

**No Senior Games this week – both the A & B grades lost their matches last Saturday and unfortunately were knocked out of the finals.**

**In the NTRU Senior Club Championships, Palmerston came third, narrowly beaten by Dragons. In the Junior Club Championships, Palmerston also came third. Well done!**

## JUNIOR GAMES

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> August**

After being the only winning team in our club last week, the **Under 15's** will play this Friday night for a place in the Grand Final. Good luck to all the boys – give it your best shot!

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## SNIPPETS

**Stephen Schuman** played his last game for Palmerston on Saturday. He has been transferred to Canberra for two years. Hopefully, he will be back in Darwin after that and come back to play for us. Also transferring to Canberra is **Karl McGrath**. Both players will be missed next season.

**Robbie Armand** and **Jason Walker** have been selected in the Australian Services Rugby Union squad. Congratulations and good luck to you both.

**Sean "Mudcrab" Kearns**, who was our coach last season, has returned home from active service in Afghanistan and has been transferred to Townsville. He recently announced his engagement to Maevie O'Brien – and we send our congratulations and best wishes to them both.

We are very likely to lose more of our Defence players as they transfer to other places during the off season.

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## THE WAY AHEAD

As members are aware, a large amount of money has been given to a number of sporting bodies in the Palmerston area. These amounts have, in some cases, been in the millions of dollars. To date, rugby union has received nothing. A

The committee has discussed this matter, as have a number of other club members, and it was felt that a meeting for all interested members and supporters of Palmerston Rugby Union Club would be a first step in putting forward a case for substantial funding to help develop rugby union in Palmerston and surrounding areas.

Some of the areas we probably need to look at are as follows:

1. Population growth in the area under consideration.
2. New city of Weddell.
3. Do we develop Moulden Oval or look for a green site?
4. What facilities do we need – number of pitches, lights both training and match, changing rooms, medical and fitness facilities, social facilities.
5. Are we prepared to share facilities with any new rugby union club which may develop over the next 10 years or so?
6. How do we manage any new facility, especially if it is a shared facility?
7. How do we meet the costs of any new facility?

A meeting to discuss these points plus any others that members wish to raise will be held in the clubhouse on **Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 2.00 pm.**

Put your thinking caps on and let's have a good attendance of members and supporters interested in the future development of **PALMERSTON RUGBY UNION CLUB.**

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## SENIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT

Presentation night will be held on **SATURDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT THE CLUBHOUSE 7.30 pm for an 8.00 pm start**

See the attached flyer for details.

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## JUNIOR PRESENTATION DAY

The Junior Presentations will take place at the **Berry Springs Nature Reserve on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> August, at 10.00 am.**

There will be a BBQ provided, but if anyone wishes to bring food along, they are welcome to do so.

For further details, contact Robbie Taylor – email [bobt9r@hotmail.com](mailto:bobt9r@hotmail.com)

Everyone is welcome to come along to the presentations. Hope to see you there!

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