



# The Carbiner

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



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## **PNG – Pacific MMI Cricket Luncheon**

*(by Brent St. Hill, CCPNG)*

It was back to the Gateway Hotel in the Nation's Capital on 23 Sep for the final sports lunch of 2016 for the Carbine Club of PNG before a packed house.

The theme for the lunch was cricket, and as the Carbine PNG Members, friends & guests arrived, little did they know they were in for a cracker of an afternoon with 2 exquisite acts to follow all linked together with the normal witty speeches & toasts that are accustomed to a Carbine PNG lunch where only the foolish are likely to leave early on a Friday afternoon & retreat back to the office before fully experiencing the impact a Carbine PNG Lunch can have on you as an individual, mentally & physically.



**(Pictured- Lto R-** Carbine PNG Member David Toua, President Stan Joyce CSM, Patron Bart Philemon, Past President Gavin Crosbie OBE & Former Australian Cricketer, Wayne "Flipper" Phillips

To set the scene, the retiring MC Brent St.Hill, in one of his outstanding performances laid out the foundations of the afternoon ahead with a perfect segue to the Patron of Carbine PNG & PNG Statesman, Bart Philemon with a toast to PNG, who enlightened all with a colourful history of some of the legends, past & present who had shaped PNG through business, politics & more importantly sport to make it such a proud nation where all are encouraged to participate in stiff competition, and with good humour.

Then onto potentially the replacement MC in David Toua, who through an excellent use of the English vocabulary with immaculate pronunciation & enunciation was able to offer a slightly different perspective on the great horse Carbine & why each club should be proud to be following in the footsteps of the equine phenomenon.

During this toast a lot present were seen diving for Google to have explained an array of words, most are not familiar with. Certainly not a verbose performance though.

Next up was President Stan Joyce who was even more candid than previously, & most put this down to the absence on the day of Immediate Past President Paul King who was a last minute withdrawal due to sad circumstances & Past President Rob Allport who was beginning his journey to South Africa on the Australia Sporting Tour that failed to see an Australian side in two sports pick up a victory. Sad when such a dedicated Wallaby supporter is forced to support the All Blacks just to see one team he's supported win whilst on tour.

President Stan informed the club on the large list of positives over the last two years and how in both membership & financials Carbine PNG was in such a solid position for the future with all efforts now focusing on making the 2018 Congress a huge success.

It was agreed by all present that President Stan had done a sterling job in leading Carbine PNG to its current dominant position in his term as President.

The food & beverages continued to arrive thereafter & the collected gathering began warming to the main event of the afternoon.

With an introduction that would be dismantled very quickly once he was on stage Wayne Flipper Phillips bounded to the stage & had all in raptures from his opening comments in a polished performance of wit, comical timing, humour, all intermingled with a sporting pedigree befitting Australia's 320th Test Representative.

Did we mention his 159 runs on debut for Australia in 1983 and that he was the 51<sup>st</sup> Test Batsman to make a century on debut? 'Cause Wayne certainly did & at the end of his time a standing ovation & recall to the stage was demanded & dutifully delivered.

Certainly up there as one of the great Carbine PNG guest speakers.

To round out the afternoon, magician & comedian Phil Cass on return to PNG kept all in the room (and few had left at this late stage) entertained & amazed with a mix of magic & comedy whilst ensuring one amongst us would bear the brunt of his & others amusement. Another sensational performance by Mr. Cass.

Raffles drawn & final farewells said & in a flash the afternoon was over with everyone shuffling off to either the adjacent bars of the Gateway Hotel or that renowned club that has become an after function sanctuary for so many over so many years. Of course it would be the Papua Club.

It would be remiss not to close by acknowledging the superb support of the major sponsor for the lunch in Pacific MMI, not only great supporters Carbine PNG and of many sports in PNG, but especially the evolving of international cricket in PNG from the grass roots level up.



**Pic above-** masterful comedian & magician Phil Cass with the "target" for the afternoon before he lost his tie.

## Club Diary - Nov-Dec 2016

<b>The Carbine Club- Melbourne</b>	13 Dec – Members Christmas Function
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### Overseas Clubs

<b>PNG</b> 18 Nov- Lae Members Lunch, Huon Club 2 Dec – Christmas Cocktail Party, Crowne Plaza	<b>Singapore</b> 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> 31 Oct- AGM, “The Alfred Tennyson”	<b>Hong Kong</b> 9 Dec – International Races Luncheon

### Australian Clubs

<b>WA</b> 18 Nov – Racing Luncheon, Hyatt Hotel	<b>NT</b> 2 Dec – Christmas Dinner
<b>NSW</b> 18 Nov- Cricket Lunch.SCG 9 Dec- EOY Christmas Lunch, SCG (M+1)	<b>SA</b> 23 Nov – Test Cricket Lunch, Adelaide Oval
<b>QLD</b> 13 Dec- Cricket Luncheon, Cricket Club, ‘Gabba	<b>TAS</b>
<b>ACT</b> 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  
 Vanuatu Racing Lunch 11 Aug

