

This Week's Games

Friday 25 June
Optus Park 1
5.45 **Family Walla Rugby**

Saturday 26 June
Optus Park 1
1.30 **B v Dragons**
3.10 **A v Dragons**

Wednesday 30 June
Optus Park 1
6.00 **C v University**

Below is the **A Grade Table** as I make it.

	XXXX Cup Standings				BP	PT
	P	W	D	L		
University	10	8	0	2	8	40
Casuarina	10	5	1	4	5	27
Souths	10	4	1	5	6	24
Palmerston	9	3	2	4	3	19
Dragons	10	3	0	7	1	13

Coming Events

Thursday 1st July is meant to be **Old Salties / C Grade Night** BUT this month it is also **Territory Day** (aka Cracker Night). So, by decree of the President, it is being **re-scheduled to Thursday 8th July**.

It will also be a final opportunity to say **Bon Voyage to Craig 'Squirter' Leach** and have a beer with **Pete 'Pumpkin' McLaurin** before he gets married.

Get down to Moulden Park Oval, check out training and head to the clubhouse for the Player's Tea.

Palmie will be collecting rubbish and \$ at the **Royal Darwin Show** on Thursday 22nd July to Sunday 25th July.

This is a **MAJOR fund raiser** (about \$5,000 worth) for the club and we **need about 40 people** to give a day or night shift.

The **shifts** and the number of people required include: Thursday day (4), Thursday night (4), Friday day (6), Friday night (9), Saturday day (6), Saturday night, (9), Sunday morning (6).

Please start thinking now about which shifts you can help out on. Let me know if you want to be the team leader of a shift.

Last Week's Games

A Grade had the **bye** last week-end. Some players went to Jabiru to support the B Grade, 1 came down to play the Schoolboys and I'm not sure what happened to the rest. I hope they are at training this week and raring to go this Saturday against the Dragons.

B Grade travelled to Jabiru for the 2nd time this season to play the Bush Ratz and again came away with a hard fought **win 34 - 7**. **Try scorers** were **Denny Johnston** with 2, **Dave Jones**, **Ray Walters** and **Vili Leqa**. **Damian Collie** converted 3 of them plus kicked a penalty. **Player's player was Vili**. That makes it 2 games in a row after his player's player effort in A Grade 2 weeks ago against

University. This is how coach Babbs saw the day. *"After a quiet bus trip to Jabiru (question time was a great distraction but I think we need harder questions next time to make it last longer or stop the forwards from answering) the team started out very slowly in the 1st half probably because they were thinking about the trip home. Dave Jones finished off a great try after Vili carved them up and popped the ball to supports in the only good thing we did in the 1st half. By halftime I think it was 7 all. I was having trouble concentrating because I was pulling my hair out with some of the things we were doing on the field. After a few words from Captain Boulder the team ran back out onto the field with much more determination. It was amazing the change, the forwards went forward, the backs razzle dazzled with great running lines and brilliant support play to link back up with the forwards back on the inside. Vili had a hand in just about every try. The first of Denny's 2 tries, under the posts with 10 minutes to go, demoralised the opposition so much that they had no come back, His 2nd try was a 20m pushover, so big a push that I heard him say his feet didn't touch the ground. Just about every forward joined in, in a classic forward's try. (I'm sure one of the backs told me about the great move they put on, bringing the blind side winger round and putting him through*



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a gap before he passed back inside for the forwards to finish it off, but I was probably mistaken. Ed.) *I've got to give it to Jabiru they didn't stop trying all day and they didn't make it easy for us. Thanks to Jabiru for a great feed and a good day and thanks to all those guys that went down.*

The **C Grade** played the Swampdogs, the young pups of the competition. Coordinator, Noel Bree, saw the game this way: *"In first half the thirsty thirds went try for try with them. Their tries were mainly through pace and ours through every other method imaginable. With the half time score at 21-17, a torrid battle was on the cards. The Swampdogs scored straight after half time and they had hit the lead. Panic stations possibly for many teams but not for this wily team. Whatever happened after that try should be bottled as the C's proceeded to work together as a unit and the glory was achieved with a 5 try to 1 2nd half. This gave us a final winning score of 50 – 24. Definitely the best 30 minutes for the season with everyone on the field being a contributor. Try scorers for the game were **Henry Dau with 3, Tom Cummins with 2** and one each to **Stephen Potter, Mike Palmer and Miles 'Ralph' Hindle. Best players were Henry Dau, Michael 'Battering Ram' Burlse, and our U16's players Tom Cummins and Ian Hogan. These boys are going from strength to strength each week."***

Coordinator?

It has been bought to CrocTales attention that the C Grade Coordinator, **Noel Bree**, left a lot to be desired last week-end in the coordinating

stakes. First of all, there he was all dressed and ready to play, with one Palmerston sock and one Geelong Cats sock, or was that a Casuarina Cougars sock? And then to top it off, he wasn't able to coordinate the team in a rousing rendition of the club song after their mighty VICTORY. We know many of the players don't know the song, but surely Noel hasn't forgotten those famous words? Perhaps, he was just too exhausted after directing traffic on the field?

This is all the more reason, why the C Graders need to get down to training on the 1st Thursday of the month (8th July this month) and practise these important moves.

Juniors

The juniors are in recess for the 4 week school holidays.

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U14 Fund Raising

Our 7 U14 representative players, (**Fred Norris, Jye Wyles-Kelly, Blake Bishell, Kurt Collie-Whakave, Floyd Thompson, Watene Kirikino and Brendan Russell**) some of their parents, junior officials and some friends put on a fund raising car wash at **BP Palms service station** last Saturday.

After a slowish start, things must have boomed because they tell me they raised just over \$700 from the car wash and the \$100 fuel voucher raffle. This is an outstanding effort from all concerned and helps reduce the tour costs for each of our players. Well done.

Club Subscriptions

Have you paid yours? If not, then please see Tom Hurse ASAP to fix it up. Tom has a hit list and you don't want to be on it.

Web Master Wanted

Is this you? We have CrocTales up and running and we are loading it onto the Palmie web page but we need some more bandwidth to do a bit more maintenance on the page. You don't need to be a technical whiz but you will need access to the Internet. The rest you can be shown. Contact me if you are even vaguely interested.

Croc Jottings

The Palmy Touring Invitation XV is again gathering this year for the Brisbane Test Match on Saturday. The festivities start at 12.00noon at the QA Hotel, 64 James St, New Farm before proceeding to the game at Suncorp Stadium for the kick-off at 6.30pm Brisbane time. Late invitations are available, call 0401 111 700.

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