

## Lyn Cotton, congratulations on being named NTRU Volunteer of the Year for 2003

### This Week's Games

**Friday 11 June**  
**Optus Park 1**

- 5.30 **U6**  
5.30 **U8** v Dragons  
5.30 **U10** v Dragons  
7.10 **U12** v Dragons

**Saturday 12 June**  
**Optus Park 1**

- 1.30 **U14 Trial Game**  
3.00 **U19 Schoolboys Trial**  
7.00 **Mossies v Barbarians**

As you can see there is no senior club rugby this Queen's Birthday long week-end.

### Coming Events

**No Junior training TONIGHT**, 10 June, due to the Moulden Park School Athletic Carnival.

The **Palmerston Troppo Festival** is on this Saturday, **12<sup>th</sup> June**, at the Driver School Oval and the club will have a stall there **selling pies**. Lyn Cotton is still looking for volunteers. Her number is at the top of CrocTales.

This **Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> June**, is the beginning of the **Test match** season with Wallabies v Scotland. Those Palmy people watching it at the **Pig'n Whistle** can enjoy a **free keg** courtesy of the Inn. Be there from 2.30pm.

The next week-end, **June 19 & 20**, is the 1<sup>st</sup> game of Round 3 and the 1<sup>st</sup> week-end of the school holidays. **Junior games** will have a **break** during the 4 week school

holidays although there will be **Family Walla Rugby** games on **Friday nights** from 5.45pm to 8.30pm starting on the 18<sup>th</sup> June.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June** will see the Great Palmerston Rugby **CAR WASH** at **BP Palms** from 8.30am to 2pm. This is a fundraiser for our U14 representative players who will be doing a lot of the work. The **Jabiru bus** will be picking up senior players from there so take your car down and get it washed while you are heading to Jabiru. **C Grade** plays on Saturday at **Optus Park**, **B Grade** will be travelling to **Jabiru** to play and the rest of our senior players will be playing a **trial game** against the **NT Schoolboys**.

**Junior games** will re-start on Saturday 17 July at University Oval.

### Last Week's Games



**Mosquitoes v Perth**

Well, that undefeated home record ALMOST happened. After a very slow 1<sup>st</sup> half the Mozzies came alive in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half to only just fail to overhaul the Perth Gold, **losing 29-32**. It was a **great game of rugby** with both teams playing terrific rugby.

### A's v University

Stand-in Assistant coach, Bernie Bree provided this view

of the game. *"It was back to the winning feeling for A Grade on Sunday. With the pressure of watching the Mighty Cs and the Killer Bs slay all before them and with many a week since the last win the A Grade took the field with many sore and sorry Mozzie players returning to the Crocs. These players were feeling this way partly due to a very rugged encounter with Perth the day before and partly due to an even more rugged encounter with the product of Shenanigan's. After realising at half time that the game of rugby is very difficult without the ball, the boys really dug deep and led by Ben Emmett the support play went from non-existent to very good to magnificent. Two tries in the 1<sup>st</sup> half and then six more in the 2<sup>nd</sup> meant a very satisfying come back win 50-34. I am sure that the players will want to repeat this feeling regularly on Saturdays and so will definitely be training hard to ensure they can keep up with the running game. I must mention Ben 'Burley' Blyton's 60 metre try where he passed, wrapped around, straightened, penetrated, then side stepped his way to the try line. Police had to be called to keep the crowd off the field and the scene was not unlike that at Telstra Stadium in November*



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last year and seeing Burley so light on his feet did bring back memories of Johnny Wilkinson. We look forward to seeing his kicking game next. Thanks to the Killer Bs who sat on the bench and to those who came off the bench and had such an impact on the game. Also thanks to Ben who got a phone call at work and came down to play. And of course a big thanks to the Mozzies who backed up after Saturday's game and helped us back into the winning seat. **Tries** were scored by Ben Emmett, Wise Sekitoga, Ray Walters, Vili Leqa, Paul Veach, Ben Blyton and Peter Burnheim scored two. Craig Leach converted 3 and Paul Veach 2". **Player's player was Vili Leqa.**

### B's v University

B Grade ran out **29-12 winners** scoring 5 tries to 2. Try scorers were Dave Jones, Kerry Amory, Henry Dau, Te-Keepa Russell, John Waihirere and 2 conversions to Kerry. Well done everyone but a special thank you to those players that backed up from the C Grade and played 2 games. I'm not sure if I remember all of you but **thanks to Denny Johnson and Dan Curtin** who both played every minute of both games and in the forwards at that. We thought we had it under control but a number of players either pulled out on the day or failed to show. **Player's player was Kerry Amory.**

### C's v University

Another **win for the Mighty undefeated C's**. Super Coordinator, Noel Bree, saw the game this way. "This one was a hard slog. In the 1<sup>st</sup> half the team was intent on playing a style that the Harlem Globetrotters would have been proud of but it didn't quite come off like it should have. Unfortunately we were playing right into the Pirates hands as they definitely were not

interested in any tight stuff. So we saw ourselves down on the scoreboard 14 - 19 at ½ time. Well University scored straight after ½ time and yes the Mighty C's were in trouble. But they tightened up and looked after the sacred football and saw the tide slowly but surely turn. The forwards took control forcing University into rucks and mauls which they did not like and tries began to appear. The forwards led by **Denny Johnson (2 tries)** and **Andrew 'Coxy' Cox (1 try)** took control and the backs were able to finish off with some tries to **Dave Jones** and **Greg 'Bozo' Fulton**. The highlight in the forwards was the efforts of our U16s, **Tom Cummins** and **Ian Hogan**, who played well above their years when the going got tough. **Alan 'Dead Eye' Babbs** slotted 5 from 5. **Final score was 35 to the good guys and 24 to them.** It was a great effort to come from behind. **Best players were Denny Johnson, Dan Curtin and Andrew Cox."**

### Juniors

The **U14's** played Dragons on Friday night. We lent them 2 players and **beat them 24-5**. Our try scorers were Jai Wyles-Kelly, Brodie Lafferty, Floyd Thompson and Tom Pavone. Kurt Collie-Whakave and Jai Wyles-Kelly were successful with a conversion apiece. Best of luck to all the players selected for the City side in the U14 Trials this week-end.

The **U12's** played Swampdogs on Friday night and came off with a convincing win. They had 11 players but we lent them 2 of ours to even it up a bit and give everyone a fair run. Thanks to Cameron Davie and Jim Kerr for volunteering! **Final score was 54-0**. Tries were scored by Jacob Kerr-Barlow, Aaron Cotton, Shaun Austral, Cody Barry, Jarred Donovan, Shaun Ley, Ryan

McMillan and Brenton Davie with 2. Shaun Ley and Ryan McMillan each kicked a conversion. A great game was played by all. The next match against Dragons will be a much bigger challenge.

We do not have results for the **U10's and U8's** this week.

**U6 try scorers** this week were **Nick Jenkins, Isaiah Dau, Tom Callaghan and Brett Mullins**. Other Palmy players this week were Michaela White, Jami Barnes, Rhys Rodda, Malcolm Tiedman, Elijah Kereama, Gavin Anderson, Brad Bartlett, Kai Longley, Jake Longley, Koby Snowden and Mahlia Snowden.

### Croc Jottings

How physic is 'Burley' Ben Blyton? The story is he has always imagined himself and Squirter side by side in a Palmy team. He always assumed that meant he must be destined to play half back or centre. And on Sunday it came true for him, well almost. There they were Squirter and Burley, side by side, strapped together packing into the 2<sup>nd</sup> row in A Grade. And they both did a great job.

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Where was Greg 'Crasher' Hill, last Sunday, I hear you ask. Well he was tucked up at home nursing some very sore parts from a car accident on Friday afternoon. It wasn't his fault. He cheered up when given the news about the afternoon's games though. Roma's sports car won't recover as quickly I am told.

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Quote of Note from Matt (Gut) Grooby before the Mozzies game on Saturday:  
"There is only one true prop on the rugby field, and that is the Tighthead Prop. The loose head prop is really only a fat flanker."



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