



# The Carbiner

**"For sport and for good fellowship"**



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## The Carbine Club of South Australia – SANFL Luncheon

This year's Grand Final luncheon was held in the William Magarey Room at the Adelaide Oval where over 500 members and guests attended to honour the incoming Grand finalist teams of Woodville/West Torrens and Sturt Football clubs.

The day was bound to be a 'buoyant' affair with Channel 7 Sporting Presenter, Mark "Soda" Soderstrom, as our MC it was, and he didn't disappoint.

President, Bernie Lange (pic right) commenced his welcoming address by acknowledging the presence of Hon John Olsen AO, President of the SANFL, Jake Parkinson, CEO of the SANFL and Executives of Bank SA, our Major Sponsor including Mr David Firth – General Manager, Corporate and Commercial Banking along with Peter Panas – Head of Corporate Banking together with other Senior Banking Executives and their special Guests. President Bernie was engaging with his acknowledgement of state football and whilst he tried to remain unbiased, was not convincing as he proclaimed his allegiance to the mighty "Double Blues".



Soda then found two mischievous twin brothers in James and Chris Gowan (both ex Central District players and James, a one-time AFL player), who were not shy in participating in some rather interesting banter with Mark.

Next were the coaches of the two competing Clubs who admitted their hardest task was selecting their team for that all important last game of the season where there had been surprisingly minimal injuries on both sides.



Michael Godden in left pic,  
Martin Mattner in r. pic

Sturt's Zane Kirkwood had been proclaimed the 2016 Magarey Medallist in the week prior to the lunch. Zane's presence on the stage provided Mark with the opportunity to ask why he had not mentioned his girlfriend in his acceptance speech. Truth was forthcoming - they had apparently broken up prior to the night of the Magarey Medal Black Tie affair and Zane told the audience 'why' he took her, and he said that *the WAG dress* had been purchased before they split, so it was only fair that she attend.

The Umpires were next with Soda querying their new found SANFL rules on the field this year, and how they would approach the Grand Final – Andrew Crosby was quick to say he isn't a good centre bounce umpire as he is a better 'tossler' on the field of play!

*Pic below-The 3 Wise Umpires – Rowan Hundertmark, Andrew Crosby and Leigh Haussen with Soda.*



The last interview was a panel with legend SANFL footballers – Garry McIntosh and Tim Ginever. Both gents put up some colourful banter and also a reflective moment for Garry's comments on the player payments for the AFL being raised from \$300,000 entry point in the pending bargaining agreement for players – 'WAKE up to yourselves'! Garry went on to say whatever happened to playing the sport for the people, not money – all it does is reduce the funds for lower levels of football as it impacts all grades of football across Australia.

*Soda with Garry McIntosh and Tim Ginever – getting controversial at the lunch*



Special mention must be made of our magnificent Luncheon Sponsors, Lion/SA Brewing Company for the amber liquid that flowed freely on the day and also to Prestige World Wines who provided wines for the Luncheon. In addition, a sincere thank you is extended to John Harris and Stuart Baird who also presented "presentation packs" from Prestige World Wines to the two Coaches, Captains and the 2016 Magarey Medallist.

*Report submitted by John Condon OAM & Ms Robbi Tims.*

## NSW-NRL Grand Final Luncheon

The Carbine Club of NSW in partnership with NRL welcomed over 600 guests to the NRL Grand Final Lunch at The Star, Pymont on 29 Sep, 2016.

Guests were welcomed by MC Yvonne Sampson along with NRL Chief Executive and CCNSW Member Todd Greenberg. Chairman Michael Crismale acknowledged the ongoing partnership between CCNSW and the National Rugby League.

The Carbine Club of NSW donated \$5,000 to the Volunteer of the Year Award as part of the Annual NRL Community Awards. This valuable donation will provide much needed support to the volunteer and their Rugby League Club in growing junior league within their local community. Congratulations to George 'Terry' Abednego from the Zenadth Kes Rugby League. The Clubs donation went directly to the Junior Rugby League Club that Terry represents.

NRL retiring players were acknowledged and presented with their Golden Boot Trophy.

Chairman Michael Crismale acknowledged members Trevor Davis and Ron Coote for their years of service to the Club, 38yrs and 29 yrs respectively.

League funny men, Nathan Hindmarsh and Bryan Fletcher thoroughly entertained guests with stories from their former glory days!!!

Members enjoyed post luncheon drinks in the Cherry Bar.

## NSW Post Olympic Dinner

Members and their guests gathered at the newly renovated one hatted Bellevue Hotel, Paddington (owned by fellow member Max Donnelly) for a Members Only dinner.

The dinner was not a fundraising event and was kept to Members plus one guest. Members were able to enjoy the company of each other and to hear news from Club members who attended the RIO 2016 Olympics.

The dinner was in great hands with Member Rod Tubbs who interviewed John Coates, Peter Montgomery and Matthew Dunn

It was a fun and informative night sharing something only members of this special club of ours can do.

*(Report submitted by Victoria Ramirez, Event Coordinator, NSW)*



## Club Diary - 2016

<b>The Carbine Club- Melbourne</b>	28 Oct – 54 <sup>th</sup> Derby Eve Luncheon 13 Dec – Members Christmas Function
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### Overseas Clubs

<b>PNG</b>	<b>Singapore</b>
22 Oct – Cox Plate Day, Aviat Club 18 Nov- Lae Members Lunch, Huon Club 2 Dec – Christmas Cocktail Party, Crowne Plaza	11 Nov – All Sports Luncheon, Grand Hyatt 16 Dec- Christmas Luncheon, Grand Hyatt
<b>Vanuatu</b>	<b>New Zealand</b>
	4 Dec – Christmas Barbecue, Greenlane
<b>London</b>	<b>Hong Kong</b>
31 Oct- AGM, “The Alfred Tennyson”	28 Oct- Cricket Sixes Luncheon 9 Dec – International Races Luncheon

### Australian Clubs

<b>WA</b>	<b>NT</b>
21 Oct Members Only Lunch, Richardson Hotel 18 Nov – Racing Luncheon, Hyatt Hotel	28 Oct – Cox Plate Luncheon 2 Dec – Christmas Dinner
<b>NSW</b>	<b>SA</b>
18 Nov- Cricket Lunch.SCG 9 Dec- EOY Christmas Lunch, SCG (M+1)	23 Nov – Test Cricket Lunch, Adelaide Oval
<b>QLD</b>	<b>TAS</b>
13 Dec- Cricket Luncheon, Cricket Club, ‘Gabba	
<b>ACT</b>	
7 Oct- Tony Campbell Memorial Cup Day, Thoroughbred Park 28 Nov- Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day, Royal Canberra 9 Dec- AGM & Luncheon, Jim Murphy’s Boardroom	

Next year: QLD - 10 January - Magic Millions Lunch, Jupiter’s Casino  
QLD - 18 March - Carbine Club Raceday, Gold Coast Turf Club    QLD - TBA April - AFL Lunch, Metricon Stadium  
NZ-26 May AGM & Members Luncheon, Remuera Golf Club

