange to **pick up garbage and to empty the bins** for half of the Showgrounds including Side Show Alley and the car parks.

We don't this for nothing of course; it is a **major fundraiser** for the club and nets us about **\$6,000**.

All we **need** is about **40 club members** to volunteer for a day or night shift and the money is in the bank.

### Shifts are:

Thursday 7am – 5pm (4 people)  
Thursday 5pm – 11pm (4)  
Friday 7am – 5pm (6)  
Friday 5pm – 10pm (3)  
Friday 5pm – 1am (6)

Saturday 7am – 5pm (6)  
Saturday 5pm – 10pm (3)  
Saturday 5pm – 1am (6)  
Sunday 8am – 12.00pm (6)

If you want to be a **shift leader** I would like to hear from you ASAP. If you want to **volunteer for a shift**, put your name on the notice in the clubhouse or send me an email at [garry.russell@nt.gov.au](mailto:garry.russell@nt.gov.au) or an SMS to 0401 111 700.

## Last Week's Games

### B v Jabiru

Jabiru 27 d Palmerston 26

This must have been a great day; CrocTales has been swamped with information from all sources including our hosts.

The main themes included:

- ☆ After the disappointment of having to cancel the game 2 weeks ago it was great to see 19 or 20 players in Jabiru on Saturday plus a good crowd of supporters.
- ☆ A narrow loss in a game which could so easily have been won.
- ☆ Strong work by the pack especially the rolling mauls which perhaps could have been used more.
- ☆ Outstanding display by **Josh Gray** at full back scoring 2 tries and converting 3. One break late in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half nearly got him his hat trick and would have won the game but a bad bounce denied him after he had kicked ahead following a great breakout from inside our half.

- ☆ a good day was had by all and thanks to Jabiru for the provision of free grog.
- ☆ Palmy scored a classic 8 off the back, 40 metre try to No 8 **Alex McDonald**. Palmy and the Jabiru Bushratz swapped try for try all game, showing some excellent play at times
- ☆ **Josh Gray** had a blinder, with countless counter attacking raids from fullback.
- ☆ **Gareth 'Shrek' Felton** and **Dave Cairns** had some good ball carries and showed how to get involved in general play from out of the 2<sup>nd</sup> row.
- ☆ **Vili Leqa** and **Justin Smith** had good involvement also in the backs.
- ☆ A great spectacle. Jabiru 'Book-end' **Drew Weaver** announced it to be the best game all year in B grade and the sponsors immediately put \$150 over the bar.
- ☆ Palmy fell into the well laid trap, guzzling early and momentarily forgetting the boat-race to follow. We went down in a photo finish in the after match 'consuming!'
- ☆ Thanks to bus driver **Graetzy** for the safe trip home, with 3 'South Alligator' runners, and a quick raid on the Corroboree tavern.
- ☆ And a final comment from **Jabiru President, Drew Weaver**: *The game was played in true rugby style, and gave the Jabiru faithful a game to remember. What*



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was even better was the camaraderie shown after the game between the two clubs. Made me very proud. Thanks to Palmerston for a great day.'

**Josh Gray** was the Palmerston Sports Club Player's Player Award winner while **Craig Leach, Alex McDonald** and **Gary Wilson** also had big games.

Our tries were scored by **Josh Gray (2), Alec McDonald** and **Vili Leqa**. **Josh** also kicked 3 conversions.

### U16 Bye

The Under 16's had the bye last week but they all need to know that training will recommence on Tuesday (8<sup>th</sup> July) which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the school holidays.

### U14 v Swampdogs

Swampdogs 24 d Palmerston 12  
**Dylan Holmes** and ??? scored tries and **Joel Hogan** kicked a conversion.

### U12 v University

Palmerston 20 d University 12  
All our points came from tries, one each to **Ayrton Deo, Xavier McKenzie, Daniel Connop** and **Teegan Minkley**

### U10 v Swampdogs R

Palmerston 26 d Swampdogs 22  
Our try scorers were **Brett Mullen, Tristan Hardy (2)** and **John Lynch** while **Brett** also kicked 2 conversions.

### U8 v Dragons

Dragons 35 d Palmerston 15  
Our try scorers were **Denzell Parnell (2)** and **David Bell**

### U6

Palmerston 50 d Dragons 35  
**Co-Coach Ben Blyton** provides wrap of the U6 game this week.

'For only the 2<sup>nd</sup> time this year Palmerston where out numbered by the opposition on Friday night and as such we only played one game.

The game we played was against the Dragons and the junior Crocs won scoring 10 tries to 7. All the players did well but again a few players stood out.

**Natalie Lynch** continues her try scoring feats with another 3 tries. **Riley Reid** had a week off doing all the defence work and decided that he wanted to run the ball this week and the result was 3 tries. **Darcy Hill** again really got into the defensive work and chased every thing in a yellow shirt all night. He was also rewarded with a try.

**Jacob Blyton** also played his usual strong game. The biggest cheer though was for one of our youngest player **Toby Marshall**. After a long run **Toby** scored for his first ever try in rugby. His smile was priceless.

This week's try scorers were **Natalie Lynch (3), Riley Reid (3), Jacob Blyton (2), Darcy Hill** and **Toby Marshall**.

As we now head into a break for the school holidays I would like to thank some of people who have helped out during the year.

**Jas and Robin Deo** – Both these people do a lot work for the under 6's and I thank them very much

**Kim Holt** (Darcy's mum) for the ice cups each week, the players certainly like them, some of them even ask for them at half time.

**Lennie Holt** for helping out on Fridays

The under 6's will be having a break from training till Tuesday 29 July with our 1<sup>st</sup> game back being on 1 August.

During that time we will try and concentrate on the players passing – their running and catching has very much improved during the year.

Lastly thanks to all the parents who bring their children down to play rugby. As usual when

we return you are all most welcome to join in at training.'

## Condolences

The President, Committee, members and players of Palmerston Rugby Union Club extend their condolences to U18 player **Jesse Villiers** on the recent death of his mother and to life member **Gail Barlow** on the death of her father.

## Foundation Course (Level 1 Coach & Referee)

7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008

@ AUSTAR Rugby Park

6.00pm to 9.30pm

Cost: Free

If you want to know more then give **Dale Robertson** a call on (08) 89 45 1444.

## Croc Jottings

Squitter is gravely concerned about the lack of application this year with regards to the 'Rusty Needle Award'.

This award goes to the player who receives the most stitches in games for Palmy with every stitch awarded a free beer at the club house.

At the end of the season, the final tally winner collects the most prestigious prize of the year, 'The Rusty Needle' trophy.

Unfortunately there are only 2 players on record for 6 stitches each so far this season and Squitter is calling for a rolling strike! He proposes that there be no head-gear or mouth-guards worn at training and in games until the stitches quota lifts to a 'reasonable level'.

The 2 players doing the right thing and in the running to date are **Chris Carlin** and **Charlie Chambers**, both using the old copy book eyebrow gash to get on the board. Highly commended to both.

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