

PALMERSTON



RUGBY UNION CLUB

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The new season begins!

Well not quite yet but it's not far off. **The 10s started on Friday 1st September with two wins to Palmie against Uni and Casuarina.** Great Start! We are not noted as good starters and have had trouble for years at this time of the season. Many new faces have been turning up at the clubhouse and unfortunately they have not been meeting many old faces and we are concerned that they may drift away.

Please help out by starting your season now. At present training is just Wednesday and a good start could make all the difference to our numbers and team morale come the hard part of the season.

See you there!

Coaches and Managers

We have re-appointed **Steven Roberts** (Doggie) as the 'A' Grade coach after his great season at the helm last year. He has been gathering a few souls together from time to time to play against Schools teams. If you haven't been contacted it probably means that either you're too old or he hasn't got your contact.

His contact is 8944 5533 (wk) 8948 1916 (hm)
steven.roberts@atsic.gov.au

Les Huddleston has agreed to take on the Under 18 team. This team will be a major focus of our season this year and we hope that you will all assist in getting this very important age group going. You can do this by helping out Les or by just turning up and watching.

We are also advertising for those interested in:

- **Managers** for 'A' grade, 'B' grade and 'C' grade and under 18s
- **Coaches** for 'B' grade and 'C' grade
- **Managers and coaches** for all junior teams: Under 8s, 10s, 12s, 14s and 16s.

A meeting of coaches and managers at the clubhouse went very well and we now have the makings of a great coaching team. This team will be announced soon but there are still places available, so if you have an interest at senior or junior level please call me.

Contact Bernie Bree on:
tel: 89453530 (hm) or 89813211 (wk). 

Let's all get a bit more involved with all of the club.

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calendar

This season we want to get a calendar together so that we can plan ahead. A strange and scary concept I know but I thought that we may give it a go anyway. Here's the beginning. Got anything to add?



september

- Friday 8** ● **10 a side Competition Palmerston draw.**
6.20pm vs Souths. 8.45 vs Litchfield.
- Sunday 10** ● **Working Bee at the Clubhouse followed by a barbeque and drinks.**
Starts 10am.
- Sunday 10** ● **Schools Astar 10s.** We need support and assistance for the Palmerston School side. Starts 10am Rugby Park.
- Wednesday 13** ● **Round 1 of the Schools Competition (4:00 - 6:30pm)**
We need help here!
- Friday 15,22,29** ● **10 a side Competition at Rugby Park,** every Friday night during September.
- Sunday 24** ● **Sign on day for Seniors and Juniors at the Clubhouse.**
Starts 4pm.
- Saturday 30** ● **Jabiru 10 a side Competition.**

october

- Saturday 7** ● **Season starts.**
- Sunday 8** ● **Level 1 Coaching Course 8.30–5.00pm.** All coaches need to be involved in upgrading their qualifications and the club will pay all costs. Contact Bernie to get enrolled.
- Sun 15 & Sat 21** ● **Level 0 Coaching Course for under 8 and 10s coaches.**
- Sun 22** ● **Level 0 Coaching Course 9.00am–midday.**

january 2001

- 20-21st Jan 2001** ● **Level 2 Referees Course.**

What else do we need to add?

Let me know and we'll put it into our calendar.

PALMERSTON 7-A-SIDE

We will be holding our own 7-a-side competition this season to get things up and going. We will choose four people to get teams together and have a fun day at the Oval and later at the Clubhouse. This will be about 23 September.

We hope that this day will be a bit of fun and that you will bring your children, wives and girlfriends along. There will be a \$100 voucher for the bar at the clubhouse for the winning team so get it together and come on down.

Food and drinks will be on sale.



Barperson WANTED

Those of you who from time to time strolled into the bar last season will know that for most of the time Pat Aratema maintained it and there were always cold drinks and a clean clubhouse ready to greet us. Then Pat got called away and the wheels fell off!

We are looking for someone to do some work in the bar this season. It really can't be a player as they will be training when a lot of the work needs to be done although we are open to suggestions.

The job calls for someone who is a bit inventive in making the place interesting and attracting people to stop and have a drink. We want the clubhouse to pay its way so we are looking to increase sales and not just to our people. We want to invite other groups in as well.

I'm happy to have a chat with anyone with ideas or who is interested in taking on the task in some form. There will be money involved depending on how we work the deal.

Liz Aratema

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Liz Aratema who has been our secretary for many years and probably for most of those years more than a secretary as the committee was a bit thin (in numbers not stature!). Liz has decided on taking a break this season and is concentrating on her own studies.

Thanks for all your efforts Liz.

Want to get something in the newsletter?

Chris Bree, Beyond Design, has agreed to set up the newsletter and put it to press for us so that we become a bit more regular. If you want something in it, the deadline is to get it to me by the end of the third week of each month and we will aim at getting the newsletter to you in the first week of each month. Look for it!

Contact Bernie Bree on:
tel: 8945 3530 (hm) or 8981 3211 (wk) or
email: bbree75@hotmail.com

A new caretaker...

will be moved in by the time you get this. You may recognise the caravan as it is the same as was there a year ago. Welcome back to Peter and Ann Marie Musgrave.

CROC SHOP

THERE ARE STILL SHIRTS, HATS,
STUBBY COOLERS, ETC AND
MANY, MANY TRAINING JERSEYS
WHICH START AT \$10.

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Future Rugby Tests

04/11/2000

France vs Australia Paris

11/11/2000

INT Scotland vs Australia Edinburgh

18/11/2000

INT England vs Australia London

SubsSubsSubs

Yes, that dirty word money rears its ugly head again. Before I ask for subs for the season have a look at why we need to charge. I've set out below a brief breakdown of our running costs for a single senior team. This is not exhaustive and there are definitely other costs involved.

ARU insurance	\$1000
Jerseys	\$1250
NTRU affiliation	\$250
Game costs (for season)	\$1500
TOTAL	\$4000

You can see that even if 20 players from each team pay their subs of \$120 we only collect \$2400 of this and there are many other hidden costs. Rugby has become an expensive game. **We just ask that you help out your club by being a prompt payer who doesn't have to be chased.**

This season:

Players	\$120
Non players	\$30

These may be revised as we come to terms with other rising costs around us. (All gear is separate this year. See *Croc Shop* for prices.)

Why you should have your own insurance.

Last season was not a happy one for several players who caught infections or were injured and lost time at work. The ARU insurance doesn't help much in this way. It kicks in after 28 days and even then doesn't pay much. Also some medication and certainly physiotherapy may not be claimable.

Please look into what you need to do to cover yourself if you are injured.



Training has begun!
6.00pm Wednesday evenings
at Moulden. Tell all!!



Who said there was nothing to do in the off season?

Congratulations to:

Paul and Tash Rubie on the arrival of Kemea. (Photos are on the Palmie web page)

Ben and Kelly Johnson on the arrival of Jessica Ivy.

Paul and Jo Dale on the very recent arrival of Finlay Andrew (only 2.8kg but with big feet!) Finlay was born on Jesse Leale's birthday and Jesse is grateful to Jo for her great control. Now Jesse doesn't have to remember another date.

Ricky and Kim Hoe on their wedding.

Selina on somehow getting **Ben** to put a date on the wedding - October in Brisbane. Braedon knew that Ben was about to be married because he had seen him walking down the street picking his ring!

What will be our Domain Name?

We are about to register a Domain Name for our Home Page and you can have a say. At the first Thursday Curry Night we will be asking for input. Should we be pruc.com, palmie.com, palmerstonrugby.com, crocs.com or others.

Please tell us.

A true story

A New Zealand school teacher explains to her class that she is an All Black fan. She asks her students to raise their hands if they, too, are All Black fans. Everyone in the class raises their hand except one little girl. The teacher looks at the girl with surprise and says, "Jamie, why didn't you raise your hand?" "Because I'm not an All Black fan," she replied. The teacher, still shocked, asked, "Well, if you are not an All Black fan, then who are you a fan of?" "I am a Wallabies fan, and proud of it," Jamie replied.

The teacher could not believe her ears. "Jamie, why pray tell are you a Wallabies fan?"

"Because my mum is a Wallabies fan, and my dad is Wallabies fan, so I'm a Wallabies fan too!" "Well," said the teacher in a obviously annoyed tone, "That is no reason for you to be a Wallabies fan. You don't have to be just like your parents all of the time. What if your mom were a moron and your dad were a moron, what would you be then?"

"Then," Jamie smiled, "I'd be an All Black fan."