



# The Carbiner

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



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**CARBINERS IN STARRING ROLE AT HOBART'S THEATRE ROYAL**



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## TASMANIA



**I**t was lights, cameras, action as CC TAS members and guests took centre stage at Hobart's historic Theatre Royal for a cocktail party and a tour of this iconic performing arts venue on Thu 5 Nov.

The Theatre Royal is Australia's oldest continually operating theatre having staged its first show in March, 1837 and has been graced by such stage luminaries as Noel Coward and Sir Laurence Olivier, but few have probably enjoyed themselves "treading the boards" as much as the Carbiners and their guests who were treated to fine foods and refreshments on the stage itself.

A highlight of the evening was a guided tour led by Theatre CEO Tim Munro (*a neighbor of CCTAS President Ross Burridge – guess how we gained entrée to this hallowed space!*)- we learnt about upstage, downstage, backstage, dressing rooms, the orchestra pit and the inner workings of stage and lighting. We saw where in days of old the patrons of the neighboring pub could spill directly into the theatre's pit seating, and we heard about the resident ghost known as "Fred".

Although Fred didn't appear on the night, those members who did voted it a sensational experience; the standing ovation of the night went to our host, Tim Munro, who patiently guided us through parts of the theatre seen by few, and who brought the theatre's wonderful history alive with his vivid and passionate descriptions.

A great event - as one pundit said: "an experience that money can't buy, but Club membership can!"

This picture of Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh from the "*Hobart Mercury*" of 15 June, 1948 (*courtesy of Trove*) was captioned thus:

**Backstage at the Theatre Royal, Hobart, last night, soon after the five-minute call—Sir Laurence Olivier, almost ready to take the stage, with Lady Olivier in her dressing room before appearing as Sir Peter and Lady Teazle in Sheridan's "School for Scandal."**

(thanks to Paul Fallon, long term member and office bearer of CCTAS, for the photos from the night that follow)

### BACKSTAGE



DOWN STAIRS-  
-THROUGH TO  
DRESSING ROOM 6  
ORCHESTRA PIT  
GREEN ROOM





**The** Carbine Club of Hong Kong held its annual Cricket Lunch on October 30th 2015 at the Hyatt Regency in Tsim Sha Tsui Hong Kong. The event was sold out with about 220 members and guests attending.

Our President Trevor Gregory was in London presumably waiting for the English Rugby Team to show up, so our Vice-president John Ridley stepped into the crease to host the event. The Master of Ceremonies, Mark Winstanley, also stepped up to bat to assure the audience that The Ashes would be back in Australia's hands after the next test match.

Mark introduced the guest speakers, former English cricketer Graham Gooch one of the most successful international batsmen of his generation, who proposed the toast to Cricket, and the former Welsh cricketer Tony Cottee who played for Glamorgan, Sussex and Eastern Transvaal in a first-class career lasting 18 years, who proposed the toast to The Carbine Club.

A standing ovation was given to both speakers who delivered electrifying stories that had the audience rolling in the aisles. Both were most gracious in receiving their presentations after the event. The lunch raised a significant sum for The Hong Kong Cricket Association for The Development of Cricket in Hong Kong. The Carbine Club of Hong Kong wishes to acknowledge the kind support of Cathay Pacific for flying in our guest speakers as well as the Hyatt Regency for the room accommodation and for putting on such an splendid affair. After the lunch, members and guests retired to the Chin Chin Bar to carry on...

*(Our thanks to Danny Zigal, CCHK Member & Carbiner correspondent for words and pics)*



Graham Gooch & John Ridley



**HONG KONG CRICKET LUNCHEON**

## Coming Events for your Diary:

QLD	11 Nov	Cricket 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

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

## 2016

NZ	29 Feb	Annual Charity Golf Tournament, Pakuranga Country Club
QLD	5 Jan	Magic Millions Luncheon, Jupiters Casino
Congress	8 Mar	Perth, WA
QLD	12 Mar	Carbine Club Race Day, Gold Coast Turf Club
HK	8 Apr	Rugby Sevens Luncheon



“...and in the next edition of “*The Carbiner*” a report on the 53<sup>rd</sup> Derby Eve Luncheon, QLD’s Cricket Luncheon, NZ’s Tennis Luncheon and possibly even a word or two and a pic from Lae!”

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*(thanks to Gordon Bennett for this photo of Francesca Cumani at the Derby Eve Luncheon and for all the photos of that event which will feature in the next edition)*