

## Upcoming Games

**SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

**AUSTAR Rugby Park 2**

3.30 **B** v Jabiru

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

A Grade Tooheys New Cup							
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT	
Dragons	13	9	0	4	9	45	
<b>Palmerston</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>41</b>	
Uni versi ty	12	8	1	3	6	40	
Souths	13	5	0	8	4	24	
Casuari na	13	1	1	10	2	8	

B Grade Abel Fiance Cup							
	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
<b>Palmerston</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>68</b>
Jabi ru	14	8	0	6	0	8	43
Dragons	16	9	0	7	1	7	39
Casuari na	16	6	0	10	0	10	34
Uni versi ty	15	8	0	7	1	6	34
Souths	15	0	0	15	1	1	0

## Coming Events

**Ian Hogan's 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

**Ian Hogan** will be celebrating his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday with a gathering at the Trailer Boat club this **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**. Events get underway from 6.30pm for 7.00pm.

Dinner is available from the Bistro at the Club.

Have you **RSVP'ed** to dad, Peter, so he can keep things organised with the Trailer Boat Club? He can be contacted on **hoges@ozconnect.net** or on **8901 1344** or **0413 476 648**.

**Karl's off**

**Karl McFarland** is off to Sydney at the end of this month and is having farewell

drinks this Saturday night. I thought backs were smarter than this.

Looks like it will be a **party procession**.

Karl is kicking off at about 6pm but is happy for everyone to rock around after Hoges bash.

He will be at **5/4 Queen St. Stuart Park**. BYO drinks & bathers. Something about his pool is no longer green and is ready to play. Finely chiseled bodies only!

## Darwin Show Garbage Services

This year our commitments run from **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July**. We don't have any senior rugby this week-end.

At this stage I still need a few more people for **Friday night, Saturday and Saturday night shifts**.

I ask people to give me a full day (7:00am – 5:00pm) or night (5:00pm – 1:00am) shift if at all possible.

**Give me a call NOW on 0401 111 700** and nominate yourself and a couple of mates for one of these shifts.

## Last Week's Games

**A v Casuarina**

The A Grade didn't take last week's defeat lying down. Even with John 'Sully' Sullivan and Vili Leqa out injured and Ben 'Cube' Emmett away on leave, they bounced back with a vengeance to record a 60 – 12 victory against Casuarina.

This could have been a danger game as Casuarina has been very competitive in their last few games but we gave them nothing. That is until the last 5 minutes when an intercept pass and a dropped ball gave them 2 run away tries.

The crowd (except for one, my wife Marcia) in the PRUC Sponsors Box was disappointed as they had been looking forward to seeing Casuarina leave the field with their pants off.

Tries were scored by **Todd Harrison (3), Shaun Jolley (2), Gareth Felton, Brock Evans, Jono Schwalger, Shane Stoeckert and Nick Barlow**. **Nick** also kicked 5 conversions.

The **Coaches Award** this week was selected by the **sponsors** as they enjoyed the afternoon in the Sponsors Box. After much discussion about fine performances from a number of players they selected **Jono Schwalger** for another great game, this week at half back.



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The **Player's Player** was **Dan Maroulis**.

Congratulations to both Jono and Dan.

### B v Casuarina

**Coach Blyton** returns this week with his commentary on the B Grade game.

*'B grade had another win 12 - 10 against Casuarina, making it 14 out of 15 for the season but this week I think we were pretty lucky.*

*Aspects of our game that are usually strong let us down. Our lineout did not function as well as normal, our forwards were slower to the ball then Casuarinas and our backline which has changed considerably in the last few weeks did not look as dangerous as usual.*

*Although we scored two tries to one I think that if Casuarina had played a bit smarter and took some of their shots at goal instead of*

*taking other penalty options we would have lost this one.*

*Despite this, a pleasing aspect was the way the boys managed to hang in there when the going got tough. For large periods of play we did not have the ball and our defence was pretty good. The game, particularly in the 1st half, did not have many stoppages so to defend the way we did showed character.*

*Again, I do not doubt the effort of the B grade players, each week on Saturday's you try your hardest but you let yourselves down by the inconsistency at training. The only thing that will stop us from winning this year is the effort that is put in from Monday to Friday not the effort that goes in on Saturday.*

*Other positives were, despite being behind for most of the match you kept trying to play*

*our style of rugby and you were eventually rewarded through a try from Paul Veach which he converted to give us the win. The lack of panic and confidence in your team mates will bode us well for the finals.*

*Strong games where had by Paul Veach, Leigh Stait, Shane Cotton, Matt Pheeny and Brad Naylor.*

*This game also had a guest appearance from Jeremy Bright aka, The Brahman, and Glen McPhee also played his 1st game for the year.'*

Our other try scorer was **Brad Naylor** while the **Player's Player Award** went to **Leigh Stait**.

### Connop's Corner

The A Grade again played super sensational rugby and I gather from sponsor feedback that the Coaches Award was very hard to pick. Especially when captain **Todd Harrison, Shaun Jolley, Daniel Maroulis, Jono Schwalger** and others played like champions.

Well done to the players and hopefully we can now rest up over the next 2 weeks and sort out any injury concerns before heading into the last few games and the finals.

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I am hoping that players have now ingrained in their minds that discipline is the key ingredient, along with



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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 + Music playing from 8pm
- **Goose Club Raffle @ Lizards Bar - Fridays 6-9pm for Palmerston Rugby Union Club**
- Darwin Cricket club Raffles - Saturday night from 6pm + Live music from 8pm on Saturday
- The Sunday Sesh is back - Music from 4pm.



fitness, skill level and mental preparation. If we continue to observe these key ingredients we have a very good chance of taking home the bacon come finals time.

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We, however, need all players on deck at training and need to consolidate our teams in A Grade and B Grade.

As I have said before if you cannot make training let your fingers do the walking and ring myself or Ben Blyton.

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Thanks to all the guys who sat on the bench on the weekend after playing a full game of B's.

Congratulations to **Jed Watson, Jeremy Bright** and **Matt Pheaney** who all got onto the field for a shot in A Grade for either the first time or in a while. Well done. Keep up the good spirit and

good will.

## Goose Club Roster

**This Friday night** it is the **B Grade forwards** turn. Next Friday it will be the **A Grade backs** turn.

Be there at by 6.00pm in your club shirt.

I hear numbers weren't good last Friday so get organised and plan ahead. These are a great fundraiser for the club.

## Graetz Grass Cutting

Most of your know **Dallas Graetz**, life member, story teller and singer extraordinaire. Well in semi retirement he has a business, **Graetz Grass Cutting**. He's not really into the lawns mowed bit but he is very keen on his other pursuits – **battles won, maidens rescued and breweries emptied**.

So if you need any of the

above services, give him a call on 0409 090 425.

## Coach's Insight?

There were a couple of interesting calls by coaches on the weekend that to an outsider may have seemed unusual but which were in fact pieces of sheer brilliance.

In B Grade **Alan 'Babbsie' Babbs** was all ready to start the game in the #5 jersey, not a jersey that **Coach Blyton** gives away readily.

Just as they were about to go on this was changed and **Babbsie** went on to the wing. Very interchangeable these two positions.

The brilliance wasn't understood until the last few minutes of the game when, with his team trailing 10-5 and under heavy attack, **Babbsie** positioned himself between the wing and inside player, **took the intercept**, ran, chipped, backed up and a short time later we scored and converted to win the game 12 - 10.

**How did the coach know about this?**

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In A Grade, **Coach Connop** took what might be seen as a harsh decision when he dragged **captain Todd Harrison** in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half.

**Todd** had scored **three tries** in the first half and was having a blinder. Todd walked off holding his own collar indicating he was being dragged.

**Snogga** summed it up afterwards when he said it was the end of an era – **no**



A man who doesn't want to be stopped. Go Trent.



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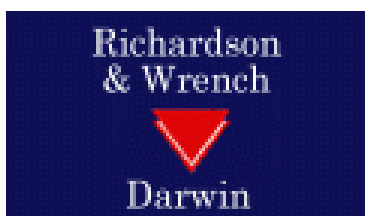
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**more Todd Iotto.** Todd now has to be dragged to get him off the field these days. The boy is a born leader.

## Experience Needed

It was sad to see one of our best flankers injured on the weekend when **Michael Killiner** went off with neck problems. Fortunately they weren't serious and he played strongly for the NT Schoolboys on Tuesday night against the visiting 1<sup>st</sup> XV from the Old Swinford Hospital School. His replacement on Saturday, **Glen McPhee**, however, added over 40 years of extra experience!

## For Sale

**Owen Blackwell** decided to make a comeback to rugby some months ago (perhaps with some encouragement from **Vince Kelly**) and went out and bought all the gear, boots, headgear and padding. Unfortunately, his comeback was very short lived with his body letting him down with a broken collar bone in about his second game. Consequently, he has decided to recycle the good gear.

**Boots** – Gilbert Celera HI8 size 11 (UK) – asking \$100.

**Headgear** - \$75 and **Pads** - \$75.

He maintains he only wore them for ½ a game so they are in excellent condition.

If you are interested email him at [bigo@octa4.net.au](mailto:bigo@octa4.net.au) or give him a call on 0417 878 392.

## Croc Jottings

**Stef Boscato** sent me an email last week telling me he has decided to **leave the army** after 18 years and has decided to settle in Sydney.

He is about to start a new job as the National Operations and Logistics Manager for Murrays Australia. Does that mean we should call him whenever we need a bus??

He is amazed that **Squitter** and **Burley Ben Blyton** are still running around (do they still have their own knees?).

He passes on his best regards to all the Crocs who remember him and wishes us all the best for the remainder of the season. He looks forward to reading about a Grand Final victory in CrocTales.

If anyone is going to be in Sydney he encourages you to drop him an email at [Sboscato@bigpond.net.au](mailto:Sboscato@bigpond.net.au)

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And they keep coming out of the woodwork. Seen hanging around at last night's **Vince Kelly's 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday C Grade game** against the Stray Cats were no other than **Sean Gill, Geoff Hughes, Hunter McGee** and **Guy Ford**. None of this quartet has been sighted yet this season. **Gilly**, as per normal, was carrying an injury from one of those non contact sports he plays like touch football or mixed netball. **Hughesy**, visiting from Jordon, was starting to

stiffen up from the morning's touch football game – his first running in 3 years he claims.

**Hunter** was enjoying the run now that he has had his shoulder reconstruction and was rewarded with the Stray Cats "**most trouble award**". **Guy** was also very active but wasn't too sure about his fitness.

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Another highlight of the game was the **reappearance** on the field of one **Bernard Bree**. Bernie is very, very good at deflecting all offers to take the field in a playing capacity but the occasion must have been too much for him.

He did however **listen very closely to the referees instructions**, unlike many players, and committed a foul early in the game and **got himself sent off for a beer**. It was obviously much better than the running because he found himself **trapped beside the esky**. He will of course claim that it was because he passed his jumper on to one of one U16 players, **Freddie Norris**, who was doing a much better job than he could ever do.



Another view of dry season rugby



Happy  
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