

JUNIOR NEWS

Robbie Taylor reports:

The last Friday night of rugby was a good way to end the year in most ways. Both teams played well, but just didn't quite get over the line. Everyone had a great night, and we even got to see a few of the seniors come down and watch the last games. They know who they are!

Junior Presentation Day at Berry Springs went well last Sunday. Everyone who attended left with a smile. The only Crocs in sight were our juniors.

A special thank you to all players and parents for season 2011. We hope to see everyone back for next season, as we change back to even age groups.

We have had a very successful year in the juniors, with only one grade not making the finals. We have a stack of kids who represented the NT in the Junior National competitions, including **Jared Deo** who made the Victorian Div 2 team. And we also have two Australian Indigenous representatives, **Garry Keppell** and **Taurian Ambrum**, touring New Zealand next month.

We also have a few boys who won awards from the NTRU this season. **Isaako Teuati** won Top Points Scorer in the U13's competition with 82 points, **Jacob Rainger** won Top Points Scorer in the U17's competition with 52 points, and **Taurian Ambrum** won Junior Player of the Year. Well done, boys!

Within our club, our coaches had some really hard decisions to make to decide on the awards for the year. Most kids in all grades put their hands up at some stage this year and had a red hot go!

Awards for the year are as follows:

Under 7's

Best & Fairest **Jet Holt**
Coaches Award **Alexandra Blyton**
Most Improved **Shane Bracken**

Under 9's

Best & Fairest **Riley Reid**
Coaches Award **Jacob Blyton**
Most Consistent **Sachin Deo**

Under 11's

Best & Fairest **Thomas Chmielewski**
Most Consistent **Aidan Du Toit**
Most Improved **Cameron Croker**

Under 13's

Best & Fairest **Isaako Teuati**
Coaches Award **Michael Hewlett**
Most Improved **Zane Smith**
Best Forward **Liam Bilston**
Best Back **Elijah Simpson**

Under 15's

Best & Fairest **Xavier McKenzie**
Hardest Man **Jordan Boyd**
Most Improved **Tom Devine-Harrison**
Best Forward **Jerone Wills**
Best Back **Henry Degoumois**

Under 17's

Best & Fairest **Cody McFarlane**
Most Consistent **Jake Hicks**
Most Improved **Logan Boyd**
Best Forward **Diego Smith**
Best Back **Jack Holmes**

DEO FAMILY AWARD - (Punching above the weight award):

Winner : Levi Higgins – Under 13's
This is a new annual award sponsored by the Deo family to recognize someone who is always punching above their weight, no matter what grade they play in the Juniors.

Congratulations to all these players on what was a great season for you all!

SPECIAL THANKS to : Ned Kelly, Larissa Deo, Lyn Cotton, RP Project Management, and all coaches and team managers.

Bec and I will be back next year to co-ordinate the Juniors for 2012. But we are asking for someone to come on board and take on the Junior Administration role for next year. If there is anyone out there who is interested, please call Robbie Taylor on **0419 857 286** or send an email to bobt9r@hotmail.com

Bec and I would like to thank everyone who has helped out with the juniors this season. Without your help, the coaches and managers would struggle to be able to put the kids on the field every week. So from us to you – **THANK YOU.**

Maybe next year we can try to get the Seniors to come down and support the Juniors on a regular basis.

Bring on 2012!!!!

Cheers - Robbie Taylor

As was mentioned in Robbie's report, two Palmerston players have been selected to tour New Zealand with the national indigenous Under 16 schoolboys' rugby union team. Utility backs, **Garry Keppell** and **Taurian Ambrum**, were part of the Northern Territory team that competed at this year's Australian championships in Tallebudgera, Queensland, and were selected, on merit, to tour with the Australian team.

Congratulations to both boys – this is an outstanding achievement, both for the boys and also for our Club.

Good luck and best wishes for a successful tour from everyone at Palmerston Rugby Union Club.



SENIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT

Presentation night will be held on
SATURDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER
AT THE CLUBHOUSE
7.30 pm for an 8.00 pm start

Tickets are \$60.00 per head
and include a lucky door
prize.

For catering purposes,
please let a committee
member know if you are
attending.

THE WAY AHEAD

Keep The Way Ahead in
mind. A meeting will be
held at the clubhouse at
2.00pm on Sunday, 25th
September 2011 to discuss
the development of rugby
union in Palmerston and
surrounding areas and
future directions for the
Club.

Let's have a good
attendance of members
and supporters – put on
your thinking caps and
bring along your ideas.

WORKING BEE

There's a working bee this
Saturday at the Clubhouse
– **9.30 am to 2.00 pm.**

BBQ lunch provided.

For details, contact **Gareth
Felton** on **0418 183 698**, or
Dennis Grant on **0437 912 140**

JUNIOR ADMINISTRATOR

The role of the Junior
Administrator is to handle
player registrations, collect
player fees, organize
transfers between clubs and
other associated work.

Robbie Taylor is looking for
someone to take over this
role in 2012 for the Juniors.

Contact Robbie if you need
further details.

SNIPPETS

It was great to see **Snogga**
at the Grand Final last
Saturday, downing a few
coldies with some of the
“old salts”. He looks fit
and well and rumour has it
he hit the paddock recently
in Gove, playing a game of
rugby with the East
Arnhem club against the
Jabiru Bushrats. Great
stuff!!

Paddy Bree celebrated his
50th birthday in Brisbane
with a surprise party on
Sunday. Paddy would have
been in party mode after
seeing Nerada Kerr-
Barlow's Waikato team
having a win in NZ on
Saturday afternoon, then
off to the Normanby for
the pre-Tri Nations “social”,
culminating in watching the
Wallabies win over the All
Blacks on Saturday night.
The surprise party would
have been icing on the
cake, so to speak!!

From all accounts, the
Normanby pre-game
function was a pretty good
prelude to the game.

Junior players, **Alexandra &
Jacob Blyton**, seem to be
following in their father's
footsteps, both winning
awards at the Junior
Presentation Day.

(Though Jacob, in his short
career, has scored more tries
than **Burly Ben**!!!)

CONGRATULATIONS

Long time Palmerston
player, **Damien Smith**, last
week celebrated the birth of
a baby boy. The baby has
been named **Ryder**.
Congratulations and best
wishes from everyone at the
Club – hopefully Ryder will
follow in Damien's footsteps
and play for the Crocs one
day.
