

Welcome to the 2008 Rugby Union Season

Well a very late start for CrocTales this season, I hope you haven't missed it too much.

The pre-season is now out of the way and all of those funny, 7 man and 10 man games are over and the real thing starts on Friday night.

Upcoming Games

Round One

FRIDAY 28th March

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1

6.00 **U6**

6.00 **U8** v South Darwin

AUSTAR Rugby Park 2

6.00 **U10** v South Darwin

6.50 **U12** v Swampdogs

7.40 **U14** v South Darwin

SATURDAY 29th March

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1

2.30 **U16** v South Darwin

4.00 **U18** v Casuarina

5.30 **B** v Casuarina

7.00 **A** v Casuarina

Round Two

FRIDAY 4th April

To be advised

SATURDAY 5th March

Magela Field - JABIRU

4.00 **B** v Jabiru

5.30 **A** City v Country

Coming Events

Home Games in 2008

Saturday 26th April

Sunday 4th May

Saturday 24th May

Saturday 7th June

Get these dates in your diary, these will be important days and lots of helpers and supporters will be needed.

Training

Training has been underway for all junior and senior players for some weeks now although I note that a few established players have had some difficulty in finding their way to Moulden Park Oval.

I can assure them all those stories about Snogga being a hard task master aren't true. That's only when you run into him on the field.

Remember it is each **Tuesday** and **Thursday** at Moulden Park Oval, Bonson Terrace Moulden. **Junior grades from 5pm, U16 & Seniors from 6pm.**

If you can't make training for some reason then please call **Manager Fiona** on 0423 317 464 or **Physio Cat** on 0405 443 774.

A Grade

Although the final teams for the week-end are yet to be finalised, **Coach Snowden** has re-confirmed his desire to give some of the **club's up and coming players** an opportunity this season.

Look out for a young veteran in **Ian Hogan** at 19 to be joined in the A Grade forward pack this year by 18 year old **Kyle Davies** and 17 year old **Blake Bishell**.

I know he wishes that other young guns like **Michael Killiner** and **Tom Cummins** were still around to also be a part of the club's future.

Sponsors

Welcome back to all of our loyal sponsors and a big welcome to our new ones. The club would not survive without your generous support.

Check them out around CrocTales and make sure that you support them whenever you can.

Watch future CrocTales for more details of these great companies.

Clubhouse

Well what a **terrible week** and Easter at the PRUC Clubhouse!!

After no break-ins or vandalism in a long time, someone in the local community has taken a real dislike to the club and has **broken into the Clubhouse on 4 separate occasions** in the past week.

With continued repairs closing off entry points our friends resorted to **smashing through the wall** into the kitchen area to gain entry the final time.

CrocTales doesn't have full details but it appears our burglars were after more than just alcohol this time and have



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taken jumpers, club polo's balls etc. The **current estimate is losses of \$7,000.**

Working Bee

Secretary Rob tells CrocTales that it is planned to have a Working Bee at the Clubhouse this Sunday afternoon from 2:30pm to clear up and tidy up after the break ins.

It is hoped to have the clubhouse secure again by today and Sunday afternoon can be used to do a general clean up etc. and get the Clubhouse back on it's feet. Rob is also hopeful of having time to have a chat (over a cool drink of course) about future developments for the Clubhouse with regard to extension / refurbishment.

Call Rob on 0439 809 455 if you want more details.

Manager's Reminders

Manager Fiona has highlighted the following key information for all senior players.



All players who haven't signed their **registration form** must do so on **TONIGHT** at training. You can't play until it is completed and you are not insured should a serious injury occur.



A B Grade Team Manager is urgently required.

Fiona can show them the ropes etc

See her at training or the games.

Additional water runners are also required on game day. Again have a talk to Fiona.



Don't forget, if you **can't make it to training** or **will be away for games** then PLEASE let the Manager and Coach know. There job is stressful enough without worrying about where players are.



All players are to be at the ground on game day at least an hour before kick-off.



As in previous year's **Cat Waite** will be providing **strapping and sports medicine** services at senior games.

The deal remains the same (as does the price), **bring your own tape** or pay Cat to use hers.

Membership Fees

2008 membership fees are **now due and payable.** See Treasurer Percy or Secretary Rob at training / games or Barman Dennis after training. Credit card facilities are available.

Fees are:

Senior Playing member - \$190 including insurance, polo shirt, shorts and socks;

Non-Playing member - \$60 including a polo shirt;

Social Member (non voting) - \$10

U18 Playing member - \$100 including insurance, polo shirt, shorts and socks.

Croc Jottings

Is he our first Wallaby?

CrocTales is hearing that young **Dallas Graetz** (55++) has been in Perth **representing Australia** in the Golden Oldies game against the northern hemisphere.

Word is that he is quite proud of the achievement, very rightly so, I say.

CrocTales will be looking for details and facts, or at least believable lies, to report next week.



Ben Emmett

CrocTales had a call from **Ben Emmett** during the week. Ben wanted to let the club know that his retirement from representative rugby didn't last and he will be playing prop for the **Newcastle Hunter team** in the **FINAL** of the **NSW Country Championships** this Friday night in Sydney. He claims Fi couldn't stand him hanging around home moaning about missed opportunities etc.

Evidently they are the **curtain raiser to the Waratahs** Super 14 game (some might say they should be the main game given the way the Waratahs have been scrambling around).

The NSW Country team for the Australian Rugby Shield will be selected after the game. Although deep down I am sure Ben would love to be selected, even he concedes the **selectors will go with a youth policy.**

Ben will also make his debut for the **Maitland Blacks** on Saturday afternoon.



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