

This Week's Games

Grand Finals

Saturday 28 August

Optus Park 1

- 11.00 **C** v Casuarina
2.30 **U8** v ??
3.10 **A** Uni v Souths
4.00 **U6**
5.30 **U10** v ??
6.20 **U12** v Dragons
7.30 **U14** v University

Go the Crocs!!

As you can see all Grand Finals are being played on Saturday.

The mighty **C Grade** has been leading their competition all year and now need to follow through and finish the job at 11.00am.

The **U8s and U10s** are playing a round robin final's series.

The **U12s and U14s** are into their Grand Finals at 6.20pm and 7.30pm respectively. We have a lot of great kids in these teams and they would appreciate lots of support from the senior players, parents and supporters of the club.

Coming Events

The final **C Grade & Old Salties Night and Players Tea** for this season will be on TONIGHT, Thursday 2nd September. Some C Graders may make an effort to have a light game of touch before hand.

The Juniors

Presentation Night will be held next **Tuesday 7th September** from 5.30pm at the clubhouse.

The juniors would love to see a few of the club's senior players come along and support them.

The Seniors

Presentation Night is on **Saturday 11th September**.

It is being held at the Darwin Surf Lifesaving Club at Casuarina Beach. **Pre-dinner drinks** will start at **6.30pm** with the meal, presentations, music etc following.

Tickets are \$60 and can be obtained from Tom Hurse on 0409 896 546.

Last Week's Games B's v Dragons

It was Semi Final time, us as Minor Premiers playing the 4th placed team and it all fell apart dismally. **We lost 0 – 40.**

I didn't see the game unfortunately (or fortunately) but from reports we failed to turn up to play on the day and suffered the consequences. The least said the better.

A very disappointed Coach Babbs, thanks all of the players for their efforts throughout the season.

Juniors

As per the Seniors, the Junior Semi Finals were a knock-out with Team 1 playing Team 4 and Team 2 playing Team 3.

In the **U14** competition we finished as **Minor Premiers** and came up against Casuarina in the Semi Final. They could only muster 10 players but those 10 were outstanding and gave us a lot of trouble for a large part of the game. After a nervous start we eventually ran out **27 - 7 winners.**

Fred Norris scored 3 tries (playing at prop?) while **Kurt Collie-Whakave** and **Michael Pols** both scored 1. **Jai Wyles-Kelly** converted one of them. Best players included **Michael Pols, Blake Bishell and Fred Norris.**

The **U12s** played the Swampdogs in their semi final and made it through to the grand final in true style, **winning 24 - 5.** Try scorers were **Aaron Cotton, Jacob Kerr-Barlow and Cody Barry (2).** **Cody** also kicked a conversion as did **Shaun Ley.**

A very pleasing touch was the Swampdogs coach complimenting all of our players for their exemplary behaviour on the field during the year. **Well done team and Coach Cat and all the best for the Grand Final.**

The **U8's** had a **narrow 5 – 10 loss** to Swampdogs. Our **try scorer** was **Rhys White.** Coach Robbie tells me that everyone "**put in big time**" in the game and most importantly they all walked off the field with a smile on their faces.



NTRU Try Scoring Award

That man **Freddie Waianga** had a great 1st year with the club and was awarded the **NTRU Try Scoring Award** on Monday night. Freddie scored a total of 17 tries during the season.

Congratulations Freddie on a job well done. Scoring tries is exactly what wingers are meant to do.

NT U16 Team

Last week-end the **NT U16s** held a training camp at Optus Park with players from Alice Springs, Katherine and Gove joining with the Darwin boys.

Coach **Colin 'Snogga' Snowden** enlisted the aid of a range of coaches and support staff including NTIS Coach, Tony Bundock and NTRU Development Officer, Ronnie Mareko, to put the lads through a very tough, yet successful 2-day camp including 5 x 15min selection trials and 5 skills sessions.

At the end of the week-end the 23 man NT U16 squad was announced to tour to Sydney from 26 September to 1 October for the **Australian U16's Rugby Union Championship** at St. Ignatius' College Riverview, Lane Cove.

Two Palmerston boys were rewarded for their efforts throughout the year and were selected in the team, **Tom Cummins and Ian Hogan**.

Well done boys. Keep working hard and enjoy the experience.

The full team is:

1. Eric Erickson (Casuarina)
2. Alex Alderman (A/Springs)
3. Duncan Hall (Dragons)
4. Matthew O'Brien (Dragons)
5. Joel Prudham (A/Springs)

6. Cameron Heath (Casuarina)
7. Drew Tobin (Dragons)
8. Josiah Vodo (University)
9. Jeremy Trembath (Katherine)
10. Paddy Killen (Casuarina)
11. Jeff Karpi (Dragons)
12. Brett Campbell (Gove)
13. Mackie Malupo (Gove)
14. Jason Minnecon (Darwin)
15. Dylan Bennett (Souths)
16. Matthew Cole (Casuarina)
17. Oliver Ogilvy (Katherine)
18. Ian Hogan (Palmerston)
19. Tom Cummins (Palmerston)
20. Scott Wyatt (University)
21. Shane Boots (Casuarina)
22. Robert Butcher (Casuarina)
23. Francis Wapau (Darwin)

Darwin U12 & U14 Teams

On the week-end of 10th – 12th September **Darwin U12 and U14 teams** will be travelling to Gove for games against the locals. The **Palmerston players** invited to join the U12 team are:

- **Ryan McMillan;**
- **Shaun Austral;**
- **Jordan Bishell; and**
- **Aaron Cotton.**

The **Palmerston players** invited to join the U14 team are:

- **Jesse Villiers;**
- **Brodie Lafferty;**
- **Rory Valentin; and**
- **Michael Bewley-Green.**

Have fun boys.

Wedding Bells

CrocTales congratulates **Bryony Bree** (our Secretary) and **Jason Blake** (a C Grade player) on **their marriage** last Saturday. The club wishes you much happiness in your life together.

Many in the club are still trying to understand how a "Bree" could arrange to get married on a rugby week-end? I do understand though that the original wedding date turned

out to clash with a Bledisloe Cup game. The wedding date was quickly changed.

Croc Jottings

I understand that **Dallas Graetz** has been recruited to join the **PRUC End of Season Tour** of country NSW. Now that he is a **pensioner**, having retired from the NT Police Force earlier this week, he has time to undertake the important duties of Water Boy, Driver, Choir Master and Religious Advisor for the tour.

Doesn't sound half bad does it.

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With the aforementioned wedding being celebrated at the home of **Dennis & Cecily Bree**, Dennis had obviously been very busy getting everything ship shape for the event. **It looks great Dennis**. CrocTales wonders however, what Dennis is going to do with his spare time this off-season.

Normally that is when he gets all of the **house maintenance up to date** so Cecily will let him go and play another season.

Maybe, there is some maintenance required at the PRUC Clubhouse this off-season?

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With the season proper finishing, **CrocTales** will become an **occasional newsletter**. Occasional, in the sense that it will be published as and when the editor gets enough news and/or enough time to put it together.

Thank You to all of the contributors throughout the season, especially the coaching staff for all of the game details.

