

## Upcoming Games

FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> June

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1

6.00 B v Dragons

7.30 A v Dragons

The junior competitions, including the U18s, are taking a break for the school holidays.

A Grade Tooheys New Cup							
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT	
Dragons	7	6		1	4	28	
Palmerston	7	4		3	5	21	
Casuarina	7	3		4	2	14	
Souths	8	3		5		12	
University	7	2		5	2	10	

B Grade Abel Finance Cup							
	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
Dragons	9	8	1			6	40
Palmerston	10	6		3		4	31
Jabiru	10	3	1	5		1	18
Souths	9	3	1	5		2	16
Casuarina	9	2	1	6		3	13
University	9	3		6	1	2	10

## Coming Events

### Friday night senior rugby

From tomorrow night, for four weeks, **senior rugby** will be played on **Friday evening** while the junior rugby takes a break for the school holidays.

The B Grade game will kick off at 6pm and the A Grade at 7:30pm.

See you there.

### Bledisloe @ Lizards Bar & Grill

It will all be happening at **Lizards Bar & Grill** this **Saturday night**.

From 5pm the club will be gathering to prepare for the Bledisloe Cup game between the Wallabies and the All Blacks.

There will be game promotions, some cheap drinks, meals are available and generally just a good time happening.

**Get along and support one of our major sponsors!!**

### Bateman's Bay Oldies + Steve Payne

Saturday 21st July

Dallas Graetz tells me that Peter Ryan from the Bateman's Bay Oldies has 13 players and **Steve Payne**, that is ex-Palmy Steve Payne, coming up to Darwin for a game against the Darwin Stubbies on **21<sup>st</sup> July**. He has volunteered our **Old Salties** to fill in and make up the numbers on both sides as required.

The exact time on Saturday is yet to be determined but watch this space.

### Garbage Collection @ Royal Darwin Show 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> July

Yes, we will be there keeping the grounds clean again for another year. Mark it in your diary and watch out soon for the call for volunteers.

This is a major fundraiser for the club so make sure you are available.

### Last Week's Games

B v Jabiru

Palmerston 47 d Jabiru 15

A/Coach Craig 'Squitter' Leach reports:

*'Palmy hosted Jabiru at Moulden Park Oval on Saturday and spectators were treated to a tryfest of*

*rugby. Jabiru was short and needed a player or two, so an unselfish Vince Kelly ran on for the Bushratz.*

*As is usual when playing Jabiru the game was filled with action and good spirits. A noted highlight was when a driving maul broke through the Jabiru defence and kept storming onward, even when the defenders fell off.*

*Rampaging Damien O'Brien was seen steering the 'Bullbar' of Bob Mitchell and Scott Werleman, all a bit unsure if that was actually legal!*

*Keven Jones also volunteered to have a run with Jabbas to even things up a bit. Palmy won the day with 7 tries to 3 and Gareth Cotter kicked 6 from 7.*

*T Bear Harrison said goodbye to the club with a fine 'Funnel Of Death' display at the after match beers and Palmy won the boat race in a photo finish.*

*Thanks to all for their help at the home game.'*

Tries were scored by **Gareth Felton, Ben Mitchell, Gary Cooper, Leigh Stait, Gareth Cotter, Brad Naylor and Tom Hurse**. **Gareth 'Cotts' Cotter** kicked 6 conversions.

I am told **Cotts** was helped in his goal kicking by young **Thomas Mitchell, Bob Mitchell's** son, who ran the kicking tee for him all day. **Well done Thomas.**

**U16 v University**

Palmerston 40 d University 17  
**Stand In Coach Felton** reports this week:



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**'What a fantastic effort by the boys.** We were a front rower down (which meant uncontested scrums, I was the only one disappointed by that) and Robbie Cotter was away with the NT Schoolboys team so we ended up with fifteen players and no reserves.

We opened the scoring relatively early but University quickly responded. With the pick and go proving a powerful tool the boys used it almost to perfection. **Our defense was outstanding**, shutting down many potential scoring opportunities. We scored a couple more tries in the first half to end the half about 15/17 to 5.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half the guys continued their dominance all around the paddock.

University was only able to score from minor mistakes against the run of play.

I was very impressed with the teams discipline during the game; the only blemish was an extra ten metres for back chat, well done guys.

**Anthony Smith's** try was a highlight. He caught the ball 10 metres in our own half, from a missed attempt to find touch from University. He then backed himself and took them on, after about 20 metres and right on the side line he toed the ball through and in a totally committed dive beat University to the ball to score the try. Just reward for an excellent effort.

The whole team played well, communicated to each other well and kept their composure considering they were in such control and could have easily let it slip.

If I were to give out best player points it would be **Jacob Collins** and **Jack Kypreos** 1 point, **Henry Burgess** & **Braedon Cunnington** 2 points and **Anthony Smith** 3 points.

Thanks to the U16's for your cooperation and efforts.'

Tries were scored by **Jake Noble (2), Henry Burgess, Tom Pavone, Jack Kypreos** and **Anthony Smith**. **Dean Staunton** kicked 5 conversions. Get this boy into A Grade to kick goals!!

### U14 v University

University 51 d Palmerston 0

**Coach Donovan** says:

This week was a **good one at training** riding on the back of our first win but reality set in Friday night when we played the well drilled Uni Pirates.

Even though we were comprehensively beaten the **team stuck to their game plan** and that was a pleasing result.

We had our opportunities and were able to put them under pressure a number of times but just were unable to convert those opportunities. The team understands what needs to be done to convert those opportunities and will continue to work hard in the coming weeks to try and make sure they can convert next time.

They have committed to train over the last couple of weeks of the school holidays to try and keep fit and game ready

This week's points went to **Shaun Ley** with one point and two points were shared by **Peter Kilgour** and **Brad Hogan**. Three points went to **Snow Levavasour** who also once again took out **Player's Player Award** for the second week in a row, while **Ashley Brooking** received the **McDonalds Palmerston Encouragement Award**.

**Congratulations** must also go to **Peter Kilgour, Snow Levavasour, Brad Hogan** and **Jarred Donovan** who were selected in the U14 Mozzie's Academy training squad.

### U12 v University

Palmerston 17 d Swampdogs 12

**Coach Scott** reports:

The lads finished off the last game before the holiday break with an exciting **come from behind win**. The game looked to be going all the Swampdogs way in the first half but some desperate defence kept them to only 12 points and a spectacular run away try by **Crusher Cotton** down the left hand sideline gave the team a feeling that they had a chance. The second half saw Palmerston recycling plenty of ruck ball and eventually **Jye Snowden** crashed over the line under the posts. The dogs then had plenty of chances to take the game but once again our defence was excellent. A turnover then saw the **Crusher** race down the sideline leaving 4 or 5 defenders in his wake to score and win the game. **Well played 12's**.

Tries were scored by **Ryan Cotton (2)** and **Jye Snowden** while Mr Unknown kicked a conversion.

### U10 v Dragons

Palmerston 14 d Dragons 12

Tries were scored by **Luke Rutherford** and **Brielle Felton**. **Riley Hogan** and **Luke Rutherford** kicked conversions.

### U8 v Dragons

Palmerston 60 d Dragons 25

Tries were scored by **Joe Cotton (7), Sean McFarlane (3), Cody Gill** and **Larissa Deo**.

### U6 v Swampdogs

Swampdogs 35 d Palmerston 30

Tries were scored by **Darcy Holmes (3), Mahlia Snowden, Mackenzie Brooks** and **Cody Akers**.



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### Happy Birthday!!

Jack Bolton	13 on 28 <sup>th</sup> June
Anthony Thomas	28 on 29 <sup>th</sup> June
Jordon Doevendans	14 on 30 <sup>th</sup> June
Adam Webber	16 on 1 <sup>st</sup> July
Brenton Whatley	16 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> July



## NT Schoolboys

CrocTales has managed to locate a reporter at the Australian Schools Division II Championships in Geelong and **Sean 'Boulder' Killiner** has provided the following reports on the NT's 3 games to date.

### Thanks Boulder.

#### Game 1 v Lloyd McDermott

This was a non competition game and the coaches used the opportunity to start some of the players not considered in the 1st 15. A number of Palmy players got a start with **Jai Wyles-Kelly, Blake Bishell** and **Michael Killiner** having strong games. The Lloyd's were very strong in the midfield with their centres creating plenty of chances. The NT's loan try scorer was **Kyle Davies** with a bullocking run from a tap kick about 5 metres out. The final score was Lloyd's 19 d NT 11.

#### Game 2 v Tasmania

The first of the competition games saw the NT field its strongest team with **Blake Bishell, Blake Chadwick, Tom Cummins, Michael Killiner**, and **Kyle Davies** all starting. In a very tightly contested 1st half the NT were down 6 to 5 at half time with their only points coming from

a try by **Michael Killiner**.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> half was a real arm wrestle and with the NT slotting over a penalty after about 5 minutes, the emphasis was on maintaining their lead. This was made virtually impossible by the number of penalties given away. In what **Bernie Bree** and I can only describe as the most over officiated game we have ever had the misfortune to see the NT were on the back of an horrendous penalty count and with less than 2 minutes on the clock Tasmania slotted a penalty goal from an impressive 45 metres out.

Final score Tasmania 9 d NT 8 - definitely the one that got away. The faces told the story - the team was gutted.

#### Game 3 v Victoria

The NT faced a huge challenge against a strong Victorian side and started the game with great commitment and after 5 minutes of sustained pressure were 7-0. The Victorians hit back with a try and at 7-5 the NT boys were competitive and showing some real spirit. The Victorians scored again shortly after to be up 12-7 and there was a chance the game could slip away. The NT held on until half time having to defend phase after phase - it

was a great effort.

Unfortunately, they could not hold out a much stronger and faster Victorian side.

Final score Victoria 36 d NT 7.

**Kyle** and **Michael** had strong games with **Tom** having a strong first half until he was replaced due to injury early in the second half.

**Robbie Cotter** started on the wing and played strongly. He was called upon during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half to take on the kicking duties and showed he was more than capable of the step up. The NT's try was scored by **Josh Hall**.

The final game was scheduled for this morning and was against South Australia. This was the last chance for players to impress for selection for the Combined States side.

## Brisbane Reunion

**Tony Burns** noted last week's query re this event and has put pen to paper for CrocTales.

*'Well folks better late than not at all.....*

*I really just wanted to wait and see if the Wallabies actually were going to offer something this year and it appears they may after the game in South Africa. I expect they should back up this week with an easy one in Melbourne against that other team in the Tri Nations.*

*Anyway, a quick summary of the events at Normanby / Norman / Pubs in general a few weeks back where the **Dave Harries' Welsh XV** were given the first 40 minutes to try and score and couldn't. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half it was the Wallabies turn and they could. All tries up our end of course.*

*Unfortunately it was a very ordinary game. Judging by the look on **Tony Morris'** face at half time, if I hadn't already spent the \$100 for his ticket, I would have given it back.*



Ben Burns and Roger Bennetts



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### Stop Press

CrocTales apologies profusely for forgetting to include our illustrious **President's birthday wish** in last week's CrocTales.

**Happy 28<sup>th</sup> Birthday for yesterday Dan.**



But the Normanby was another event. It must be age or wisdom but the players seems to be a **little more cagey** in coming up with strategies to actually get to the game these days. I think everyone survived this year which is a first in itself.

Highlights include;

- **Hellfire's** usual polished professional performance as MC topped with a Caltex shout to kick start the event – and I believe left with all his clothes on – another first.
- **Mike Wilson's** lovely touches to update the frock of shame to 2007 with colour co-ordinated feather boa, bum-bow and matching handbag. Obviously with all the dry cleaning he had done after wearing it over the last 12 months there was some shrinkage in the frock itself.
- **Mr C** and his close friend **Backdoor** who just seemed to take turns in wearing the frock on the night and enjoyed undressing each other to swap each time.
- Finding the long lost **Roger Bennetts** – who just dropped into the pub for a beer and asked what was going on – he just happened to play for Palmie in the **Grand Final 1978/79**. Of course his claim wasn't accepted without some intense spotlighting by **Hellfire** to validate his authenticity.
- Also finding the same Croc outfit that **Dan McIntyre** rented last year – it still had the slide marks & beer stains - that was beer Dan? The Croc was Mr C's only friend at the end of the night.
- **Mike Barnard's** late scratching on the day that has earned him the first **permanent frock allocation** for the game next year. We may need two frocks but will have to

check if that can be accommodated in the constitution – any advice on these complex matters from Palmie learned ones would be welcomed.

As I recall there was also some discussion late in the day that we hold next year's Brisbane event in Darwin – and watch it on a big screen after the Moulden home game.

We will have to see if it gets any legs after the World Cup but I am concerned about the cab fare home.

Anyway that's it for another year. Thanks **Hellfire** for the **impeccable preparations & presentations on the day.**

### Croc Jottings

**Jeremy 'Bullfrog' Bree** will be in Darwin from 8<sup>th</sup> July for a week and is keen to catch up with people after training or at the game on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July. He may even bring his boots.

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**Jeremy** also tells CrocTales that the **Bullfrog is expecting a tadpole delivery** in December. Wife **Nicky** is doing well and they are both very excited.

**Congratulations from all at Palmerston Rugby Union Club.**

I wonder how **Coach Bree** is coping with the news that he will soon be a **Grandpa**?

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**Darren Bishell** must be wondering where all of his luck has gone. He has been working hard with the U16s all year and when he turns his back for a minute **Gareth 'Shrek' Felton** guides them to a great win last Friday night.

**Fiona Austine**, mum of player **Hayden**, tells me it is the best game they have played so far this season and it was just absolutely fantastic to watch.

**Well done everyone.**

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Happy holidays. **Burly Ben Blyton** has called to say that there is no drought in Queensland!!

On taking the scenic route to Brisbane via the Roper Highway, the Blyton's have hit the mid year rains at Burketown. All the roads eastward were cut for a while, so **Burly** was happy to report that he has seen the local sights.... all in the space of 1/2 an hour.

What now! **Bledisloe** on the radio by campfire at Burketown, we'll all be thinking of you.



Mr C and friend



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