

This Week's Games

Friday 14 May
Optus Park 1

5.30 **U12** v University

7.10 **U14** v Casuarina

8.00 **U16** v Casuarina

Saturday 15 May
Optus Park 1

8.30 **U8** v Casuarina

9.00 **U6**

1.30 **B** v Dragons

3.10 **A** v Dragons

As you can see we have to put out A and B Grade sides this week-end without our 7 Mossie players. We therefore need everyone at training tonight and at the games on Saturday.

This week the **Mossies** travel to West Wyalong to **play NSW Country**. Anyone know where that is? We have Ben Emmett, John Sullivan, Peter McLaurin, Todd Harrison, Tom Hurse and Peter Burnheim in the team. George Hatzismalis is out injured.

Last Week's Games



Mosquitoes v Qld Country

What a great win!!! **Mossies 21 – QLD Country 16**. It was only the Mozzies second win in 21 ARS games and the first at home. Great games by Palmie's Ben 'Cube' Emmett (wasn't he happy at the end of the game), John 'Sully' Sullivan and Pete 'Pumpkin' McLaurin.

B's v Jabiru

Another **win for the B's, 50 – 12**. Jabiru must be getting

sick of playing us. That is 3 times so far this season in 7 games. The extra game being due to our Darwin Show weekend game being re-scheduled so we can get into our rubbish collecting that weekend. Unfortunately, I didn't see the game but I'm reliably informed that the best players were in the forwards even though the backs did most of the try scoring. Tries were scored by Ben Blyton, Paul Veach, Henry Dau, John Waihirere, Freddie Waianga (2) and Vili Leqa. Veachy kicked 5 conversions. Player's player was Ralph Traut. Other good players included Ben Blyton, Ben 'Mitch' Mitchell and the recent 40th birthday boy, Sean 'Boulder' Killiner.

C's v Swampdogs

The **C Grade** also notched up another **win, 72 – 0**, with 12 tries and 6 conversions. The following words are courtesy of their 'Co-ordinator', Noel Bree. How many more wins before he will be elevated to 'Super Coach' status? *The Thirsty Thirds this week took on the Swampdogs and welcomed the return of Paul Dale from his surf lifesaving and country and western commitments. Also, just as valuable, were the young fellas Smokin' Joe keeps bringing us. Yes, you heard right the thirsty thirds have some young fellas. These include 16 year old Ian Hogan, who is coming along fine in the prop position under*

the tutelage of our not so young front row of Dennis Bree, Vince Kelly and Scott Reed.

But to the game, we had the full compliment plus reserves (two weeks in a row) with the Swampdogs being a few short. The thirsty thirds found going round the wings the best method due to there being a touch of speed (what an under statement) in full back Danley Foster (5 tries), wing Murray Liddle (1 try and a few assists) and wing Jason Blake (2 tries). Jason seemed a little surprised to be playing wing asking if could still pack in the scrums for old time sake during the game. Having the chance to go back to the forwards in the second term he rolled his ankle and the day was over for him.

The highlights of the game were Danley's 5 tries and Vince Kelly's 50 metre try (well maybe not quite that far). Vince's, now famous, Maori sidestep had the crowd roaring. The Swampdog lad was trying his hardest to get out of the way but Vince was having no part of that.

The low of the game was Joel Kelly's knee giving way again and with a grimace the 'R' word was mentioned. It was a great effort by all. Best players were Nathan 'Nads' Brodbeck, Danley, and another new face to the club Tim Young.



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Juniors

The **U16's won on forfeit** over Dragons. We only had 7 players but they only had 5 and no game was able to be played. Something needs to be done quickly to resurrect this grade. At present there are less than 2 teams of regular players in the whole grade. A move to Saturday games is being investigated at the moment.

The **U14's** were back under lights for Friday night footy playing the Dragons. We started off very well with the forwards getting lots of ball and taking it up hard. So much so, that Fred Norris decided to run over the top of almost all the Dragons players leaving them behind in his wake. Unfortunately, for one Dragon, it included a mild concussion. The backs got hold of the ball and Michael Pols and Rory Valentin got together for Rory to score. The 2nd half started just as intensely as the 1st with Palmy getting lots of ball. This led to Jai Wyles-Kelly scoring under the posts from scrum half, allowing Kurt Collie-Whakine an easy conversion. Great defence by all of the lads kept the Dragons out and allowed Blake Bishell to go for a blind side run and score near the corner. **Final score 17-0 to us.** Best players this week included Jai Wyles-Kelly with a great captain's knock, Rory Valentin, Fred Norris and Brenton Whatley. Thanks again to Floyd Thompson's Dad for providing the boys with drinks after the game.

The **U12's** played the Dragons and **lost 5 – 15**. Our try was scored by Cody Barry. Best players included Cody, Shaun Ley and Brenton Davie.

The **U10's also lost to Dragons, 22 – 29**. Try scorers were Damian

Stedman, Tyler Donovan, Scott Parsons and Wade Burkenhagen. Wade also kicked a conversion.

The **U8's won on a forfeit** but played a scratch game against Dragons. Best players included Christopher Cornwill, Rhys White and Natasha Johnson.

The **U6** try scorers this week included Elijah Kereama and Hayden McLachlan.

Home Game on Sunday 30th May

Yes, rugby on Sunday. When the Mossies play at home, the normal competition games are played on the Sunday. We will be hosting Casuarina at Moulden Park Oval on Sunday 30th May in all 3 grades. Put it in your diary now.

Croc Jottings

This next month is a tough one for the senior club with the Mossies campaign in full swing. We need all senior players to be at training and in touch with the coaches so they know your availability. Contact numbers are at the top of CrocTales.

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Here is an edited version of a note **Jeff 'Hellfire' Bennett** posted on the club's website forum recently. *I was in Brisneyland last week and went along to a Wests v GPS 2nd grade fixture. My mate, Peter Davis, was playing prop for GPS. While I was full of grog and bad manners on the sideline I noticed a lazy, fat, winger sponging on the touchline for Wests. You will be pleased to learn that **Frankie Mills** is still doing astonishingly well in Rugby, based on nothing more than raw talent!! His attitude and application are as questionable as ever, however, he still managed to turn the eyes of all and sundry in attendance. He*

scored a fantastic try, from a standing start talking to me on the sideline. The ball was coming out of the scrum and I said "You better turn around Frankie". He bolted 40 metres screaming to the outside centre: "...I'm Wide....I'm Wide". (He was very bloody wide!!) The ball miraculously landed on his chest before he went in for a screamer in the corner. Frankie later told the outside centre that this was a carefully constructed, cunning tactic.

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Jeremy 'Bullfrog' Bree also checked in on the website forum with an update on Melbourne.

Here in Melbourne someone has stolen the humidity and the temperature can be counted on your fingers (the hands need to go into the pockets occasionally though). Rugby in these conditions is so much fun. It is hard to feel pain when you are numb to begin with. I'm having a slow start to the season with work commitments interfering so I am sitting in the 2nds. It is good to see that backs down here haven't learnt to catch either!

The club here needs revving up with no one knowing any real songs and the community spirit is lacking, time for some territory spark. I am now set up into a lifestyle down here so if any one is visiting the lovely city of Melbourne then drop me a line, I'm always in need of a beer and the pubs are warm.

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The Brumbies play their Super 12 semi final on Saturday at 7.00pm our time. There is just time to shower after the games and get on down to the Pig' n Whistle to watch the game.



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