



The Carbiner

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Cecil Healy Biography by John Devitt

Coming Events

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The Carbine Club of Vanuatu - Rodeo Luncheon



In what must surely be a first for the Club The Carbine Club of Vanuatu recently held a lunch celebrating the rodeo. This report and pictures from Mark Hurley:

“On Friday 5 October 2018 the Vanuatu Club hosted its inaugural rodeo luncheon at the wonderful Warwick Le Lagon Resort & Spa Conference Centre which hosted an excellent three course meal. Our MC was the highly entertaining Melbourne based comedian Trevor Marmalade (who featured over many years in such shows as *Hey, Hey, It's Saturday* and *The AFL Footy Show*). Not only was Trevor an accomplished MC, he held the audience's attention with his quick witted jokes routine.

Frank Bunce with Glen Craig & Mark Hurley

Trevor was joined by two sports celebrities. First, Troy Wilkinson (Australia's no.1 ranked professional bull rider). In keeping with the theme for the weekend's Port Vila rodeo event, Troy highlighted a number of his trials and tribulations rising through the ranks of bull riding. Although not huge in stature it is obvious Troy is made of the stern stuff as he continues to pursue his life-long dream on the professional bull riding circuit.

Our second guest speaker was intended to be Cameron Smith of Melbourne Storm and Kangaroos fame. Unfortunately due to an unforeseen family circumstance Cam was unable to make it. He sent a pre-recorded apology message and vowed to visit our shores in the future. At very short notice calls and emails were answered with former Samoan and All Black test centre, Frank Bunce (4 tests for Samoa, 55 tests for NZ between 1991-1997), joining us.

Frank regaled us with many tales including from his touring days, his observations regarding the differences between his days and the current game and some of rugby's personalities past and present.

The 200 strong audience dug deep and their generosity saw excellent results achieved for both the raffle and auction items to support the Club's ongoing endeavours. A big thank you goes out to numerous local businesses and our major sponsor, Azure Pure Water Limited, for their support".



(Left)Troy Wilkinson, with Maurice Masuino,& Kris Paraskevas

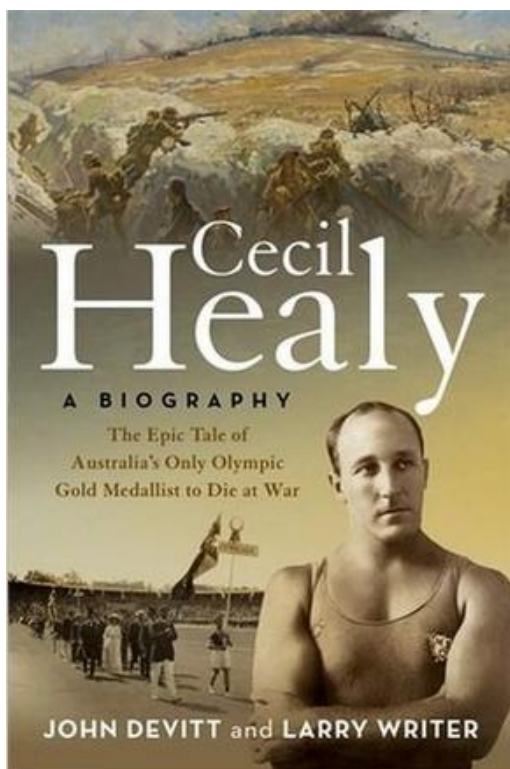
Below -Trevor Marmalade



The room



A Book for Christmas.... a great read and an ideal gift



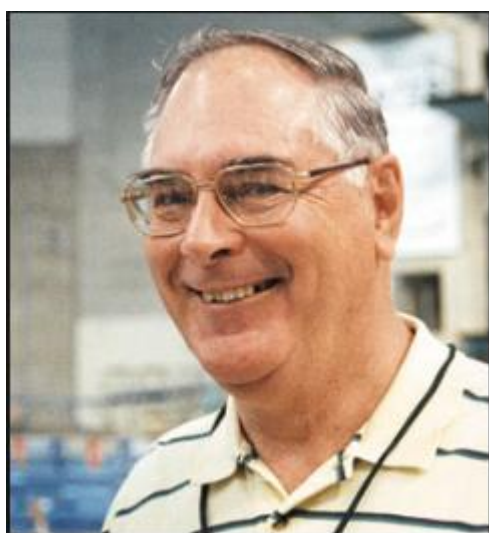
Carbine Club NSW member and dual Gold Medal swimmer John Devitt AM has recently launched his book about Cecil Healy, the only Australian Gold medallist killed at war (1914-18).

A long time member of the NSW chapter of our club, John is one of Australia's all time sporting greats, winner of four Olympic medals including two golds, a world record holder for the 100m freestyle, later a noted sports administrator, he has been inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame and the Sport Australia Hall of Fame.

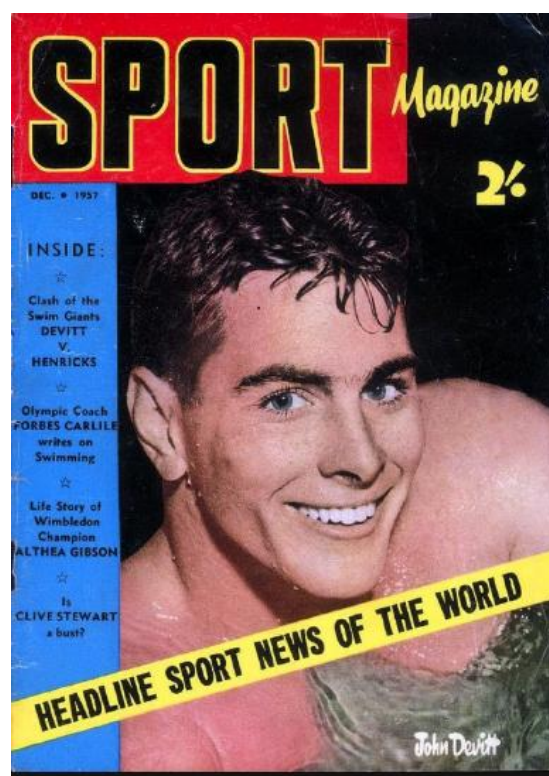
Leon Wiegard from the Club has read the book and describes it as *"a beauty."* The book traces the life of John Devitt's hero, Cecil Healy, who as well as being an internationally famous pool sprinter, was a pioneer of surfing in Sydney. He was made even more famous for leading the push to have Duke Kahanamoku of Hawaii reinstated in the 1912 Olympics even though that meant that Cecil would win the individual silver instead of the gold medal.

The book recalls Australia's first great era of swimming, our early Olympic achievements and the start of the surf life saving movement.

At a little over 500 pages with a wealth of sporting history, Leon says that this is the ideal Christmas gift for yourself or any sports lover – it's not expensive at a little over \$30, it can be purchased from good bookstores and is available on the net from Booktopia and Angus & Robertson.



John Devitt



COMING EVENTS



NSW End of Year Function- December 14th

The CCNSW annual End of Year Member plus One lunch in the beautiful Members Bar at the SCG with a walk and talk on the hallowed turf itself is one of the highlights of the Club calendar.

President Bernie Campbell reminds us that the setting itself is unique and could never be experienced without being a member of the club.

At the 2017 lunch John Brown's speech noting the achievements of that year's Davo winner, Neil Harvey, was talked about for months by everyone who heard it. This year's Davo presentation will be to someone who has made a major contribution to Australian sport and will be something not to be missed.

Bernie says if you haven't been for a while (or ever), if you are an ordinary member, special member, life member, or a senior member this event will show just how lucky we are to be part of such a special club.

Bookings can be made via the CCNSW website www.carbineclubnsw.com.au/events

END OF YEAR APPROACHING –EVENTS SCHEDULE

2 Nov	VIC	VRC Derby Eve Luncheon, Crown Palladium
2 Nov	PNG	Members Only Lunch
5 Nov	London	AGM & Melbourne Cup Dinner, Alfred Tennyson
20 Nov	QLD	Cricket Luncheon, QLD Cricket Club
22 Nov	TAS	Christmas Drinks, Vue Bar, Customs House Hotel
23 Nov	WA	Racing Luncheon, Hyatt Hotel
3 Dec	ACT	Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day, RCGC
3 Dec	ACT	Christmas Cocktail Party, RCGC
5 Dec	SA	Test Cricket Luncheon
7 Dec	ACT	AGM Lunch, Jim Murphy's Fyshwick
7 Dec	HK	International Races Lunch
7 Dec	QLD	Members Only Luncheon, XXXX Board Room
11 Dec	VIC	Members Xmas Lunch, RACV
13 Dec	WA	Cricket Luncheon
14 Dec	PNG	Christmas Party – Members Only
14 Dec	S'pore	Christmas Lunch
14 Dec	NT	Christmas Dinner
14 Dec	NSW	End of Year Lunch & Davo Award, Members Pavilion, SCG
8 Jan	QLD	Magic Millions Luncheon, The Star Casino, Broadbeach