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PACIFIC GAMES OPENING LUNCHEON

The Carbine Club of Papua New Guinea was deeply involved with the recent XV Pacific Games held in Port Moresby from 4-18 July.

The successful hosting of the Games was a major coup for PNG: 24 countries competed in 28 sports involving around 3,000 athletes with the whole event a resounding success.

The Carbine Club of PNG held a luncheon in advance of the Opening of the Games – a special report from Past President Paul King is the subject of this edition of The Carbiner.

Our thanks to Paul for another great report.



CARBINE CLUB OF PNG XV PACIFIC GAMES OPENING LUNCHEON FRIDAY JULY 03 2015



The glittering Opening Ceremony

This mixed lunch was sponsored by the Bank of South Pacific (BSP) and is the highlight of the Carbine Club of PNG's calendar of events for 2015.

The Gateway Hotel at Jacksons Airport Port Moresby was the venue for the theme: "READY, SET, GAMES ON" and a sellout crowd of 400 people including ladies at a PNG Carbine lunch for the first in 24 years.

Guest speakers were Australian Kieren Perkins, four times Olympic swimming medalist and former world record holder in three events, and Australian Jacqui Cooper, five times World Champion Aerial Skier and the greatest Australian skier of all times (man and woman).

Jacqui represented Australia in the sport of Aerial Skiing for 20 years, except when outed for the occasional broken limb etc.

MC & Committeeman Brent St. Hill was in fine voice and introduced the Toastmasters, Sir John Dawanicura Kt OBE, a long time Carbine member and PNG's Olympic Delegate, who proposed the toast to PNG and wished all athletes the best for the upcoming Games, followed by Past President Rob Allport who proposed the toast to the Carbine Club.

Rob was somewhat subdued, not being used to speaking in front of ladies at lunches, in fact he was quiet reserved as he had his wife Sadie and daughter Rosie up from Sydney for the lunch. Rob has never been known to hold back, maybe mellowing with age. Also, it's a long time, 24 years with a male only audience!

Following was the welcome speech by President Stan Joyce CSM who graciously welcomed the ladies including his wife Vangie, up from Brisbane for the function, and thanked our generous sponsor BSP.

Robin Flemming the CEO of BSP responded and wished the PNG athletes all the best for the XV Pacific Games for which the opening events were to commence on the day.

(Pic below – PNG's Ryan Pini MBE who went on to win 7 Gold Medals and was named Best Male Athlete of the Games pictured with Kieren Perkins)

Following a sumptuous 3 course lunch, Kieren Perkins took to the stage and entertained the gathering with the story of his early days and upbringing in Brisbane, his rise to become an Olympic gold medalist from being only an average performer as a youngster at school, and how it changed his life. From Captain of swimming at Brisbane Boys College in 1990, to dual Olympic gold medalist just six years later at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. He took us on his ride to fame.



In 1993 his achievements were recognized with the Young Australian of the Year Award and the Order of Australia Merit.

Kieren announced his retirement after his 1500m silver medal swim at the Sydney 2000 Olympics and moved his family to Sydney to begin the next chapter of his life.

Kieren has recently taken on a new challenge as Head of Business Development and Acquisitions of NAB Private Wealth.

Kieren was well received and was very supportive of PNG's own 'SUPER FISH' Commonwealth Gold medalist Ryan Pini MBE competing at his fourth and last Pacific Games. They sat together at this lunch and undoubtedly relived their past glories in the pool.

Jacqui Cooper followed Kieren after a short break and 'JUMPIN JAC/MRS. ENERGISER' immediately had everyone present hanging on every word. Inspirational, dynamic, energetic, Jacqui did not hold back and took all present on her ride through life. She hardly stopped to breathe. Jacqui still looks great despite her sport being so unforgiving. Jacqui has broken almost every bone in her body and has had knee, elbow, shoulder and hip replacements.

(Jacqui pictured right with the Games "Kundu" (drum) which travelled the country promoting the event and mascot "Kokomo")

In 2001 Jacqui broke her back in an attempt to win a record 3rd world title. In 2002 at the Salt Lake Winter Olympics Jacqui injured her knee and broke her leg just two days before the competition, ending years of dreaming, willing and wanting.



Her story is amazing, a role model, a champion, and a woman/mother who is very successful in sport and life.

Jacqui is a dynamic, inspirational speaker, one of the best, if not the best, we have had as a speaker at a Carbine lunch. Jumpin Jac did not hold back and was thoroughly entertaining and her talk was enjoyed immensely by both sexes. The feedback was overwhelming and we highly recommend Jacqui to all fellow Carbine Clubs. Jacqui's story of her sporting life was one of self belief, passion, triumph, tragedy and the ability to overcome adversity.

Jacqui stayed on the following day to attend the Pacific Games Opening Ceremony, thoroughly enjoying her time in Port Moresby, and keeping up with her was a challenge.

At the time of writing this article on Day 12 of the Games our Carbine Club PNG Special Member Ryan Pini MBE had bagged 7 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze, a tremendous performance from Ryan at his last Pacific Games, retiring at the ripe old age of 33.

Well done Ryan, an outstanding sportsman and credit to the country.

A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon with the ladies followed up the next day, for all who attended the lunch, with transport and a reserved seat in the main grandstand for the XV Pacific Games Opening Ceremony.

This was the climax to another great and well organized Carbine Club Function.



Pictured above- Past President Paul King, Mrs. Vangie Joyce, President Stan Joyce, guest speaker Jacqui Cooper, Sir John Dawanincura & Graeme Osbourne with the “Kundu”, Mrs. Jan Waddy, Mr. & Mrs. Trevan Clough OL, MBE

Pictured below – President Stan with Sir John Dawanincura and Graeme Osbourne – all members of the Games Organising Committee – with the Kundu



Special thanks to CCPNG Member Peter Aitsi MBE for the photos

Coming Events for your Diary:

NT	30 Jul Darwin Cup Luncheon, Darwin Turf Club
NSW	7 Aug Aust v NZ Rugby Luncheon, The Westin, Sydney
Vanuatu	14 Aug Racing Luncheon
WA	14 Aug Broome Cup Luncheon, Divers Tavern, Cable Beach
QLD	14 Aug EGM & Members Only Lunch, D'Arcy Arms
The Carbine Club	20 Aug Members Lunch, The Heroes Club (Toorak RSL)
TAS	20 Aug AGM & Dinner, Henry Jones Art Hotel
ACT	28 Aug (TBC) Sport Hall of Fame Dinner
PNG	4 Sep Rugby World Cup Luncheon, Crowne Plaza
NZ	4 Sep Great Northern Steeplechase Luncheon
NSW	9 Sep Annual Golf Day St. Michaels Golf Club, Little Bay
Singapore	18 Sep All Sports Luncheon
SA	24 Sep SANFL Grand Final Luncheon
WA	25 Sep WAFL Grand Final Luncheon, Hyatt Hotel
ACT	25 Sep(TBC) Tony Campbell Memorial Cup Day
The Carbine Club	29 Sep AFL Grand Final Luncheon, Crown
NT	9 Oct Founders Luncheon 25th Anniversary
WA	16 Oct Members Only Luncheon, Richardson Hotel
NT	23 Oct Cox Plate Eve Luncheon, Il Lido
PNG	24 Oct Cox Plate Day, Aviat Club
The Carbine Club	30 Oct VRC Derby Eve Luncheon, Crown
HK	30 Oct Cricket Sixes Luncheon
PNG	13 Nov Lae Members Lunch
NZ	13 Nov Tennis Luncheon
Singapore	20 Nov Gold Cup Lunch (Members Only)
NSW	20 Nov Cricket Luncheon, SCG
WA	20 Nov Racing Luncheon, Hyatt Hotel
SA	26 Nov Test Cricket Luncheon, Adelaide Oval
ACT	30 Nov (TBC) Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day
QLD	2 Dec Cricket Lunch, Cricketers' Club
NT	4 Dec Christmas Dinner
PNG	4 Dec Christmas Party
ACT	11 Dec (TBC) AGM Lunch
NSW	11 Dec Members End of Year Luncheon, SCG
Singapore	11 Dec Christmas Lunch (Members Only)
HK	12 Dec International Races Luncheon