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# The Carbiner

**"For sport and good fellowship"**

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## THE CARBINE CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND

### AGM & Members Lunch

The Carbine Club of New Zealand held the AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> May where new members Dame Wendy Pye DNZM, MBE, Rob Waddell ONZM, Martin Snedden CNZM, Paul David QC and Peter Johnson were admitted as new members. John Lindsay was appointed President with the expiration of Cameron McGregor's term.

At the following Members' Only Luncheon Ken Rutherford MNZM spoke on the cricketing world, entertaining all with his anecdotes and observations on the Cricket World Cup and the current Black Caps team.



*From top left clockwise:*

*Dame Wendy Pye, Rob Waddell, Ken Rutherford & Martin Snedden*

*(Thanks to Victoria Latta, Secretary CCNZ)*



## THE CARBINE CLUB OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA



*PRESIDENT STAN JOYCE CSM, ROYCE SIMMONS & DES DOWLING WITH SP BREWERY HOSTESSES*

Three hundred members and guests gathered at the Gateway Hotel – the second home of the Carbine Club in PNG- for the SP Hunters Rugby League Lunch, the Club’s first lunch for the year and the first under new President Stan Joyce CSM.

Stan was wearing two hats on the day as he is also the General Manager of the South Pacific Brewery (SP), the major sponsor of the lunch. In his welcome speech Stan thanked VIPs, the chairman of PNGRL Mr.Sandis Tsaka, the Chairman of SP Brewery Mr. Joe Tauvasa and last but not least, the Past Patron of the Carbine Club of PNG Mr.Bart Philemon, still a great supporter of our club.

Carbine Club PNG Committeeman Brent St. Hill as usual had done his extensive research and enlightened on the backgrounds of both speakers: Royce Simmons of the Sydney Penrith Panthers NRL fame who captained them to the club’s first ever premiership, and Melbourne based comedian Des Dowling.

Both speakers had been to PNG previously, Royce as a player with the Kangaroos and as coach of Penrith Panthers when they played the Brisbane Broncos in an exhibition match at Port Moresby’s Hubert Murray Stadium in the 90’s.

Des was in PNG last year in Lae at the Scrum Rugby Union Lunch and mentioned that he still remembers the drive from the airport to the hotel with Carbine Club member Tyno and that he will never know how he or pedestrians on the side of the road survived– an experience he will never forget. But then, both our speakers knew what to expect: “in the land of the unexpected!”

Both speakers excelled and entertained the gathering with true stories and tales well into the late afternoon up until President Stan closed the bar just before dusk. Stan was very considerate towards members and guests and did not wish for them to have to drive home in the late afternoon sun.

In customary PNG style a number of toasts were enjoyed: the toast to PNG was rightly proposed by VP Peter Aitsi MBE, the toast to the Carbine Club was proposed by new member Junior David Kelso and the toast to PNG rugby league, celebrating 40 years this year, was raised by none other than Kumuls and Carbine Club legend Rod 'Rocky' Pearce ML. Rod read out the names of the players in the inaugural international Kumul team and spoke of their achievements in their careers and highlighted those players who have contributed in promoting the game since.

Yet again an inspirational and enlightening talk by Rod who resides overseas in Cairns and who travels up for every Carbine Club function without fail and has done for many years.

Superb kai (food) was served by the host hotel the Gateway and the refreshments kept on coming. SP Brewery as usual made sure the cold amber fluid kept flowing and the Gateway staff excelled in the service area. Even Royce Simmons was heard to say: *'aren't you allowed to get to the bottom of the glass, before another arrives'*, an experience he also had the night before at the Papua Club – PNG hospitality as it's best!

Indeed another very successful and memorable Carbine PNG lunch and members and their guests were thoroughly entertained in the true spirit of good sport and fellowship.

The next lunch for CCPNG will be in association with the opening of the Pacific Games. Last held in PNG in 1991, it is anticipated that 4000 athletes from all around the Pacific including Australia and New Zealand will be attending this edition of the Games.

This CC event, in July, will feature high caliber speakers in Olympians Kieren Perkins and Jacqui Cooper and it will be a mixed luncheon, the first mixed luncheon for CCPNG since 1991!



*Royce Simmons*

Thanks to Paul King,  
Immediate Past President,  
CCPNG for this story and  
pics





## CARBINE CLUB OF HONG KONG AGM

The Carbine Club of Hong Kong held its 2015 Annual General Meeting on 22 May 2014 the Hong Kong Jockey Club in Happy Valley. The President Mr. Trevor Gregory presided.

The office bearers for the Club are President Trevor Gregory, Vice President John Ridley, Hon. Treasurer Mark Winstanley, and Hon. Secretary Glenn Haley. At the AGM Immediate Past President Bruce Stinson was awarded the honour of Life Membership; Bruce joins John McNamara as the only two Life Members of the HK Club.

Committeeman Daniel Zigal has taken on the role of Club Correspondent for the Carbiner – thanks Danny!

Other members of the Committee are David Garcia, Simon Miller-Jones, Terry Smith and Murray Burton.



## CARBINE CLUB OF TAS GAMING NIGHT

CCTAS members and guests enjoyed a “funny money” gaming experience in the exclusive VIP Gaming Room at Wrest Point Casino, Hobart on 27 May. About 40 members and guests took advantage of the opportunity to blast away some “money” at the roulette and blackjack tables in an informal atmosphere where it seemed apparent that the croupiers had been instructed to make sure that “every player won a prize.”

Club Member and Network Gaming executive Mike Davey arranged exclusive access to the VIP Room and a supply of chips for every player, and the staff ensured that the food and drinks kept coming. Everyone was a winner on a great night, although not all had any of the chips left at the end of proceedings!



*Members & Guests at play*



*President Ross Burridge trying to work out who won!*

The next event for CCTAS will also be at Wrest Point on Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July when the special guest will be V8 Supercar and NASCAR driving ace Marcos Ambrose- *thanks to Steve Adermann for info for this story.*

**Coming Events for your Diary:**

NZ	5 Jun	Lunch with the Breakers (Basketball Lunch)
PNG	12 Jun	Members Seafood Luncheon, Yacht Club
SA	12 Jun	32 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Members Luncheon, Sebel Playford
ACT	17 Jun	NRL State of Origin II Dinner
NT	18 Jun	V8 Supercars, Hidden Valley
The Carbine Club	23 Jun	Annual Dinner, The Australian Club
PNG	3 Jul	BSP Pacific Games Luncheon, Gateway Hotel
Singapore	3 Jul	Luncheon, Grand Hyatt
WA	3 Jul	Members Luncheon, Fraser's Restaurant
TAS	3 Jul	Luncheon with Marcos Ambrose
QLD	6 Jul	State of Origin Luncheon, Tattersall's Club
London	7 Jul	Cricket Luncheon, Lord's Longroom
NT	25 Jul	Race Day, Darwin Turf Club
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
The Carbine Club	20 Aug	Members Lunch, The Heroes Club (Toorak RSL)
TAS	20 Aug	AGM & Dinner
ACT	28 Aug (TBC)	Sport Hall of Fame Dinner
PNG	4 Sep	Rugby World Cup Luncheon, Crowne Plaza
NSW	9 Sep	Annual Golf Day
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 25 <sup>th</sup> 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
PNG	13 Nov	Lae Members Lunch
WA	20 Nov	Racing Luncheon, Hyatt Hotel
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