

## Upcoming Games

FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> July

AUSTAR Rugby Park 2  
7.30 A v South Darwin

Note that South Darwin has forfeited the B Grade game and University the U18 game.

SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> July

To be confirmed

2.00 B v Jabiru

A Grade Tooheys New Cup							
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT	
Dragons	9	8		1	4	36	
Palmerston	10	5		5	7	27	
Casuarina	9	5		4	3	23	
University	10	3		7	3	15	
Souths	10	3		7		12	

B Grade Abel Finance Cup							
	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
Dragons	12	10	1	1		7	49
Palmerston	13	9		3		6	45
Jabiru	13	4	1	7		2	23
Casuarina	12	4	1	7		4	22
Souths	12	3	1	8	1	2	12
University	12	3		9	1	2	10

## Coming Events

Bateman's Bay Oldies  
Saturday 21st July

Dallas Graetz has confirmed that the Darwin Stubbies are playing the Peter Ryan led Bateman's Bay Oldies including ex-Croc Steve Payne, at AUSTAR Rugby Park at 5pm on Saturday.

Any and all Old Salties who would like a run (and a drink afterwards) are more than welcome. Just front up with your gear and a jumper.

The Stubbies will be hosting a BBQ afterwards for all players.

Dallas can be contacted on 0409 090 425 if you need more information.

Garbage Collection @  
Royal Darwin Show

I need volunteers NOW

for the following shifts.

Thursday 5pm – 11pm

Friday 5pm – 1am

Saturday 7am – 5pm

Saturday 5pm – 1am

Email or SMS me at

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or 0401 111 700 NOW!!

## Last Week's Games

A v Casuarina

Casuarina 13 d Palmerston 8

Coch Bree has provided the following report on last Friday night's game:

*'We just can't reach our potential. Casuarina came out firing and we seemed intent to weather the storm and see what would happen. Some indecision at the back cost us early ground and it just never clicked.'*

*We had a game plan to spread the ball a bit wider of the rucks but couldn't make it happen. As a result we got tied up in close and every ball seemed like first phase under pressure.*

*The score was only 13-8 with one try each. Casuarina spotted that we were down a winger when Brad Naylor was injured and they spread it wide*

*and scored. This came from our lineout.*

*There were some very good phases of pressure but we must turn these into points. How many times did we pull up short or get over without result?*

*Shaun Jolley and Lee Verrall had big games and travelled well. Vili Leqa had some incisive runs but we can't seem to get him into gaps at present. Wise Sekitoga again was full of running in attack and Tommy Hurse showed that if we get the ball wide it can all happen.*

*We are now under pressure for second place so we must win the next two games.'*

Our try was scored by Craig Leach and Shane Stoekert kicked a penalty goal.

Player's Player was Vili Leqa.

B v Casuarina

Palmerston 17 d University 5

Coch Killiner has returned from his mid winter sojourn to Geelong, Melbourne and Canberra and reports on last Friday's game:

*'A hard fought win with the game in the balance until a late Palmerston try sealed the victory.'*

*With a couple old faces, some really old (Mick Smith) and some not so old (Jeremy Bree) making guest*

*appearances both on and off the field – I will leave it up to you to*

### Honour Board - 12 July 2007

A Grade Coach's Award: Craig Leach

B Grade Coach's Award: Craig Leach



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decide which one was which – Palmerston took on the 'old enemy' in Friday night football. After some comprehensive victories in the last couple of weeks, the coach was feeling the pressure of continuing the great work of **Squirter** and **Snogga**.

Casuarina started the game strongly and dominated possession early, but with some very committed defence we were able to keep them at bay. Slowly the tide turned and with a large share of first phase ball, together with a number of penalties, Palmy was able to gradually get the better of Casuarina and turn pressure into points.

We were able to take advantage of the penalty count with line kicks and then secure quality ball from lineouts. Eventually weight of possession gave way and **Gareth 'Cotts' Cotter** wearing the #10 and playing most of the game on one leg was able to **score 2 tries** – one a clever quick tap close to the line where he was able to slide through the obviously bamboozled Casuarina defence for a try.

There were notable individual performances with **Ryan Dustings** having his first game back at hooker after a long absence and playing very well. **Michael Killiner** controlling the lineouts, **Brett Lenz** leading by example with a high work rate and a very mobile **Gary Cooper** always having an impact at the breakdown. In the backs **Cotts** ran the ball to the advantage line well and was rewarded with 2 first half tries. **Paddy Killen** had a strong game with some great defence and **Bronson Mitchell** from fullback provided leadership and direction in the backs and he too was rewarded with a try late in the game.

It is great to see a core group of B grade players establishing themselves in the team and as the finals draws nearer competition for spots in both A and B grade is bound to hot up. Attendance at training and a strong work ethic will not go unnoticed.

**A victory over Casuarina is always pleasing - WELL DONE.'**

Tries in the match were scored by **Gareth Cotter (2)** and **Bronson Mitchell**. **Cotts** also kicked a conversion.

**Player's Player** was **Paddy Killen**.

### Rugby Billets

This year there are two English schools, **Eltham College** and **Merchant Taylors' School**, visiting Darwin for games against our Schoolboys team.

**Billets are required** for both teams. Eltham College is here for the nights of Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July and they **play the Schoolboys at 6pm on the Monday night**.

The Merchant Taylors' School – what a great name for a school, is here for the nights of Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August with their **game being at 6pm on Thursday night**.

If you can help out with the billeting for one or both teams then please email **Cathy Briner** at [cathie.briner@ntrugby.com.au](mailto:cathie.briner@ntrugby.com.au) or **Bruce Kennon** at [rugbyshop@bigpond.com](mailto:rugbyshop@bigpond.com)

### Junior Referees Course

This **FREE course** (\$5 each for dinner) has been organised to ensure that playing, coaching, teaching and refereeing of Junior Player Pathway modified games is enjoyable, safe, positive and a fun experience for all.

It is being held from **5pm to 8pm on Wednesday 25 July** at AUSTAR Rugby Park.

Contact **Cathie Briner** at the NTRU – 8945 1444 if you want more information or want to register for the course.

### ARU National Volunteer of the Year

I am honoured to report that I have been selected as the NT's nominee for the Australian Rugby Union **National Volunteer of the Year Award**.

All State and Territory nominees have been invited to next Monday night's **John Eales Medal Dinner** in Brisbane. This night is the Wallabies Presentation Night where the Wallabies Player of the Year Award is presented.

The Wallabies World Cup squad will also be announced at this year's dinner.

The ARU encourages nominees to bring their partner with them and **Marcia and I** are very much looking forward to the night.

A very big THANK YOU to **Bernie Bree** and others who went to the trouble of nominating me.

Watch out for more information in next week's **CrocTales**.

### Claude Pozzutti

Claude was a **Bayside flanker** in the late 1970s / 1980s and passed away

#### Happy Birthday!!

<i>Marcia Russell</i>	?? on 19 <sup>th</sup> July
<i>Ben Blyton</i>	39 on 19 <sup>th</sup> July
<i>Vince Kelly</i>	41 on 21 <sup>st</sup> July
<i>Ian Hogan</i>	19 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
<i>Alec Thomas</i>	15 on 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
<i>Craig Leach</i>	40 on 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
<i>Dennis Bree</i>	56 on 24 <sup>th</sup> July
<i>Brendan Russell</i>	17 on 25 <sup>th</sup> July



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unexpectedly recently.

Bayside has invited any Palmerston players and supporters who remember **Claude** to a celebration of his life and a wake at the Ski Club tomorrow. The **ceremony** will be from **2pm – 3pm** with the wake to follow.

### Croc Jottings

History was made last Thursday night at the Palmerston clubhouse. For the first time this season, the same person won **both the A Grade and B Grade Coaches Awards**. No mean feat really.

**Squitter** got the A Grade Award from **Coach Bree** because of his dedication to training and his ability to fill in and do what was needed and the B Grade award from **Coach Killiner** because of his coaching of the B Grade team while **Boulder** was away.

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For those who have been keenly following the progress of ex-Croc **Rod Williams** over the past year or so, the good news is that he is well on the road to recovery.

He visited his Specialist in Sydney recently to undertake a blood test and the results show that his blood cell level is **coming back to normal** and he was advised to come in for the next test in three months time.

He reports that's his **energy levels are coming back** and he hopes to increase his exercise routine over the next few months.

He has not had any alcohol since Boxing Day 2006 so beware the return of Rod.

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It must be the **Dry Season**.

As reported in the B Grade game write-up **Mick Smith** has been in Darwin visiting his



The boys fuelling up for the night!!

sons and checking out how the club's teams are traveling.

I think he had **plenty of advice** for the coaches during the games.

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**Jeremy and Nicky Bree** have also been in town on a quick visit escaping the Melbourne cold. They have promised to comeback again next dry season and bring their **new tadpole** for a Show and Tell.

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**Pete McLaurin** was also at the rugby games last Friday night.

Pete has been in Townsville for a while now but is about to head even further north; no not back to Darwin, but to Cairns.

He still looked fit enough to be pulling on a jumper and running around with the A Grade.

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Check out this week's Territory Times, on the news stands tomorrow. All sorts of interesting information about the goings on at Palmerston Rugby

Union will be included.

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Now let's see, when is 9 months back from about the 19<sup>th</sup> July? My calculations tell me that it is about the 19<sup>th</sup> October.

I wonder what is/was so **special about that time of year** to have so many people with birthday's this week?

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A very special **Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday** to my wife **Marcia** for today.



Every Mum loves her little boy!!  
**Tom and Marcia** at the Birthday Party



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