



The Carbiner

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB

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CCSA 39th Anniversary Luncheon ~Thanks to Neville Meade for the SA news

CC NSW - Vale Doug Donoghue AM

Coming Club Events

The Carbine Club of South Australia – 39th Anniversary Luncheon

The 39th Anniversary Lunch for Members of the Carbine Club of SA was held at the Intercontinental Adelaide in front of a 175 strong audience of our members and their special guests.

President, Peter McVann, informed the members of the recent Delegates meeting, with the highlight being alarming statistics on children sport participation being the lowest ever and how the Carbine Club is endeavouring to support youth in sport with scholarships within the local chapter.

Peter (pictured far left) also announced membership updates: 25 Year member – Shane Radbone; New Member – Tom Carr; and 6 new Associate members – Jared Shattock (Lion/West End), Randal Tomich (Tomich Wines), Damien White (Wirra Wirra Wines), Don Totino (Totino Wines), Simon Wicks (Wicks Wines) and Lauren Ursino representing our special sponsor Solitaire Automotive.... Shown left to right below.



Above- Elaine Condon

Preceding the lunch, a short "Special General meeting" of Carbine members posed a very important decision – that Elaine Condon should become a Life Member, which was met with a resounding "Yes". Elaine's contribution to the Carbine Club's administration along with husband John, since the early 2000's has been vital to the viability and hence good financial position that the club holds in Adelaide. Elaine will receive appropriate acknowledgement at the SANFL Grand Final luncheon in September.

Chris "Ditts" Dittmar hosted the day and posed some great questions of the two presiding CEOs of the local AFL clubs – Tim Silvers from Adelaide Football club and Matthew Richardson from Port Adelaide Football Club – unbiased of course (Ditts is a very passionate Port fan).



As is known in the city of churches, fans of both Crows and Port have some vindictive ways to get under the claw of their rival local team, the recent being a sign put up on Port Road, to say that Hinkley must go! We believe it was done by a Crows fan, but perhaps a very disgruntled Port supporter. Regardless, the story has it that a staff member went to pull it down but couldn't reach the offending sign and ended up with Police reporting him for illegally driving onto the median strip to do the deed.

The question was posed if a Pride guernsey was initiated by a club, what would be their thoughts on a similar guernsey and would they handle it better than Manly did for their team. Both CEOs agreed that the guernsey would be consulted for both men and women's teams. The clubs declared their inclusive policies were strong in this procedure.

Ditts asked if double headers of women's and men's matches in the AFL calendar could become a reality. Matthew stated that it is very early days for their club with the Women's team, but consideration would come once established. Tim felt that the women's league needs to be able to shine before putting double headers on the AFL fixture.

Tasmania's launch to get a local team in the AFL was met with differing thoughts on viability and strength of sport to get membership up for the team. A challenge question from the floor by transferring member Gregg Harris posed the thought that both the Gold Coast Suns and GWS has been supported by the AFL, so why is the Tasmanian team so different to these teams vying for a place.



Darren Thomas from Thomas Foods International (TFI), and local Carbine member was put forward as the first in our series of local Member profiles. Darren's career is far from idle with an exponential growth of his business when in the face of adversity a major fire in the Murray Bridge factory saw the business scoured to the ground in 2019. The rebuild and the respect that Darren showed for his staff through this harrowing period, was worthy of great resilience on everyone's part.

TFI is still a family business and has a number of interests including integrated feedlots and farms in Southern Australia along with Processing plants in Lobethal, Tamworth, & Murray Bridge. Quality is paramount with TFI developing Angus Pure Brand cattle fully traceable from grower to consumer with DNA technology, just a very small part of the business but a fine example of the innovation utilised.

The Murray Bridge plant rebuild is still underway and will be centred around the latest technology which will give the business a leading edge amongst the world markets to further grow their existing interests in Canada and USA to name a few.

Darren's passion is not only for business but also for horse racing where he has invested his passion into breeding and racing, Darren had one of his horses, Merchant Navy, race at Royal Ascot in 2018 where he fought off strong competition for a narrow win. Not only did Darren enjoy the celebrations in the winners enclosure but the Queen took time to discuss their shared passion of horse breeding and racing. The Ascot officials were very perplexed when they approached him after the Queen spent 5 minutes talking with Darren, obviously not something Her Majesty does on a regular basis. Wicks Estate Wines and Coopers sponsored the beverage for the Luncheon, obviously very good given it was all consumed, and we ordered extra; Life must be getting back to normal.



L-R: Nick Chigwidden, Allan Bartlett and Peter Carey

Members were also keen to support the charity on the day – Youth Opportunities. The raffle and one-off auction prize of accommodation at Club Wyndham in Fiji raised \$8,000. Youth Opportunities were assisted on the day by both Carbine Club members – Nick Chigwidden (Chair, Youth Opps) and Peter Carey (Ambassador, Youth Opps).



Here are some of the happy members with their guests on the day:





CCNSW-Vale Doug Donoghue AM

Carbine Club Member Doug Donoghue AM passed away recently aged 86. Doug was a member of the Club for over 40 years, always warm and inspirational in his spirit and a great friend of the Club and the members.

Doug had an inspired sporting life both as a rower himself and then as an administrator of the highest order – his list of roles is somewhat amazing, holding many positions within rowing and the Olympics movement. He also had a media role including commentaries on

rowing for the 1976, 1984 and 1988 Olympic Games. He was elected as a Life Member of Rowing Australia in 2020 for his contribution to the sport.

Doug was also awarded Life Membership of the NSW Olympic Council in 2012 – his list of achievements in the Olympics movement are many: his long time friend John Coates, Former President of the Australian Olympic Committee, paid tribute to Doug's outstanding service to the Olympics, and opined that perhaps Doug's greatest legacy was as the first Director of the Australian Olympic Foundation from its establishment in 1996 until his retirement in 2017. Doug was also a key player in Australia's bids for Olympic Games and was based in Paris for a time as the Director of European Liaison for the AOC lobbying for the 1996 Melbourne bid and again for the 2000 Sydney bid.

A popular and passionate member of the Club, Doug will be sadly missed.

Calendar of Events

The Carbine Club



Tuesday 20 September – AFL Grand Final Lunch, Crown Casino (M&G)

Friday 28 October – Derby Eve Lunch

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December (tbc) – Christmas Lunch (M&G)

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN ON THE CLUB WEBSITE FOR BOTH THE AFL AND DERBY EVE LUNCHEONS

Australian Capital Territory



Fri 19 Aug (TBC)- AFL Lunch, National Press Club (M&G)

Fri 7 Oct (TBC) – Tony Campbell Memorial Cup Day, Thoroughbred Park (M&G)

Fri 9 Dec – AGM Lunch, Boardroom Jim Murphy's (MO)

Mon 12 Dec – CC Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day, Royal Canberra Golf Club (MO)

Mon 12 Dec – Members and Partners Christmas Cocktail Party, RCGC (M&G)

Hong Kong



HK Rugby 7s Lunch - FRIDAY 4th November - Venue Hong Kong Football Club
HK International Racing Lunch - FRIDAY 9th December - Venue Hyatt Regency TST

London



31 October – Sam Vestey Annual Members Dinner & AGM, Alfred Tennyson

2023 Events

7 March, 2023 – Cheltenham Festival Dinner, OXO Tower

May (TBC) Annual Golf Day

June/July – Lord’s Luncheon – waiting on Test schedule

New South Wales



9 September - Rugby League Luncheon, Hyatt Regency
9 December (TBC)– Christmas Function M+1

New Zealand



21 October – Racing Lunch
24 November – 50th Anniversary Dinner, Tote Room, Ellerslie Racecourse

Northern Territory



9 September – Founders Lunch, Landmark at Gateway (MO)
21 October – Cox Plate Lunch, PeeWees (M&G 200 max)
9 December – Christmas Dinner (M&P) venue TBA

Papua New Guinea



Friday 19 August – Members Only Luncheon, Papua Club
Friday 23 September – Carbine Sportsmans Lunch, Rugby League World Cup, Hilton Hotel
Saturday 22 October – Cox Plate Day, Aviat Club
Friday 18 November – Members Only Lunch, National Football Stadium, Port Moresby
Friday 2 December – Carbine Members Xmas Cocktail Party, Crown Hotel, POM

Queensland



Members only Lunch 17th August, Pineapple Hotel
 Cricket 13 October, Cricketers Club
 Christmas Members Lunch 2nd December (MO) Venue Gold Coast TBA

The Carbine Club of Singapore

Melbourne Cup Tour Lunch: Friday 12th August; Grand Hyatt
 Welcome Back Formula 1 Lunch: Friday 30th September Grand Hyatt
 Xmas Lunch: Friday 16th December. Grand Hyatt

South Australia



SANFL Grand Final Luncheon Thursday 15th September 2022,
 Magarey Room Adelaide Oval
 Members & Partners Christmas Celebration Cocktail Style Function,
 Thur evening 6th October, Ayers House Conservatory
 Adelaide Test Luncheon 7th Dec, Magarey Room, Adelaide Oval

Tasmania



2 September – AGM & Black Tie Dinner, Tasmania Club

Tokyo



Bledisloe Cup Luncheon – August (date TBD)
 Melbourne Cup Luncheon – November 1st

Vanuatu



(TBA)

Western Australia



30 September – WAFL Grand Final Luncheon, Hyatt Regency
 21 October – MO Luncheon, Mayfair Lane
 18 November – Racing Luncheon, Hyatt Regency
 Xx December – Cricket Luncheon (details TBC)

CCNSW looking forward to a strong turnout for their next major event (below) and Graham Halbish has advised that bookings are now open on the Club website for the two big ones in Melbourne- the AFL Lunch on 20 Sep and the Derby Eve Luncheon on 28 October!

Graham says that if any members have personal or corporate friends who may wish to attend (perhaps with their own table of guests) then you are quite at liberty to introduce them to these major events. Just let Graham know (secretary@thecarbineclub.org) and he will provide a temporary login to the site for their direct booking and payment.



Carbine Club of NSW
**2022 RUGBY LEAGUE FINALS'
SERIES LUNCHEON**

*Rugby League greats past and present analysing the
game's latest topics and the 2022 finals' race.*

Friday, 9th September 2022
12pm for 12:30pm Start

HYATT REGENCY
161 Sussex St, Sydney

DRESS: Corporate Attire
Jacket & Tie for Men