

Upcoming Games

SATURDAY 8th April
Katherine

6.30 Darwin v Katherine

SUNDAY 9th April
Austar Rugby Park 2
Round 3

2.30 B v University

4.00 A v University

SATURDAY 22nd April
Austar Rugby Park 2
Round 4

4.30 B v Souths

6.00 A v Souths

A revised NTRU draw has just been released. Check it out on our website.

A Grade Tooheys New Cup							
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT	
Dragons	2	1	0	1	2	6	
University	1	1	0	0	1	5	
Souths	2	1	0	1	1	5	
Casuarina	2	1	0	1	0	4	
Palmerston	1	0	0	1	0	0	

B Grade Abel Finance Cup							
	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
University	2	2	0	0	0	0	8
Palmerston	2	2	0	0	0	0	8
Casuarina	2	1	0	1	0	1	5
Dragons	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Jabiru	2	0	0	2	0	1	1
Souths	2	0	0	1	0	0	0

Coming Events

Easter

14th - 17th April

No club rugby this week-end. Take the opportunity to do some extra training and recharge your batteries for the weeks ahead.

Last Week's Games

B v Jabiru

B grade has their first road trip for the season last

weekend and came away from Jabiru with a hard fought **22 - 15 win**. Any win at Jabiru is a good win.

Craig 'Squirter' Leach and **Dan McIntyre** saw the day this way:

'Great effort on Saturday at Magela Field Jabiru. The bus got there early!! leaving an unheard of 3/4 of an hour to prepare, with plenty of numbers, 5 reserves in fact.

*The front row powerhouse of **Colin 'Snogga' Snowden, Jed Watson, Nick 'Slats' Slater, Gareth 'Shrek' Felton and Shane 'Fine' Cotton** was immediately nullified by Jabiru opting for non contested scrums from the kick off. Foiled again!!*

***Palmy** started slowly, dulled from the 4 hour bus trip, and fell behind 7 points after a charge down saw **Jabbas** take the lead. With a penalty kick soon slotted the home side took a promising 10 nil advantage. Like a weary Gulliver in the land of 'Lillyput', the **Palmerston sleeping giant** awoke, captain **Dave Cairns** scoring off the lineout just before 1/2 time. 10 - 5 was penned on the score sheet as the oranges were devoured. With mass changes to the side to give every one a run, **Palmy** gained good yards in the 2nd half with great determined running lines from **Vili Leqa**. **Palmy** took control of the game when fly half **Paddy Killen** distributed the ball skillfully to a steaming **Damian Smith** to score a*

*well worked backs try. It was one way traffic as **Squirter** found himself in the unfamiliar spot of wing, dotting down for a **try, converted by Kerry Amory**. A touch of niggles was immediately stamped out by the youngest referee in the world to date, **Jacob Kerr-Barlow**, as **Palmy** dominated, with pressure causing the **Bushratz** to turn the ball over giving **Fine Cotton** a stroll to the try line carrying 16 defenders with him!! The game was well in hand, but the home team scored right on full time to end the game at 22-15 to the good guys. **Player of the day** was shared by captain **Dave Cairns** and a young **Paddy Killen**. **Shaun Jolley, Shane Cotton, Damo Collie and Smithy** all did **Palmy** proud on the day.*

*Jabiru hosted a very good home game with plenty of spectators and players both at the ground and at the JSS Club for after match beers. Bus trip home began with lots of singing and enthusiasm from old and young Crocs, with the Bark Hut enjoying the **Palmy 'culture'**. There were plenty of balls at the pool table while the **Palmy** boys searched for the new **Eddie Charlton** of the **Arnhem Highway**. **Shaun Jolley** showed off the new **Thorpy swimming suit** and was last seen wandering home in the streets of **Palmerston** ready to swim*



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the anchor leg of the Commonwealth games relay. Great day had by all, Coach Burly Ben Blyton was very happy with the efforts.'

Thanks also to all of those family, friends and injured players who traveled to Jabiru to support the team.

Senior Training

This is what happens from 6.00pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays at Moulden Park Oval. Good numbers are presenting most nights but it would be nice to have more. Keep spreading the word.

Goose Club Friday night

Remember, we do the Goose Club at Lizards Bar & Grill each and every Friday night from about 6.00pm. This is a great fundraiser for the club so please get down there in your Crocs shirt and help out.

Ensign Laundry

For the 23rd year in succession, Ensign Laundry (aka Radiant Drycleaning) is again supporting the club by washing our senior jumpers. Hooray, Hooray!!

A big thank you to James Mansfield and all of the team at Ensign for their continued support.

Make sure you drop in and see them at 11 Bishop Street, Stuart Park for all of your dry cleaning needs.

Junior Sponsors

This week we also welcome on board a couple of new sponsors for our junior teams. Craig 'Squitter' Leach from CattleDog Contracting and Daniel McIntyre from Direct Current Electrical have provided \$500 each.

See Squitter for all of your diesel fuel pump services while Daniel can address all of your electrical needs.

Do we have any other small business people in the club who would also like to support our junior or senior teams?

NTRU Annual General Meeting

The NTRU had their AGM last week. All of the existing office holders were re-elected. Congratulations to Vince and team on a job well done.

For me there were 2 other highlights from the meeting.

The first was Life Membership being bestowed upon Dick Norris, Fred Finch, Jeff Fraser and Dan Panapa. I'm sure you all join me in congratulating these gentlemen. They join our own Dennis Bree and Casuarina's Roger Rudduck who were honoured a year or so ago.

The second was the fact that the NTRU made a profit of about \$74,000. Hopefully this will allow them to be able

to fund some priority development initiatives.

Palmerston & Parliament

Jake Kerr-Barlow and the Palmerston Rugby Union Club cracked a mention in the NT Parliament on the 30th March.

Our local member, James Burke, was paying tribute to a number of local Palmerston people including Jake and the club. He informed the house and congratulated Jake on being awarded an ARU student referee scholarship.

He also informed the house about his visit to our junior sign-on day and told everyone our training times etc. He concluded with the following: 'Sport is an extremely important part of many of our lives. Territorians have a long and distinguished sporting record. We all know the super stars that the Territory has produced. These stars would not have got their start without the local competitions and clubs.'

Well said sir.

Croc Jottings

Last week's e-rugby news was a tad unfair to Sean 'Boulder' Killiner. 'Lumbering to the line and praying his legs would carry him the last few metres'. Surely that couldn't be an accurate description or could it?



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Brumby's
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This week-end at the Top End Hotel

- Friday Lunches @ Honey Pot Club 12 - 4pm (\$60) 3 course meal plus show
- Chase the Ace @ Lizards Bar this Friday 5-8pm. Be there for your chance to win \$3,400
- Live music Friday (By the Way) & Saturday (Loaded) from 8pm
- **Goose Club Raffle @ Lizards Bar - Fridays 6-8pm for Palmerston Rugby Union Club**
- Darwin Cricket club Raffles - Saturday night from 6pm
- Extreme Dream Give-away draw No.4. - Saturday night - Be there to win \$100 prize pack Draw 8pm, plus go in the draw for the \$10,000 give-away drawn 6th May 8pm @ Lizards

