

Next Games

FRIDAY 3rd APRIL

6.00	U5	
6.00	U7	v University
6.00	U9	v University
6.00	U11	v Swampdogs Blue
6.50	U13	Bye
7.50	U15	Bye
9.00	U17	v Dragons

SATURDAY 4th APRIL

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1

4.30	B	v Casuarina
6.00	A	v Casuarina

Coming Events

Ladies Day this Saturday

Let's get the season off to a great start. Guys pay the \$5, ladies be there from 4.30pm to enjoy. Call Gareth on 0421 452 723 for info.

Last Week's Games

B v Jabiru

Palmerston 39 d Jabiru 22

Captain **Dave Cairns** led the Mighty B's to first up win on the road at Jabiru last weekend.

Our tries were scored by **Dave Cairns, Jai Wyles-Kelly, Tom Hurse, Anthony Smith, Jacob Collins, Freddy Norris** and **Bill Namakadre**. **Josh Gray** and **Curt Evans** kicked conversions.

The **Player's Player Award** winner was **Curt 'Ezmay' Evans**.

U17 v Swampdogs

Palmerston 60 d Swampdogs 0

Coach **Bishell** reports a strong start for the U17s this year.

'The U/17's started the season where they finished last year. We played the Swampdogs and managed to defeat them 60 – nil. It is good to see that the Swampdogs have managed to

get a full team for this year, ensuring that we have a four team competition. The whole team stepped up to the mark for this game and it would be hard to name any stand out players, I thought **Jake Taylor** (Noble) had a good game at prop, for the first time and I don't see him returning to the back row in the near future. **Alec Irlam** had a great game returning from a long stint at Rugby League, he settled into the No 8 position like he hadn't left. It is refreshing to finally have four props to call on, this allowed **Corey Singleton** who played prop last year, might I add he played way above his weight, to **play fullback** and he proved that we have not lost anything with **Alex Johnson** being unable to play due the AFL NTIS commitments. **Corey's** big runs in counter attack were awesome to watch.

We have the Dragons this week in a rematch of last year's Grand Final and it would be good to avenge our one point loss.'

Our tries scorers were **L Wade (2), Henry Burgess (2), Aaron Cotton (2), J Taylor, Patrick Daziels, Dylan Wyles-Kelly** and **B Hogan**. **J Marshall** kicked 3 conversions and **B Hogan 2**.

U15 v Swampdogs

Swampdogs 29 d Palmerston 27

Coach Cotton reports on an exciting game for the U15s.

'The first round of the season saw Palmerston v Swampdogs in a Grand Final replay. With **25 players** available the team understood that they could go hard from the start because they had quality back up. The Palmy

off season cobwebs saw the first 20 minutes with the opposition scoring 4 unanswered tries. With some catch up to do the Palmy boys began to hit their straps. With an excellent solo try going to **Damien Stedman** the half time score was 5-24. The half time break saw areas of improvement communicated to the team and the 2nd half was all Palmy's way. The defence had improved greatly and the attack was a better team effort leading to us running in 3 more unanswered tries by **Damian Stedman, Jack Bolton** and **Wade Burkenhagen** with the conversion by **Dylan Holmes**. The score was now 22-24 with Swampies converting 2 tries to our 1 and with 10 minutes to go Swampdogs scored again in the corner. Our backline scored an excellent try out wide in the final moments of the game. The high pressure kick was up to new talent **Matios Hayes**. An excellent attempt saw the ball bounce off the upright leaving a final score of 27-29. **Well done** to all players for our first game of the season and the very exciting finish.'

Our tries scorers were **Damian Stedman (2), Wade Burkenhagen (2), and Jack Bolton**. **Dylan Holmes** kicked a conversion.

U13 v Swampdogs

Palmerston 34 d Swampdogs 7

Our tries scorers were **X McKenzie (2), D Clark, K Groves, O Gulder** and **G Sanfelds**. **R Hogan** kicked two conversions.

U11 v Swampdogs Red

Palmerston 24 d Swampdogs Red 19



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Our tries scorers were **J Lynch (2), H Martin** and **C Killian. H Martin** and **T Hardy** each kicked a conversion.

U9 v Swampdogs

Swampdogs 37 d Palmerston 24

Our tries scorers were **M Drue (3)** and **D Bell. M Drue** also kicked two conversions.

U7 v Swampdogs Red

Palmerston 40 d Swampdogs Red 10

Our tries scorers were **L Roberts (3), J Rickard, C Butcher, K Reid, J Blyton** and **N Lynch.**

U7's & U5's

Coach Blyton doesn't have a game report this week but has an important message.

'Parents of U5's & U7's we need help.

We are **looking for coaches** for both the U5's and the U7's.

You may not be aware but I am taking my long service leave this year and will be **leaving town** for a while **from June.** Please see me if you are able to help out even on a casual basis as we can try and make something work.

Parents are also welcome on training nights to help out with the drills as the more help we get the smaller the groups we can work with. Believe me it is quite fun and rewarding to work with the kids and see their skills improve as well as the enjoyment that they get out of the game.

Under 7's

We currently have over **20 interested players** for the U7's and while this is great it will mean limited game time for the kids if we continue with one team.

What we would like to do is **nominate a 2nd team** for this age group. Our plan is for the kids to continue to **train together** as one group on Tuesday and Thursday but have two teams on Fridays night. Teams will not split on ability rather we will try and split

the teams with siblings playing together, friends together etc.

*For a team to work successfully it really needs up to **three helpers per team on game nights.** One person on the field with the players, one person looking after the reserves and making the changes and one person to keep scores. Any help would be appreciated so please see me if you are interested in helping out in anyway.*

Under 5's

We had a good role out with 8 players turning up on Friday to play which was great – now we need a coach. Until they get a coach the U5's will be training with the U7's on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 5.15 till 6.00.

If you are interest in coaching but worried about time commitments please come and see me because there is support available within the club to assist.'

Fiona's Forum

Yes, **Fiona Austine** is back as the Manager of the senior teams and is already issuing instructions and guidance.

*'Any players who are not able to make training or the games are to contact **Head Coach Alan 'Babbsy' Babbs** on 0427 188 563 or **Team Manager Fiona Austine** on 0438 875 436. Please.....'*

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*'All Senior players who have not re-signed or filled out their registration forms please see **Club Registrar, Alison Snowden** at training on Tuesday or Thursday night or see **Manager Fiona Austine.**'*

Test Match Tickets

The Australian Rugby Union is offering NT, SA and Tasmanian Rugby Clubs the opportunity to attend the below Test Matches.

Each Club has the opportunity to purchase a block booking in the Silver ticket category. The tickets can only be purchased by the

club at one time on one order form and the form has to be submitted by 22nd April 2009. So we need to get organised.

Rob Sloan will be **taking orders** for tickets next Tuesday night in the clubhouse between 6pm and 8.30pm. The orders must be accompanied by the money.

The games are:

Italy - Canberra – 13th June

Italy - Melbourne –20th June

France - Sydney –27th June

All Blacks - Sydney –22nd August

South Africa - Perth–29th August

South Africa - Brisbane – 5th Sept

Give Rob a call on 0439 809 455 if you need to know the prices.

Thank You

A lot has been going on around the club to get things up and running for the year and the President and Committee would like to say a few THANK YOU's.

Working Bee at the Clubhouse

James & William Beattie, Fiona Austine, Lyn, Shane & Aaron Cotton, Andrea, Ned Kelly, Darren, Blake & Jordan Bishell, Gareth Felton, Jeff Cummings Ralph (Miles Hindle), Colin, Jye, Koby, Mahlia & Ali Snowden.

Junior Sign On Day Helpers

Darren Bishell, Shane & Lyn Cotton, Gareth & Julie Felton, Tracey Rainger, Blake Bishell, Fiona Austine, Ned & Pauline, Percy Peel, Rob Sloan, all the Snowden's.

Thanks also to:

Luke Sibenaler for the donation of lounge chairs for the clubhouse and **Chris Killian** for the donation of a physio table.

Junior Sausage Sizzle

Thanks to **Jas & Robyn Deo of RP Project Management** for the donation of sausages, bread etc.

Thanks also to **helpers** Ned Kelly (our wonderful BBQ cooker), Ms Wyles, Mrs Deo, Mrs Bolton, Mrs Chui Clark & Mrs Cotton.



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