

THE WAY AHEAD

Discussions were held last Sunday re the future development of Palmerston Rugby Union Club.

A draft proposal has been prepared as follows:

Introduction

Palmerston Rugby Union Club was one of the founding clubs of the Northern Territory Rugby Union and moved to its present clubhouse in 1989/90.

It was the first of the major sports organizations to locate in the new city of Palmerston. The club has therefore grown up with the city and we are now in the process of looking at how rugby union in general and Palmerston Rugby Union Club in particular may develop over the next 20 years.

This review has taken into consideration the projected growth of Palmerston until 2020 which shows a projected growth to 40,020 and also considers the impact of the projected growth of Litchfield to 71,000 by 2031.

Proposal

To cater for the anticipated demographic growth and to take into account the likely development of rugby union in the Palmerston and rural areas will require the provision of additional facilities which could initially be used by one club, but would have the necessary facilities to provide two clubs with both match and training facilities. We do not believe that our current location in Moulden would be capable of providing this.

We also believe that with the present growth in junior rugby union, this facility should be able to host junior competitions on Friday evenings. These are currently hosted at NTRU headquarters at Marrara where it is becoming increasingly difficult to provide all the necessary facilities, due to the number of junior teams taking part.

Taking all these factors into consideration, it is our belief that the continued development of rugby union will require a new facility, possibly in one of the two suburbs which are currently in the very early stages of development – **Zuccoli** or **Mitchell**.

The facility would need to provide the following:

- Two playing pitches with, at least, match lights on one pitch and training lights on another
- Changing rooms with toilets and showers, ideally four
- Medical facilities
- Fitness room
- Public Toilets
- Social facilities to include Bar and BBQ as well as a room suitable for social functions
- Grandstand or suitable covered spectator space
- Training facilities for other sports – we currently provide this facility to Touch Rugby and have been approached by Netball and Basketball

Conclusion

We believe that this proposal not only addresses the needs for the future development of rugby union in the Palmerston and rural area but also, if implemented, would provide a wider facility for greater community use.

This draft proposal has been sent to the appropriate authorities and further discussions will take place in the near future.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Palmerston Rugby Union Club will be held on **Sunday, 9th October, 2011**, at **2 pm** at the Clubhouse.

All positions will be declared vacant and nominations called for new office bearers and committee members.



**Heineken Super 7's/Schweppes Super 7's
Rugby Competition - 2011**

**October 29th to December 3rd
@ Austar Park - Marrara**

Training for the Marsh Senior Men's 7's team has commenced. Training is Tuesdays (6.30 pm) and Sundays (5.00 pm) at Moulden Oval.

Assistant Coach Anthony Smith
Manager Fiona Austine

Cost is \$130 and includes jersey, socks, playing shorts, polo shirt and gate pass.

Maximum players required – **12** – and there are 2-3 games per afternoon.

Squad so far : Hayden Austine, Anthony Elphick, Justin Walker, Alex Sumpton, Alex Davidson, Anthony Smith, Paul Williams, Fred Norris, Daniel Norris, Kurt Collie-Whakae, Joshua Parker, Damien Collie and Tamoto (Timmy) Tamoto.

Others who may be interested in playing are most welcome.

Contact Fiona for more information on

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