

# The Carbiner





#### THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB

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# The Carbine Club – Delegates Meeting & Annual Dinner

Representatives from around the Clubs gathered in Melbourne on Thu 14 July for the Delegates Meeting and then joined with members and guests that evening at the Australia Club for the Annual Dinner.

In a free ranging exchange of ideas the delegates spoke of individual club achievements, current status and ideas for the future – a valuable afternoon of ideas, and a good way to warm up for the annual black tie dinner at the magnificent Australia Club that night.

(President Andrew Cannon, L, with guest speaker Kieren Perkins and John Bertrand at the dinner\_

The President of The Carbine Club has given us a full report of the evening which is overleaf followed by photos provided by Member Jason Falscheer – our regular and long time photographer Gordon Bennett was unavailable on the night and we wish him a speedy recovery and at the same time we thank Jason who did an admirable job with his trusty phone on the night.

#### **President's Report:**

The Annual Dinner was proudly a great success, with Carbine representatives from right around Australia and overseas in attendance. Our guests and Members represented many major sporting bodies, including the Australian Olympic Committee and Commonwealth Games Australia, very pertinent with the Birmingham Commonwealth Games nearly upon us.

Our guest speaker, **Kieren Perkins OAM**, was introduced by former head of Swimming Australia, **John Bertrand AO**. What an address we had from Kieren! His sporting ability and intellect clearly on display as he wound the clock back and then forward for us. Kieren discussed many of the current issues he faces as CEO of the Australian Sports Commission, the questions from the floor only made the night more interesting.

**Eddie McGuire AM** noted that key Carbine member, David Shaw, has enjoyed amazing sporting success via his grandchildren, one in the St Catherine's eight that won Henley and another selected to play for the Western Bulldogs.

Understandably absent from the evening, we must extend congratulations to **Gerry Ryan OAM** and his team Bike Exchange-Jayco, with Michael Matthews claiming victory in Stage 14 of this year's Tour de France.

When proposing the Loyal Toast, **Merv Hill** referred to The Carbine Club's focus and support of youth sport. **Dr Peter Larkins** closed the night with some excellent commentary and a vote of thanks to Kieren.

The President hosted guests, who were not ready to call it a night, in The Australian Club Members' Bar.

We are now looking forward to our next major Carbine function, the Grand Final Lunch, and we are working to make it a day to remember.

#### Mr Andrew M. Cannon AM

President, The Carbine Club

Consul-General of the Principality of Monaco Knight of the Order of Grimaldi Consulat de Monaco

(Photo – Former President Graeme Johnson arriving at the Australia Club with Club treasure and Founding Member Trevor Craddock who declares that he is 98 and 34!

### Photos by Jason Falscheer follow



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#### Carbine Club of London - Lord's Luncheon

(Excerpt from President Jeff Randall's summation of the day)

For those who were not able to attend, I'm afraid you missed a treat. It was sold out, with 188 members and guests filling the Long Room, one of the world's most iconic sporting venues.

The day began well: England chased down a record second-innings total to overhaul India at Edgbaston. Thereafter it got better and better, as the scrumptious Yalumba Y series wine flowed and Carbiners, many from Australia and Hong Kong, enjoyed a superb lunch in the unique atmosphere of English cricket's HQ.

After a 10-minute video of Warney's finest moments, our trio of speakers – Mike Gatting, Graham Gooch and Monty Panesar – were generous with their stories about the game's greatest-ever spin bowler.

Among our distinguished guests were two High Commissioners, Lynette Wood, representing Australia, and Winnie Kiap,









#### More news from London.....



You will of course recently read about the Carbine Club of London horse racing syndicates!

Terry McCaughey indefatigable

Terry McCaughey, indefatigable correspondent from the Old Dart has sent though the results from Royal Ascot on 22 July when the Club's horse Awesome Dancer firmed from 50/1 to 28/1 and came with a withering burst to win for the Club and Club Member and Trainer George Baker.

And in a strong connection to Aus, the winner is sired by Highland Reel, a well known horse around the globe and to us racing fans in Aus: Highland Reel stands at Committeeman of The Carbine Club and President Elect Adam Sangster's Swettenham Stud at Nagambie in Victoria.

#### Carbine Club of NZ

(Report from Secretary Vicky Latta with photo from Vice President Fiona Allan)

#### COMMONWEALTH GAMES PREVIEW LUNCHEON - Friday 1st July 2022

We were finally able to hold a luncheon on 1st July after almost a year and it was fantastic to return to some form of normality. **Nigel Avery** spoke on the logistical challenges for the team with athletes spread over 5 venues, partly due to Birmingham taking on the hosting of the Games at comparatively short notice. He also spoke of future plans for the Commonwealth Games and it will be interesting to see how those play out. With the team about to depart, we wish them the very best of luck.



President - Murray McKinnon
Secretary - Vicky Latta
Guest speaker- Nigel Avery, Olympian and
Commonwealth Games medalist and Chef de
Mission for the New Zealand team to
Birmingham.

#### CARBINE CLUB OF NSW

(Report from CCNSW Chair Caroline Searcy)

At the CCNSW AGM and dinner at Randwick racecourse on Thursday June 30 new member Neil Davidson, son of our dearly missed, late founding member, Alan "Davo" Davidson was presented with a Carbine Club tie. The Club is thrilled to continue the links between Davo's family and his beloved Carbine Club.

Treasurer Ross Chapman spoke of the successful 2021 Christmas and 2022 Racing lunches that assisted the club get fund-raising for junior sport back on track after a couple of Covid affected years and to fulfill the commitment to the Kurt Fearnley Scholarships, assisting junior para-athletes to make it to next month's Birmingham Commonwealth Games. Five athletes who the club supported over the past few years have been named in the Australian team, including swimmers, Jasmine Greenwood and Oscar Stubbs, Jessy Chen in table tennis and Sarah Clifton-Bligh and Indiana Cooper in athletics.

Guest speaker, former NSW Police Commissioner Mick Fuller was outstanding and very forthcoming in detailing some of the behind the scenes work and politics involved in recent major events in New South Wales such as the 2019 bushfires, the covid pandemic and this year's catastrophic floods. His inside knowledge of the state's political leaders and the media who tell the stories was highly entertaining and informative.

Following an auction at the 2022 CCNSW Racing Lunch, Carbine members and Wallabies' legends Phil Kearns and Nick Farr-Jones kindly gave of their time to be part of an auction item bought by Golden Slipper winning owner, Louis Mihalyka, "Lunch With The Greats" at the Four Seasons Hotel. Word is that a mighty fine time was had by all and we thank Louis, Nick and Phil for assisting with our fund-raising.







Phil Kearns, Nick Farr-Jones and Louis Mihalyka

#### **Carbine Club of Tasmania- Outstanding Appreciation**

Oliver & Isabelle are a Tasmanian brother/sister BMX racing duo who have both recently been selected to represent Australia in France this July at the UCI BMX World Championships. The Club logo certainly got a great airing from this duo!



We look forward to hearing how Izzie and Ollie fare at this significant international event.

#### **Calendar of Events**

#### The Carbine Club



Saturday 30 July – Moonee Valley Raceday, Guests of the MVRC (M&P) Tuesday 20 September – AFL Grand Final Lunch, Crown Casino (M&G) Friday 28 October – Derby Eve Lunch Friday 28 October – Derby Eve Lunch, Crown Casino (M&G) December (tbc) – Christmas Lunch (M&G)



#### 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 (TBC)



#### New South Wales

9 September - Rugby League Luncheon



#### New Zealand

21 October – Racing Lunch

24 November –  $50^{\text{th}}$  Anniversary Dinner, Tote Room, Ellerslie Racecourse

#### **Northern Territory**



29 July – Darwin Cup Luncheon, Darwin Turf Club (M&G- 300 max)

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 October

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

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#### 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)