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President's Welcome

But wait, there is more! Welcome to a special edition of Croc Tales. We thought we had wrapped it up last fortnight, but a lot has happened over the last two weeks so we've gone for one more issue.

Junior representative teams have recently been, or are about to be selected. To all the boys who make those sides - well done! Train hard and play hard but also enjoy the experience of touring. The friendships and the memories will last a life time (I'm sure there are many former players from over this decades who will be reading this now, and will know what I mean).

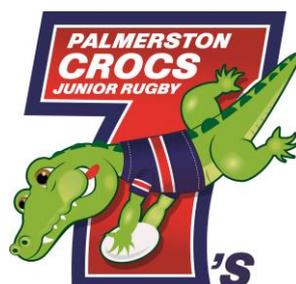
Talking about team work - read about the 'Crocs Against Hunger' Canstruction team who built a rugby field out of canned food that went on to win the 'People's Choice' award.

Don't forget the AGM on Sunday 3 November. I encourage you all to consider nominating for a position on the committee. If you are interested, please give me a call/text or come and see what it's all about at our next committee meeting on Wednesday 9 October.

And finally, we're looking forward to our first ever Junior 7s competition coming up in Term 4. It should be a lot of fun for the Junior players - fast and furious! Details are now up on our website (www.palmerstonrugby.com.au) - make sure you check it out. Again, we would love to hear from you if you would like to be involved as a referee, coach, manager or in any other capacity. Please give me a call/text if you are interested.

Ben Blyton, President
Ph. 0417 082 531

Coming up...



WHERE

Palmerston Rugby Union Club
81 Bonson Terrace, Moulden

WHEN

Training

starts on Tuesday 8 October

Games

start on Friday 25 October and end on Friday 22 November (5 weeks)



SENIORS UPDATE



SENIORS OFF-SEASON TRAINING

Anthony Smith is currently holding training sessions for both Corporate 7s sides on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Moulden Oval. If you want a run in the 7s or just want to train a couple days a week, then Anthony would love to see you.



THE PRUC GYM

In the next few weeks we'll be getting the clubhouse gym up and running again. A working bee will be held to give it all a bit of a clean-up and to do safety checks on the existing equipment. We also plan to buy some new equipment and then we'll open it up for a couple afternoons a week. We'll let you know when the working bees are on.

Congratulations



A huge congratulations to the following players on your representative achievements. The club is proud of your efforts!

NT UNDER 16s

Congratulations to the following Under 16 Palmerston players who have been named in the NT Under 16 side that will compete at the National Championships in Sydney later this month:

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Johnathan Brisken | Ayrton Deo | Luke Morgan-Doherty |
| Kael Croker | Bayley Hakes | Micheal Norris |
| Henry Degoumois | Whalan Maru | Isaako Teuati |

Well done to all boys and we hope the tour goes well.

NT UNDER 14s

Congratulations to the following Under 14 Palmerston players who made it into the training squad for the NT Under 14 tour to Malaysia in November:

| | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Wayne Bilston | Hamish Martin | Sean McFarlane |
| Luke Kinna | Josh McDonald | Tai Terupu |

We wish them all the best in their preparations for the final selections, which will be made by Damien Tyson, NTRU Development Manager, on 9 October.

NT INDIGENOUS UNDER 16s



The **NT Indigenous Under 16s** recently competed in the National Indigenous Under 16 Championships. At the time of printing we unfortunately didn't have the details of the team and their results. Congratulations though to the boys from Palmerston who made the side and we hope you enjoyed your tour.

A special mention must be made of **Keegan Quakawoot** who was named in the **National Indigenous Under 16s** side following an outstanding effort at the championships. A fantastic effort Keegan, well done!



CANSTRUCTION DARWIN

RP Croc's Against Hunger

Rechecking measurements and specifications



The finished product: a rugby field built to a scale of 1:50



The finished product and the entire team

*Photos supplied by Jas Deo*

Club News



CANSTRUCTION DARWIN 2013

Jas Deo, of RP Project Management, entered a Palmerston Croc's team named *RP Croc's Against Hunger* in the recent Canstruction Darwin 2013 Competition. The aim of the competition was to build a giant size structure out of canned foods. The canned foods were then donated to Foodbank NT after the close of the competition.

Update by Jas Deo

Firstly, I must say that we were competing with engineers from GHD and Walbridge and Gilbert Engineers. Our team was called RP Crocs against Hunger and the participants were:

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|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1. Jaswant Deo | 5. Larissa Deo | 8. Zane Smith |
| 2. Robyn Powley | 6. Maxie Smith | 9. Keagan Brewis |
| 3. Ayrton Deo | 7. Sachin Deo | 10. Reuben Smith |
| 4. Wayne Smith | | |

We started off with a safety meeting and got straight into it. As we were only allowed 5 people at any one time to build, we organised a 'tag team' type system, whereby team members can take over from others if and when required.

All members had an involvement in the build, but as time progressed, Reuben was given the task of building the goal posts with Maxie's guidance. Zane was given the task of taking the trolley for a walk around Parliament House. I am not sure what this achieved. Zane also unpacked the cans. Larissa took over the task of taking photos. Jaz, being the most senior or the oldest, had to have many rests because his knees could not take the constant bending that was required, and as time progressed he was retired into an advisory role, which later turned out to just be an observer role. (I wonder why).

Wayne, Robyn, Maxie, Keagan, Ayrton, Sachin and Zane continued to build the whole project as you see it. It was a very enjoyable day especially for the Smith's and Deo's, because it was Father's Day and having the families together the entire morning was all worth it.

The winners were announced on 5 September and the *RP Croc's Against Hunger* team were named as the 'People's Choice' winner. Congratulations to all involved!



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Noticeboard

MORE CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to **Robbie and Bec Taylor** who are expecting their first child. All the best, and we'll be looking forward to welcoming another little Croc down at the rugby next year.

Congratulations also to former A Grade player **Francis (Franga) and Sarah Hayes** on the birth of their beautiful baby girl, **Lizzie Jane**, born on 26th August.



Lizzie Hayes

BUNNINGS BBQ

The next Bunnings BBQ is on **Saturday 12 October**. You know the drill: 4 x people required for 4 x shifts. If you would like to help out please contact Dennis Grant on 0437 912 140.



SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SESSION

The next Sunday session at the clubhouse will be on **Sunday 22 September**, from 2pm to 6pm. Footy Finals Live. Beers \$3.00, Spirits \$5.00. BBQ as well. Contact Dennis with any queries.

Club News (continued)



BUNNINGS BBQ – SUNDAY 31 AUGUST

Once again, thanks to our hardworking Bunnings BBQ-ers. Being Father's Day, it seemed to be even busier than usual and everyone was kept very busy for the duration of their shift.

The 8-10 shift: Dennis Grant, Mal Leach, Percy Peel, Rob Sloan.

The 10-12 shift: Dan Bree, Glen Brady, Mitchell Brady, Ben Blyton, Alexandra Blyton.

The 12-2 shift: Brock Evans, Tyrone Gersch-Mizen, Fabio Sutter, Ashley Cunningham.

The 2-4 shift: Anthony Smith, William Bohning, Whalan Maru.

Thanks also to the Palmerston Croc's supporters who drop by throughout the day for their sausage sangas or to say hello.

LABOR PRESS RELEASE

LABOR BACKS THE MIGHTY PALMERSTON CROCS

Luke Gosling | Posted Wednesday, 4 September 2013

The Rudd Labor Government today announced that if re-elected it would contribute \$80,000 in funding towards upgrading facilities at Moulden Oval, the home of the Palmerston Rugby Union Club...

It would have been nice, but it wasn't meant to be... However, the club would like to thank federal Labor candidate Luke Gosling for taking the time to meet with Ben Blyton and Anthony Smith in the lead up to the election. We're constantly trying to improve across all areas and will continue to work with all levels of government or other interested parties who can assist/support us with this. For the full press release, go to: <http://territorylabor.com.au/labor-backs-the-mighty-palmerston-crocs/>



IMPORTANT NEWS REGARDING THE 2014 JUNIOR SEASON

The NTRU has recently advised that in 2014 the Junior competition will revert back to odd numbers again.

The age groups will be:

U6 (no change), then U7, U9, U11, U13, U15 and U17.

This essentially means that the sides that played together this year will for the most part play together again in 2014.

Something to keep in mind when thinking about next year!

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