

Upcoming Games

FRIDAY 11th JULY

AUSTAR Rugby Park 2
6.00 **B** v Souths
7.30 **A** v Souths

A Grade Tooheys New Cup							
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT	
Souths	11	10		1	3	43	
Uni versi ty	11	7	1	3	6	36	
Casuar i na	12	4		8	2	18	
Dragons	11	4		8	1	17	
Pal merston	11	2	1	8	4	14	

B Grade Abel FI nance Cup							
	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
Uni versi ty	14	9	2	3		6	46
Jabi ru	15	9		5		9	45
Pal merston	15	7	1	7	1	6	32
Dragons	14	6		8		4	28
Casuar i na	14	5	1	8		4	26
Souths	14	5		9		5	25

Coming Events

Cleanup @ Darwin Show
Thursday 24th July -
Sunday 26th July

Volunteers are beginning to contact me but we still have plenty of spots left. I mainly need people for the Friday and Saturday day and night shifts. These are the busy times at the Show and when we need the most people.

Available shifts are:

Thursday 7am – 5pm (4 people)
Friday 7am – 5pm (6)
Friday 5pm – 1am (6)
Saturday 7am – 5pm (6)
Saturday 5pm – 10pm (3)
Saturday 5pm – 1am (6)
Sunday 8am – 12.00pm (6)

If you want to volunteer put your name on the notice in the clubhouse or send me an email at

garry.russell@nt.gov.au or an SMS to 0401 111 700.

Last Week's Games

A v University

University 36 d Palmerston 5
University started very well in this game and raced to an 18 – 0 lead after just 18 minutes. We started to get our act together then and there were no more points scored in the 1st half.

Good pressure and a great chase and toe through saw **Mika Dreu** score a great individual try immediately after half time. This got us on the board and provided some hope for a comeback.

We continued to be competitive for the next 30 minutes with neither side able to make significant in roads and University choosing to kick penalties when given the opportunity. The last ten minutes was all University with them running in a couple of late tries to blow the score out. We had another **A Grade debutant** this week, another 17 year old, **Anthony Smith**. Congratulations **Smithy** and a great effort to win this week's **Palmerston Sports Club Player's Player Award**.

Other good performers in the game included **Shaun Jolley**, **Jai Wyles-Kelly** and **Shane Stoeckert**.

B v University

University 12 d Palmerston 10
This was a close and hard fought game with University holding on to win.

Our try scorers were **Gareth 'Cotts' Cotter** and **Scott Werleman**.

The Palmerston Sports Club **Player's Player** winner was

Chris Carlin. Other big contributors were **Jesse De Villiers** and **Jeffery Cummings**.

Croc Jottings

Croc **Kyle Davies** was the only Territory Schoolboy to make the Combined States team after last week's National Division II Schoolboys Championships in Geelong.

Congratulations Kyle.

Combined States coach and Croc **Dave Ley** said that **Kyle was a stand out** at the carnival and he looked forward to the same effort this week at the Division I Championships in sunny Canberra.

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Some old Crocs are questioning the late 3pm start to last week-ends Brisbane Test reunion? Are we getting old asks **Paddy Bree**? He certainly is, he was accompanied by his 19 year old son **James** this year.

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It wasn't late enough for **Mr Casuarina**. He again managed to go missing, injured, during the 2nd half.

He claims to have slipped on the steps and hit his nose but others believe that someone in the crowd just hit him for wearing a Manly Sea Eagles jumper to a rugby test!!

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Jeff 'Hellfire' Bennett has been to all previous Brisbane Test reunions but missed last week-ends. He says 'I have a pang in my heart and foulness in my belly at the prospect of missing this first event'. So do all the others.



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Youthful ref holds the line

Aaron Goile - Waikato Times
Wednesday, 02 July 2008

A 15-year-old boy is surrounded by players twice his age, intimidated in no way, confident of keeping them in line.

Reimana Kerr-Barlow is one of the country's youngest rugby referees and has already been blowing the whistle for seven years. After growing up in Australia's Northern Territory, Reimana moved here two years ago and currently boards at Hamilton Boys' High School's Argyle House hostel.

Playing rugby was always a passion but when aged just eight, Kerr-Barlow was handed

a whistle by his mother to officiate a junior kids' match. "My mum was part of rugby development in Darwin and one day there was a shortage of referees so she asked me," Kerr-Barlow said.

From there, he made a natural progression into refereeing. "I pretty much kept it up and once I'd started there were more people helping me out." A couple of those people included top Australian referees James Leckie and Brett Bowden. "They are always at the Darwin sevens tournament, and they were a good help and always watching and looking to give advice."

After moving to Hamilton, Kerr-Barlow was keen to continue with refereeing and was pointed in the right

direction by staff and rugby coaches at HBHS. After meeting with Waikato Rugby's referee education officer, Blair Collier, Kerr-Barlow immediately felt welcomed and supported in the local scene. "Blair asked what grades I had been reffing and what grades I thought I should be reffing. Along the way he has videotaped my performance and has offered me advice," Kerr-Barlow said.

Since those first few days, Kerr-Barlow has moved through the ranks of secondary school rugby and has been officiating in the under-85kg club grade as well, confronting players many years his senior. The hardest aspect of refereeing, in his eyes, is player management. "As long as you start off

decisive and confident, it's usually okay, but having to deal with angry players isn't that great."

Many people are skeptical about getting into refereeing because of the abuse that runs with it. But Kerr-Barlow hasn't encountered anything but the odd fed-up coach or loud-mouthed parent from the junior grades. That could change if he gets the chance to referee his older brother. At present his brother, Tawera, plays halfback for the Hamilton BHS first XV. "I refereed a team of his back in Australia and he was pretty quiet. I'm actually not that comfortable reffing people I know because it draws a line in the friendship a bit," Kerr-Barlow said. At present Kerr-Barlow has no major set goals in rugby refereeing but he's looking to continue with it when he moves back to Darwin in the coming years.



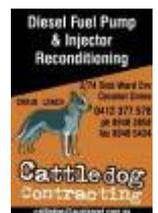
IN CONTROL: Fifteen-year-old Reimana Kerr-Barlow has been reffing for seven years and now officiates in games involving players many years his senior



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