



# The Carbiner

**"For sport and good fellowship"**



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## **At the CCQLD Magic Millions Lunch**

Lto R Edward Cummings, Anthony Cummings, CCQ President Mick Ellison, Bernadette Cooper (Sky Racing), James Cummings



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## THE CARBINE CLUB OF QUEENSLAND – MAGIC MILLIONS LUNCHEON 2015

Four hundred guests gathered at the Jupiter's Hotel & Casino Ballroom – the room draped in RED, BLACK & WHITE highlighting the colours of The Carbine Club – for the Annual Carbine Club Magic Millions Lunch hosted by Channel Seven personalities Pat Welsh and Jessica Skarratt.

Carbine Club Queensland President Mick Ellison welcomed a packed room of members and their guests and urged them to 'Kick Back' and enjoy themselves and the Gold Coast hospitality and they did not let him down.

Carbine Club member and Australian Hall of Fame inductee Geoff Lane (pictured right) proposed the 'Toast' to Racing. Geoff, who won five apprentice jockey titles and a senior title in the final year of his apprenticeship, was so good he lost his allowance at the age of 16 and rode the last five years of his apprenticeship without any claim, clinching the senior title in 1959-60 in his final year as an apprentice.



Special guest for the lunch included 'The Cummings Dynasty' – Anthony, James & Edward Cummings. Along with leading Queensland trainer Tony Gollan, they were interviewed by Bart Sinclair & Pat Welsh.

Local & interstate trainers and jockeys involved with the carnival were also in the audience and provided great insight to the growth of this Summer Carnival with 2016 prize money exceeding \$10million

Auction items included JBC racing silks signed by Bart, Anthony, Edward & James Cummings, as well as a specially commissioned oil painting of Australian Turf Champion Black Caviar. Funds raised are directed to the Australian Injured Jockeys Trust. Trust CEO Des O'Keefe was on hand to update guests first hand on the great support they are providing to injured jockeys and their families. Both items were purchased by guests of Jennifer Bartel's *Woman in Racing*.

A last farewell was accorded to great Carbine Club member and supporter Wayne Wilson. Each year for several decades Wayne provided members and their guests with his famous Magic Millions 'Phantom' call.

It also can be reported that a great day was had by all and many of the usual Carbine Club 'suspects' were spotted in local bars and restaurants well after proceedings were wrapped up!

Great Carbine Club good fellowship on show yet again...



## AND STILL IN QUEENSLAND----BILL BROWN MEDAL AWARD 2014

The traditional Carbine Club Cricket Lunch and Bill Brown Medal Award at the ‘Gabba’ was cancelled recently as a show of respect to the tragic passing away of Australian Test Cricketer Phillip Hughes.

At the Magic Millions Luncheon, the opportunity was taken to present the 2014 medallion to the best up and coming junior Queensland Cricketer, Matthew Kuhnemann.

All-rounder Matt, a left-hand batsman a slow left-arm orthodox bowler, represented Queensland at the under-17 and under-19 levels, before receiving a phone call from national selector Trevor Hohns to advise Matt that he was invited to join the national under-19 squad.

Our own Carbine Club cricket ‘Tragic’, past president Ian Hollindale, was on hand to do the honours in the absence of cricket’s renowned journalist Robert ‘Crash’ Craddock.

**(QLD items courtesy of Peter Ladewig Secretary / Vice President of The Carbine Club of Queensland)**

*(Pic below- Matthew Kuhnemann at left, Ian Hollindale centre and Pat Welsh at the podium)*







## CARBINE CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA- VALE MAX HALL OAM

The Carbine Club of South Australia lost one of its Life Members and colourful characters Max Hall OAM overnight on the 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 in the Mary Potter Hospice, North Adelaide at the age of 85 years.

Max Had been a Member from 1990 up until the time of his passing and this period included 18 years on the Committee.

He always upheld the ideals of The Carbine Club and attempted to ensure that others did as well, and although not always successful he maintained his push for Carbine Club correctness until his last few weeks.



Max, pictured left in his Channel 9 days, was a South Australian Football Hall of Famer, inducted in 2007, and a Grand Final umpire who left a legacy for his umpiring – 80 games from 1953-1956, but more so because of his influence in modernising and growing the game as a commentator on SA Radio and Channel 9 alongside other great SA Football names.

Max not only had interest in The Carbine Club and football, he was also highly regarded in the thoroughbred racing industry, in particular with the SAJC and Oakbank Racing Club.

Recently retired SANFL former Chief Executive and CCSA Life Member Leigh Whicker said that football had lost a thorough gentleman adding that as an umpire he was South Australia's representative in the National Carnival and he was nationally highly regarded.

Max had a long battle with cancer, but he never flinched in his endeavours to combat his condition.

Max Hall OAM will be missed by so many people but none more so than his regular table of guests at the Carbine Club luncheons.

He is survived by his beloved wife Valmai of 61 years and his extended family.

*(Thanks to John Condon, Secretary CC SA, for this contribution- picture courtesy SANFL)*



## CARBINERS IN THE NEWS - SIR DON ROWLANDS, KNZM, OA, CBE

The New Year's Honours list saw Don Rowlands appointed a Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in recognition of his services to business and rowing.

Sir Don was managing director and chief executive of Fisher & Paykel Appliances, the first chairman and a longstanding director of Mainfreight as well as serving on the board of several other major companies. He was inducted into the New Zealand Business Hall of Fame in August 2014 for his leadership and governance skills. His leadership also extended to sport, following on from his own rowing successes (which included gold and silver medals at the British Empire Games and nine New Zealand rowing titles), he has been very much involved in the sport as selector, manager, chair of the 1998 World Rowing Championship organising committee and has played an integral role in the development, maintenance and management of Lake Karapiro as a world class rowing venue.



Just prior to Christmas, Sir Don was also awarded the Order of Australia, Honorary Member General Division 2014 for his 'significant contributions to Australian rowing through the generous contribution of his knowledge and time'. He was acknowledged for 'his enormous contribution to the development of rowing and as the architect of the extraordinary international success which rowers from Australia have enjoyed over the last 50 years.' He was appointed as representative for Australia and New Zealand to the world body of rowing (FISA) in 1974 and held that position until 1992. He was a voluntary advisor to the development of rowing courses in Australia, including the 1990 World Rowing Championship course and the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games course.

Congratulations Sir Don. It is great to see your outstanding contribution to business and sport recognised on both sides of the Tasman.

*(our thanks to Vicky Latta, Sec CCNZ, for keeping us up to date with news from across the Tasman Sea)*

### Coming Events for your Diary:

<b>TAS</b>	<b>6 Feb</b>	<b>Tasmanian Derby Day Luncheon</b>
<b>SA</b>	<b>17 Feb</b>	<b>AGM &amp; Lunch</b>
<b>NZ</b>	<b>2 Mar</b>	<b>Golf Classic, Pakuranga Golf Club</b>
<b>SA</b>	<b>5 Mar</b>	<b>Adelaide Cup Luncheon</b>
<b>NSW</b>	<b>6 Mar</b>	<b>AGM &amp; New Members Lunch</b>
<b>NSW</b>	<b>20 Mar</b>	<b>Golden Slipper Luncheon, Royal Randwick</b>
<b>NSW</b>	<b>17 Apr</b>	<b>AFL Luncheon</b>