

This Week's Games

Friday 2 July
Optus Park 1

5.45 Family Walla Rugby

Saturday 3 July
Warren Park

1.00 C v Swampdogs

2.30 B v South Darwin

4.00 A v South Darwin

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

	XXXX Cup Standings					
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Uni versity	11	8	1	2	8	42
Casuarina	10	5	1	4	5	27
Souths	11	4	2	5	6	26
Palmerston	10	3	2	5	4	20
Dragons	11	4	0	7	1	17

Coming Events

Saturday 3rd July sees **Farewell Drinks for Craig 'Squirter' and Melinda Leach** after the games against South Darwin. Drinks are at the trams at the wharf (now Barramundi Bay) from 6.00pm. Please bring a chair and eskies are welcome.

Thursday 8th July is **Old Salties / C Grade Night**. 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 a close and disappointing **loss 29 – 35** to Dragons. CrocTales knows little about the game except try scorers were Craig Leach, Ray Walters, Henry Dau and Freddie Waianga and Rod 'Mully' Mulhearn made a welcome return to the field to kick 3 conversions and a penalty goal. I also hear that Sean 'Boulder' Killiner, now officially 40 years of age, is continuing to make his presence felt in A Grade from the bench.

B Grade won 35 – 0 on a forfeit by Dragons. Some people have been suggesting that this should be the result each time we play Dragons B Grade because we always seem to end up with uncontested scrums.

The **C Grade** played their 1st Wednesday night game of the season last night against

University and had their 1st **loss 10 – 17** of the season. Their 12 players finally wore down our 11 players. I think there might be a message there. We need more people to get down for these games.

John Waihirere with 2 chip and chase tries was our best player while **Scott Reed** and **Tom Cummins** also went well. **Blake Chadwick** from our U16s played his 1st senior game for the club and went very well.

Juniors

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

The **NT U14 team** left Darwin on Tuesday night for the Queensland Age Championships in Brisbane. Good luck to the team and in particular our 7 players.

Brisbane Gathering

Last Saturday saw the 3rd (I think) annual gathering of the Palmy Touring Invitation XV in Brisbane for the Wallabies Test Match. It was great to be able to be there and re-live great times with so many past Palmy players from so many different generations. It also helped that the Wallabies gave the Poms such a beating.

This event looks like it will continue to grow and go from strength to strength. There is already talk of turning it into a week-end event next year.



There are many stories that could be told but for the moment let's just express our thanks to Peter Davis, a friend of Jeff 'Hellfire' Bennett, who kindly donated free beer for the first few hours of the afternoon. Thanks also to Hellfire and Tony Burns for their organising and MC duties. I think Hellfire set the standard for the afternoon by nominating himself as the 1st wearer of the Croc Frock of Shame. Thanks Gents.

It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words, so to save me the chore of composing and typing them, let the following pictures tell their own story.



Above & Below - The Party in fine voice



Hellfire explaining the rules for the day.



Tony & Ben Burns



Premiership winning coach, Wayne 'Cans' Greenhalgh, modelling the Frock.



Renowned hard man & captain – Tony Morris practising his modelling skills



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