

Upcoming Games

FRIDAY 16th June

Austar Rugby Park 1

6.00 **U10** v Casuarina
6.50 **U12** v Dragons
7.40 **U14** v Dragons
8.40 **U16** v Dragons

Austar Rugby Park 2

6.00 **U6**
6.00 **U8** v Swampdogs Blue

SATURDAY 17th June

Magela Field, Jabiru

4.00 **B** v Jabiru

MONDAY 19th June

Austar Rugby Park 1

6.30 **PRUC** v NT Schoolboys

See the full draw in the [Resource Library](#) on our webpage.

A Grade Tooheys New Cup							
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT	
Uni versi ty	8	6	1	1	4	30	
Dragons	9	5	0	4	7	27	
Palmerston	9	5	0	4	6	26	
Souths	9	4	0	5	2	18	
Casuari na	9	1	1	7	0	6	

B Grade Abel Finance Cup							
	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
Palmerston	11	11	0	0	0	7	51
Dragons	11	7	0	4	0	5	33
Uni versi ty	10	6	0	4	1	3	23
Casuari na	11	4	0	7	0	5	21
Jabi ru	9	3	0	6	0	4	19
Souths	10	0	0	10	0	1	4

Coming Events

B Grade to Jabiru

THIS SATURDAY, the 17th June, our **B Grade is off to Jabiru** for our last road trip for the season. Have you booked your seat on the bus? If not, **call Coach Blyton now on 0417 082 531.**

The bus will leave AUSTAR Rugby Park at about 11.15am and the PRUC Clubhouse at 12noon.

PRUC v NT Schoolboys

Don't forget this game, **next MONDAY, 19th June.** The NT Schoolboys want a hard warm-up game to sort out some combinations etc before they head off to the Australian Division II Championships on Friday week.

All A & B grade players who don't play at Jabiru plus **C Graders** keen for a run are encouraged to make up our team. Dennis, this could be your first chance to get a run with the A Grade this year.

The game will **kick off at 6.30pm** at AUSTAR Rugby Park.

This game is our bit towards the future of NT Rugby plus won't hurt us at all.

C Grade

Next Saturday, 24th June sees **game 2 of the fortnightly** (well approximately) **C Grade** series between us and the Darwin Stubbies plus anyone else who wants a run. Get it in your diary.

Last Week's Games

A v Casuarina

Well what a purple patch of form for our A Grade. An 11 try, 6 conversion, **67 – 0 beating of Casuarina** makes it 5 from 5 since the start of the 2nd round. In our last 4 games, one game against

each of the other four clubs, we have **scored a whopping 182 points (45+ average) and conceded only 11 points (<3 average).** We have now scored more points than any other team and had fewer points scored against us than any other team. Now they are great statistics.

Last weekend's 67 – 0 victory was the biggest in the competition so far this season and the best by us for some time. **Who can remember a better win?**

And the best thing about these wins is the great team performances that are creating them. To quote last weekends referee after the game **"too fit, too strong, too fast", "what great support play"**. There is always room for improvement and the one thing we could improve is our decision making. A few times we threw a speculator, which bombed, instead of taking the tackle and going again from the ruck.

Try scorers were **Tom Hurse (3), Trent Abbott (3), Jono Schwalger, Ben Emmett, Nick Barlow, Vili Leqa and Shaun Jolley.**

Conversions were kicked by: **John 'Sully' Sullivan (2), Craig 'Squitter' Leach (3) and Damian 'Damo' Collie.**

Player's player was **Tom Hurse** – he is enjoying the move to break away and this week's **Coach's Award** went to **Trent Abbott.** Welcome back Trent. You certainly



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know how to make an impression.

Coach Connop remains very impressed with the A Grade effort. With the bye this week-end he plans to **lighten up on training** to rest up and prepare for the rest of the season. He wants anyone with any injuries to use this time to get them right. Cat will be away for a few weeks so **if you need to see a doctor or physio** please do it ASAP.

He also said: *'I would like players to reflect on the positive things we have been doing to win games and look at how we can improve further, **not try harder but smarter**. We must also concentrate on being a team and not individuals, be good listeners. Let's keep sticking to the game plan and enjoy our rugby and **let's build a grand final team** from here on. The focus is team building and positive talk, take your frustrations out on the field, but do so in a clever way and **be clever rugby players.**'*

B v Casuarina

Coach Blyton reports the following on the B Grade game. *'B Grade secured their **11th straight win** for the season against Casuarina on Saturday with a hard fought **24 - 7 victory**.*

The game was an even contest in the forwards but our superior back line proved

*to be the difference. **Adrian Graham, Damian Smith, Matt Pheeny and Sean Killiner** all had strong games. **Tries** were scored by **Adrian Graham, Sean Killiner, Damian Smith and Jack Rotticci** with **Jack** kicking **2 conversions**.*

*I was **happy with most aspects** of the game as our defence was very strong, our line out worked well and as our back line settled into the game they were clearly better than Casuarinas and looked dangerous.*

We certainly have the players to win the grand final and importantly keep pressure on the A graders for their spots.

On saying this it was disappointing that towards the latter stages of the game our players did show some frustration towards the referee and the opposition's tactics.

*Casuarina, in my opinion, has one of the better B Grade forward packs and they are not against using some old fashioned niggles to try and put us off our game. For the most part you handled it well and out played them. When they resort to this style of play you should know that you have them beaten. Do not be intimidated by them but also **do not be stupid and play to their level**.*

*The game was also a sad one as it was **Jack Rotticci's***

last game for the club before he heads back to school in America. **Owen Blackwell** has also decided to hang up the boots as he suffered a broken collar bone in the game.

*On a brighter note welcome back "**Slugger**" aka **Adrian Graham**. I thought you were hard done by with the sin bin but a **free carton** is a free carton.*

*Welcome **Andrew 'Coxy' Cox** for your 1st game for the year.*

The **Player's player** was **Jack Rotticci**. Who else could it have been!

U16s v Souths

Crocs played South Darwin on Friday night, and came away with a **convincing 25 - 5 win**. **Coach Snowden** says: "South Darwin has recently been bolstered by Nightcliff Dragons Rugby League players and was cock-a-hoop and thought that they were world beaters after their previous weeks flogging of Darwin Dragons 29 - 5.

*This was a much harder match for us as the Rugby League style defence by Souths was confrontational and aggressive, we in turn had to work hard on getting 'thru and past' the heavy defence and presenting the ball in an attacking position. Fortunately, this occurred regularly and the **Crocs Colts stood up** and were*



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This week-end at the Top End Hotel

- Thursday nights - Trivia with Shelley from 6.30pm, then stick around for the Footy Show on the big screen.
- Friday Lunches @ Honey Pot Club - 12 - 4pm (\$60) 3 course meal plus show
- Chase the Ace @ Lizards Bar this Friday 5-8pm - Over \$1,000 up for grabs
- Friday night - Painters Mate playing from 8pm plus Malibu promotion - Brave the Wave and win cool prizes
- **Goose Club Raffle @ Lizards Bar - Fridays 6-9pm for Palmerston Rugby Union Club**
- Live music from 8pm on Saturday by James Wilson; Wild Turkey promotion from 7pm
- Darwin Cricket club Raffles - Saturday night from 6pm
- The Sunday Sesh is back - James Wilson from 4pm.



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counted.

We continue to beat the opposition at the breakdown thru superior body position and knowledge of the game. Our ruck ball/long place has kept other teams at bay and allowed for much good attacking ball. Recently we have been trying to accelerate the delivery to the back of the ruck and move the point of attack away as quickly as possible, this was a highlight of last Friday's game with **all our forwards getting many forward metres** throughout the 70 minutes.

This style provides us with us with many penalties thru opposition infringements, that in turn lets us quick tap and go again (backs or forwards)...maintaining pressure and mostly converting into points.

The 2nd half was not as clean as the 1st and Souths picked up thru having their pride knocked around...the 1/2 time score was 20-nil in our favour, and they came out much more committed, with 1 try a piece and a 25 - 5 final score line.

Co-coach Robbie Taylor and I are absolutely rapt in the continuous improvement shown across the park...the other teams are starting to work out our style, but the Crocs Colts keep on keeping on with many fine performances, and personal bests. Not wanting to lose...ever!!!!

Standouts were all the forwards, who were excellent in defence and contact situations with **Freddy Norris, Jye Wyles-Kelly, Ben Smith, Jacob Collins, Gilbert Wosomo** and **Blake Bishell** very involved...all ran the ball very strongly and made many

good decisions whilst in contact.

The backs didn't get as much ball as usual, but were well served in defence and attack by **Cody Barrett, Brett Noakes, Steven Rawson, Steven Carter** and **Rodrigo Barua**.

I would also like to mention **Floyd Patterson** and **Jessie Villiers**, who are some of our younger players. They have played out of their skin and are difficult to detect on the field as they are always right in the thick of contact, fighting and scrapping for possession. Generally having a 'real good dig' and **playing well above their weight with distinction**.

Most of my reports have been positive and perhaps even too nice (to outsiders)...but the boys have all committed to training and learning, attempting at all times to improve our team work, and also our unit and individual skills. We are currently working on 'rolling mauls' and 'driving mauls' with the intent of using them soon off line outs and re-starts, just to keep the opposition guessing...watch this space for updates!!

As an aside **Brendan Russell scored another try!!** Maybe other teams should opt for contested scrums to tire out our very mobile front row...oh well bad luck for them!!

I would also like to **welcome to the Club** (taking us to 33 registered players)...**Clayton MacDonald** and **Nick** (I'll get your name at training!)

Player's Player was **Steven Carter** (Stevens speed and cover defence were outstanding and he was a worthy winner, [he only came on at ½ time]...fantastic work!!)

Best players included: Jye Wyles-Kelly, Jacob Collins, Gilbert Wosomo, Blake Bishell and Roddy Barua."

Goose Club Roster

This Friday night it is turn 2 for the **B Grade forwards**, next Friday it will be the A Grade backs turn.

I'm not sure who this week's team leader so just be there by 6.00pm in your club shirt.

James Gerrard Bree "Gerry"

2/02/1912 – 10/06/2006

The **Bree family** would like to say **thank you** to everyone for your **best wishes** last weekend on the passing of our dad Gerry.

Gerry always enjoyed coming down to watch the game and chat with Gail Barlow or Mal and Wendy Leach and others. Even though he wasn't brought up with the game they play in heaven, he did give his four sons to the cause and so that's not bad.

We were very grateful for the minutes silence and show of respect.

Thanks again.

Bernie Bree

And what an impact those 4 sons have had on our club and NT Rugby. Three (Dennis, Bernie & Paddy) are **life members of our club**, Dennis is a **life member of the NTRU**, Dennis, Bernie & Noel have been **President of our club**, all four have **coached senior teams** plus, plus, plus.

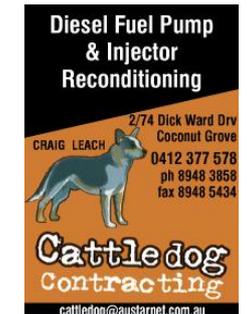
Thanks Gerry.

Thanks Robbie!!

In last week's CrocTales in the B Grade reflections, **Coach Blyton** mentioned the senior team manager,



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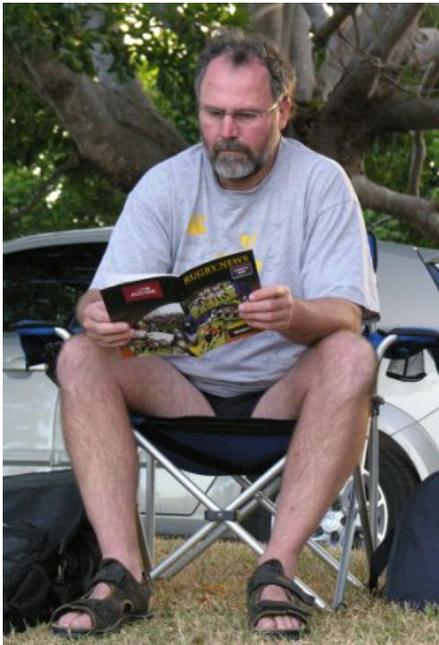


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Your editor, studying the tables to see how many more wins before both grades are on top.

Robbie Taylor, and the good work he is doing. This week U16 Coach **Colin 'Snogga' Snowden** also offers an insight into Robbie's efforts.

"Robbie Taylor is currently applying himself to completing his Level II ARU Coaching accreditation, and is doing a magnificent job. Robbie has got the U16 boys ears' and is transferring knowledge learnt in a very professional and seamless manner. His help as the co-coach has been immeasurable with his baseline knowledge and etiquette as coach improving in line with our team.

As his 'mentor' I am very proud.

I believe that Robbie is a future 'A' Grade coach, and hopefully he will track with these fine young men all the way into grade footy.

*Robbie I take this chance to sincerely **thank you on behalf of myself and the Crocs Colts...THANK YOU!!!***

Thanks Chandlers

President Dan has employed all of his negotiating skills and along with some significant help from **Craig at Chandlers Berrimah** has procured the club a brand new projector and pull down screen for the clubhouse. I don't think the sensational purchase price is able to be disclosed but I'm led to believe that it was less than 20% of RRP.

Thanks Craig and Chandlers.

Croc Jottings

What a going away present **Jack Rotticci** received last Saturday night. A 1.2kg T Bone steak cooked to perfection on the BBQ. Jack certainly seemed to enjoy it. **Boulder**, I'm sure I'll be going away at some stage, can I get one now?

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The **lack of senior players at junior games** was mentioned last week. In the

process, the few who do go down regularly to support / help were acknowledged. As can sometimes happen, I managed to miss at least one senior player who is there most weeks, **Dan Simmonds**.

Sorry for the omission Dan. Please **keep up the good work** helping the coaches and refereeing games.

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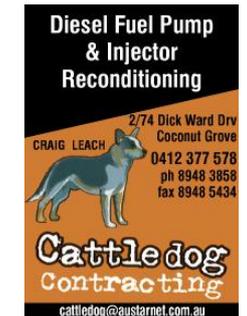
Snogga says thank you to the senior players who watched last Friday night's U16 game. You were noticed by the team and that excited them...thank you very much.



What great positioning. Did he get the decision right cousin Nick?



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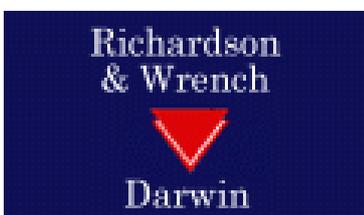


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