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**Life Member of The Carbine Club of WA Darren McCaullay had the crowd transfixed with his outstanding Toast to Racing delivered at the CC Singapore Racing Lunch, 2015- see story next page**

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## THE CARBINE CLUB OF SINGAPORE- RACING LUNCHEON

Those attending the Carbine Club of Singapore's International Racing Lunch were left in awe and there was barely a dry eye in the house after Darren McAullay delivered his Toast to Racing last Friday afternoon in front of 350 guests at the Grand Hyatt in Singapore. Appropriately themed around ANZAC and focussing on the Light Horse, Darren delivered, 'one of the greatest speeches in Carbine history', according to Master of Ceremonies Kevin Naughton.

As Darren painted vivid visual imagery the transfixed audience sat silent – the hum of the air-conditioning the only other audible sound in the room. Concluding with some fine poetry – which would be the first of much prose recited on the day, locals, expats and visitors alike stood in unison to acknowledge the feats of the Light Horse, the ANZAC and a fine job from a true professional.

Following Macca were guest appearances from Melbourne Cup winning jockey Michael Rodd and from Wolf Blass (by video), who kindly selected the wines for the afternoon from his personal reserve. Thus the mood was set for a long lunch filled with trademark good fellowship and outstanding food and refreshments.

*(Pictured right- LtoR- Lucas Granville, MC Kevin Naughton, Ian Curley and Adam D'Sylva)*



While Wolf had the wine covered, Executive Chef of the Hyatt Lucas Glanville was cajoled into sharing his kitchen with a couple of Melbourne imports flown up by the Club to prepare the lunch. Adam D'Sylva of Coda and Tonka fame, and Ian Curley from the Melbourne institution The European put together a menu of spectacular style and class.

After lunch, guests heard from Kiwi trainer Paul O'Sullivan who is currently enjoying a great season in Hong Kong and trained the winner of the Krisflyer Sprint in Aerovelocety. Paul was eager to share some of his personal poetry and after being interviewed by Steve Moran his wish was granted. Considerate enough to apologise for his transgressions to come Paul launched into poem after poem and left the stage with the crowd yelling for more.

Next up were Pat Lalor (*L in pic*) and John Schreck (*at R in pic*) ably interviewed by Steve Moran. The former stewards with fearsome reputations, shared some great footage from their personal collections of incidents over careers spanning decades. A finer insight into racing one could not receive.

Just when it seemed that there would be no more poetry another closet thespian emerged in John Schreck who stole the show with his rendition of Banjo Paterson's *'How the Favourite Beat Us'*.



Jockey Z Zurimann, pictured at left, humbly received the Apprentice Trophy from Ian MacDonald the Honorary Treasurer of the Singapore Turf Club – who was briefly promoted in error by Kevin Naughton to the position of Treasurer of the Carbine Club of Singapore – to conclude formalities.

But before moving downstairs there was a hint of controversy. The attempt to ensure the integrity and probity of the raffle draw failed miserably as Schreck – previously of unimpeachable character – drew the ticket of the person seated next to him. Most agreed though that Tunku Din, a regular visitor to Singapore and this lunch, was a fair winner, that there should be no inquiry and that he could keep the Emirates tickets.

The President's Shout followed where more food awaited including the Club's branded confectionary and ice cream. At last count former CCNT president Andy Bruyn had devoured three Carbine Club Magnums and was looking for more while Douggie Phillips just kept drinking red after red!



(and our thanks to **David Brooker** for this report from the Lion City)





## THE CARBINE CLUB OF VANUATU – UPDATE ON RACING LUNCHEON

Since the devastating cyclone that hit Vanuatu a few months ago much work has been done in recovery with Port Vila much recovered and the emphasis is now on the major job to be done on the outer islands.

Tony Ryan from the Carbine Club of Vanuatu has advised “*The Carbiner*” that it is full steam ahead for their Annual Raceday Luncheon which is scheduled for 14 August and planning for this great event is well underway.

The Club expects to have all details finalized in just a few weeks, and as always they have negotiated special rates for Carbine Club visitors at the Le Lagon resort – a special group booking form for Carbine Club members is available and has been forwarded separately to all Club Secretaries who will happily provide it to you on request.



Warwick Le Lagon Resort, Vanuatu



**Coming Events for your Diary:**

<b>Tas</b>	<b>27 May</b>	<b>Members Gaming Experience, Wrest Point Casino</b>
<b>PNG</b>	<b>12 Jun</b>	<b>Members Seafood Luncheon, Yacht Club</b>
<b>SA</b>	<b>12 Jun</b>	<b>32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Members Luncheon, Sebel Playford</b>
<b>ACT</b>	<b>17 Jun</b>	<b>NRL State of Origin II Dinner</b>
<b>NT</b>	<b>18 Jun</b>	<b>V8 Supercars, Hidden Valley</b>
<b>The Carbine Club</b>	<b>23 Jun</b>	<b>Annual Dinner, The Australian Club</b>
<b>PNG</b>	<b>3 Jul</b>	<b>BSP Pacific Games Luncheon, Gateway Hotel</b>
<b>Singapore</b>	<b>3 Jul</b>	<b>Luncheon, Grand Hyatt</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>3 Jul</b>	<b>Members Luncheon, Fraser's Restaurant</b>
<b>TAS</b>	<b>3 Jul</b>	<b>Luncheon with Marcos Ambrose</b>
<b>QLD</b>	<b>6 Jul</b>	<b>State of Origin Luncheon, Tattersall's Club</b>
<b>London</b>	<b>7 Jul</b>	<b>Cricket Luncheon, Lord's Longroom</b>
<b>NT</b>	<b>25 Jul</b>	<b>Race Day, Darwin Turf Club</b>
<b>NT</b>	<b>30 Jul</b>	<b>Darwin Cup Luncheon, Darwin Turf Club</b>
<b>NSW</b>	<b>7 Aug</b>	<b>Aust v NZ Rugby Luncheon, The Westin, Sydney</b>
<b>Vanuatu</b>	<b>14 Aug</b>	<b>Racing Luncheon</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>14 Aug</b>	<b>Broome Cup Luncheon, Divers Tavern, Cable Beach</b>
<b>The Carbine Club</b>	<b>20 Aug</b>	<b>Members Lunch, The Heroes Club (Toorak RSL)</b>
<b>TAS</b>	<b>20 Aug</b>	<b>AGM &amp; Dinner</b>
<b>ACT</b>	<b>28 Aug</b>	<b>(TBC) Sport Hall of Fame Dinner</b>
<b>PNG</b>	<b>4 Sep</b>	<b>Rugby World Cup Luncheon, Crowne Plaza</b>
<b>NSW</b>	<b>9 Sep</b>	<b>Annual Golf Day</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>25 Sep</b>	<b>WAFL Grand Final Luncheon, Hyatt Hotel</b>
<b>ACT</b>	<b>25 Sep</b>	<b>(TBC) Tony Campbell Memorial Cup Day</b>
<b>The Carbine Club</b>	<b>29 Sep</b>	<b>AFL Grand Final Luncheon, Crown</b>
<b>NT</b>	<b>9 Oct</b>	<b>Founders Luncheon 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>16 Oct</b>	<b>Members Only Luncheon, Richardson Hotel</b>
<b>NT</b>	<b>23 Oct</b>	<b>Cox Plate Eve Luncheon, Il Lido</b>
<b>PNG</b>	<b>24 Oct</b>	<b>Cox Plate Day, Aviat Club</b>
<b>The Carbine Club</b>	<b>30 Oct</b>	<b>VRC Derby Eve Luncheon, Crown</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>20 Nov</b>	<b>Racing Luncheon, Hyatt Hotel</b>
<b>ACT</b>	<b>30 Nov</b>	<b>(TBC) Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day</b>
<b>QLD</b>	<b>2 Dec</b>	<b>Cricket Lunch, Cricketers' Club</b>
<b>NT</b>	<b>4 Dec</b>	<b>Christmas Dinner</b>
<b>ACT</b>	<b>11 Dec</b>	<b>(TBC) AGM Lunch</b>