



# COUGARS ROAR

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## CONGRATULATIONS

To the Under 11's and to the A Grade team for making it through to the Grand Final in two weeks time.

## JUNIOR WRAP!

The Juniors have had a great season with the Club finishing the minor rounds with all grades in the Finals with our best chance of premierships in many a year. Unfortunately the U15's were eliminated on Friday evening, the U13's also lost in the tight game but are back this Friday evening to try and secure a spot on Grand Final Day. The U11's as they have done all year cruised into the Grand Final for the second consecutive year and will be hard to beat. The U9's don't play finals but were beaten by South Darwin and will be back for Round 18 next Friday.

## SENIOR WRAP!

The Seniors have also had a great season with both A & B Grades in the Finals. Saturday saw B Grade take on Dragons in an elimination minor semi final at 3.15 on ground 2 and as predicted it was a close tassel resulting in a score line of 18-16 to the Cougars who live to fight another day. Reserves will take on South Darwin this Saturday at 3.15 on Astar 1. Cougars beat Souths (who were Minor Premiers) at our last meeting three weeks ago, so we have the edge and the ability to play ourselves into the 2009 Grand Final along with our A Team.

A Grade for the first time since 1986/87 are through to the Grand Final....22 years in the wilderness for our Flagship but it will be worth the weight.

The game was against University, a team we had previously beaten 4 times this year with a 70+ point split over those 4 games. It was never going to be a cake walk but the players and fans had the confidence to play the game to the coaches satisfaction and come away with a 25-21 win.

Tim Burr Burr had a cracker of a game with two tries and one was from a good 45meters out down the touch line.

We have a couple of injury concerns but they should be right by GF day. Matt Hambridge (not Hombridge) has an AC problem but we are hopeful of his recovery.

University will take on Dragons for a Grand Final berth next Saturday.

For all the details and progress log on to the Clubs website

<http://www.casuarinarugby.com.au>

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## SENIORS PRESENTATION NIGHT

A reminder to all, that the Clubs senior presentation night will be held at Crocosaurus Cove on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> September.

Tickets are on sale for \$85.00 for financial members and \$85.00 for non financial members + what you owe in

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outstanding fees within the next week. If anyone outside to the Club wishes to attend then tickets will be at \$120.00

**The** first 15 tickets sold will go in the draw for a lucky member to swim with the big croc in the "Cage of Death" and the remaining 14 will participate in a brand new exhibit "Fishing for Crocs".

There will also be access to the reptiles...snakes, lizards and the likes for those who enjoy a thrill seeking lifestyle!

**As** you may be aware we have former Wallabies & Reds coach and Casuarina stalwart, John Connolly coming up to be guest speaker at this years' Presentation Night.

**Make** arrangements now with your boss to knock off early on that day or take the day off as it will be a great night!

**To** book a Presentation Night ticket contact Mark Heath at [mheath@integrated.com.au](mailto:mheath@integrated.com.au)

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## JUNIOR PRESENTATION DAY

**Juniors** are having their Presentation Day on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September at the Clubhouse at Austar Rugby Park. For more details, visit the website or email Terese or Donna [Terese.Meyer@pfes.nt.gov.au](mailto:Terese.Meyer@pfes.nt.gov.au) or [Donna-Lea.Hofmeier@pfes.nt.gov.au](mailto:Donna-Lea.Hofmeier@pfes.nt.gov.au)

Presentation will be from 4pm through to 7pm. Food and Bar Facilities will be available.



## CLOUD NINE PHOTOGRAPHY

Stuart Walmsely is new to the Club and is one of our players who has a passion for photography and is setting up a business. Stu has been generous enough to take a few pictures of the A Grade games recently and has them on his website (below). Please feel free to check them out and if anyone has a function coming up that you would like to have a professional photographer do some shoots then I highly recommend Stu for this type of work.

<http://www.cloudninephotography.com.au/Newest-work>



## CLUBHOUSE

The Clubhouse is coming along slowly with the new section now carpeted and most of the painting completed. We are now at a stage of getting some memorabilia put up and on to the walls. Aaron Rudduck has donated a few jumpers that we will have to sort though and have some framed, however, if anyone else has anything that they would like to donate (we will do a plaque that shows it is on loan or donated) it would be appreciated.

We will have a few working bees over the break to finish off the Meeting Room, the Office, the Showers the Change Room and the deck outside.

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See you all at the Grand Final to cheer on the Blue & White!

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