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# 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:

## <u>Under 7's</u>

Best & Fairest Coaches Award Most Improved

### Under 9's

Best & Fairest Coaches Award Most Consistent

# <u>Under 11's</u>

Best & FairestThomas ChmielewskiMost ConsistentAidan Du ToitMost ImprovedCameron Croker

### Under 13's

Best & Fairest Coaches Award Most Improved Best Forward Best Back

### Under 15's

Best & FairestXavier McKenzieHardest ManJordan BoydMost ImprovedTom Devine-HarrisonBest ForwardJerone WillsBest BackHenry Degoumois

# <u>Under 17's</u>

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 <u>bobt9r@hotmail.com</u>

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

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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.

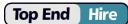
Good luck and best wishes for a successful tour from everyone at Palmerston Rugby Union Club.

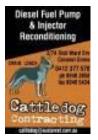






















## SENIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT

Presentation night will be held on SATURDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

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# THE WAY AHEAD

Keep The Way Ahead in mind. A meeting will be held at the clubhouse at **2.00pm** on **Sunday**, **25**<sup>th</sup> **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.

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### 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

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## 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.

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# 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 Bushratz. Great stuff!!

Paddy Bree celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> 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**)!!!

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### 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.

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