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## THE CARBINE CLUB 55th DERBY EVE LUNCHEON

**The Carbine Club** held its 55th Derby Eve Luncheon in the glittering surrounds of the Crown Palladium as a part of the festivities of the Spring Racing Carnival on Friday3 November 2017.

The sensational audio vision presentations from the Channel 7 team throughout the afternoon were supported by an array of racing and sporting talent – champion trainers Darren Weir and Chris Waller were interviewed by the MC for the day, ABC & Fox Broadcast Journalist Gerard Whately, the soon to be six times winning owner of the Melbourne Cup, Lloyd Williams was interviewed by Seven's Hamish McLachlan, sports broadcaster Jason Richardson roamed the room finding many racing celebrities including Anthony Cummings, Matt Hill, Lester Piggott, Francesca Cumani and her brother Matt to add their thoughts for the Derby and the Cup.

President Graeme Johnson OAM welcomed the packed house which included many guests and fellow members from interstate and overseas and he managed to keep his 100% record of picking the winner of the Carbine Club Stakes intact, albeit it must be said that his selection this year was not beaten simply because it was scratched!

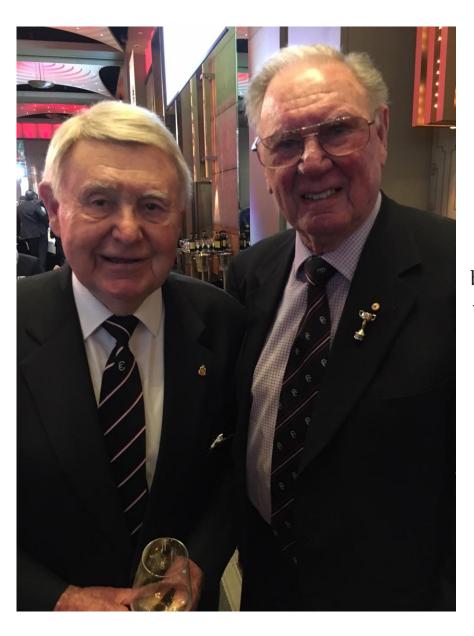




Amanda Elliott, Chairman of the Victorian Racing Club displayed her passion for the VRC and Cup week as she described the exciting happenings at Flemington.

The opportunity to acknowledge the NRL Champions, the Melbourne Storm was also taken with the trophy now in southern clutches proudly displayed by John Ribot, Craig Bellamy and Gerry Ryan; punters were also updated on the latest betting moves by Matty Campbell from Crownbet.

As always, another sensational day and this was topped off by the extremely funny Scotsman George McNeill who sent everyone off to the post dinner drinks at Club 23 with a smile on their face.



Two members who always enjoy the Club luncheons had even more reason to enjoy this one- tennis legend Frank Sedgeman celebrated his 90th birthday and is pictured with Founding Member Trevor Craddock who tops that at 94!

A selection of photos from the day, as always from intrepid photographer Gordon Bennett, is in later pages of this edition-thanks again for some great photos Gordon!



#### PERFECT PITCH PROJECT IN HONG KONG

Carbine Club of Hong Kong Member Robbie McRobbie reported that on Friday 6th October 2017 a ceremony was held to mark the re-opening of a natural turf sports pitch in Hong Kong following an extensive refurbishment which was paid for by the Carbine Club of Hong Kong.

The pitch is attached to a school that has been converted into a community centre and is operated by a social work group, offering services and activities to local youngsters from the Tai Po area, which is situated in the northern New Territories.

Funds were raised at last year's Carbine Club Rugby Sevens Lunch, a memorable event that saw over 580 members and guests at the Hong Kong Football Club entertained by former Wallaby Justin Harrison and Scotland's Rob Wainwright. The charity supported by this event is the Hong Kong Rugby Union's Community Foundation who had identified the pitch project as a great opportunity to make a long-lasting positive social impact.

The Carbine Club was represented at the opening ceremony by past President Trevor Gregory and Club Treasurer Dave Garcia; they had the opportunity to watch a group of youngsters from a nearby school show off their rugby skills, the first of many thousands who will benefit from this donation.





### CCTAS- Team Peroni Acknowledgment Letter

The Carbine Club of Tasmania has been a supporter of young racing car driver Tasmanian Alex Peroni who has been campaigning with success in Europe – Alex's dad Piero recently sent this message to the Club acknowledging the support given, and giving an update on recent test days with Alex trying out for a team for the next year:

"Alex today had an excellent test with French team Tech-1 at SPA Francorchamps in Belgium. The test went even better than with R-ace GP on Tuesday in Barcelona. These were Alex's only test days before returning to Australia with one made possible exclusively by the generous donation of the Carbine Club.

The team were very attentive to Alex's needs and they also gave him a competitive car. Alex was constantly in the top 3 through variable weather conditions all day.

Interestingly he was the fastest in his team and faster than the R-Ace cars, an extremely competitive team in the series.

Despite the limited dry track running he went nearly a second faster than his qualifying time with Fortec at the Eurocup event in September.

We would certainly be happy for Alex to race with them in 2018 if we find the necessary funding. We hope the positive test leads to an attractive offer by the team for next year's Eurocup season.

Attached are some photos.

Thank you again for your incredible support and belief in Alex's campaign. We look forward to seeing you soon as we return to Australia".

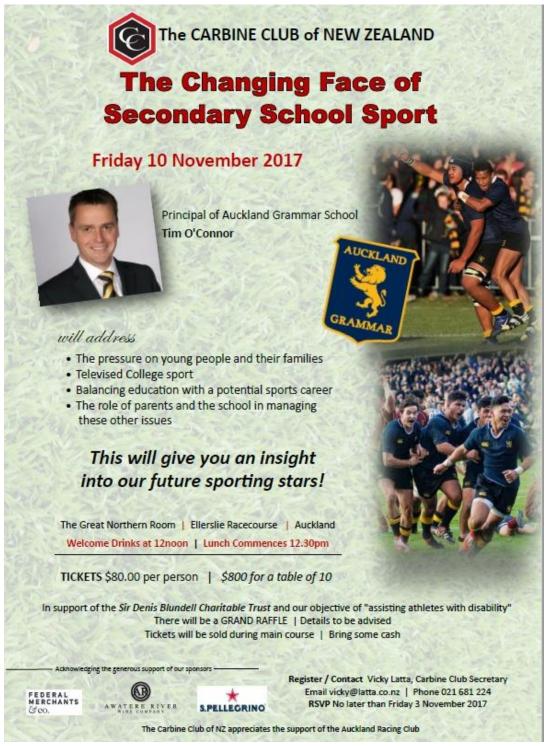






### **CCNZ America's Cup Luncheon**

The America's Cup luncheon hosted by the Carbine Club of New Zealand was very successful. Guest speakers were **Murray Jones**, six time winner of the America's Cup, inductee into the America's Cup Hall of Fame in 2010 and Sailing Coach of Emirates Team New Zealand 2017 and **Josh Junior**, Olympic Finn sailor, Rio de Janeiro 2017 and Cyclor on Emirates Team New Zealand 2017. New Zealand's 'voice of yachting' **Peter Montgomery** interviewed the two speakers and elicited information that was of interest to both sailors and non-sailors about the development of Emirates Team New Zealand 2017 and the factors contributing to the team's success, despite a near disaster at one point in the contest with Oracle. It was fascinating and gave a great insight into factors that all could recognise as elements present in any highly successful team.



Flyer for the latest CCNZ event.



#### **NOVEMBER**

NT- 16 Nov- Rugby League World Cup Lunch at Darwin Convention Centre

QLD - 21 November- Cricket Lunch at the Gabba

WA - 24 November - Racing Luncheon at the Hyatt

ACT - 30 November - Golf Day & Cocktail Party at Royal Canberra (TBC)

#### **DECEMBER**

SA - Ashes Test cricket Luncheon on 1 December

PNG - Xmas Cocktail Party on 1 December (TBC)

ACT- Golf day, Christmas Cocktail Party at Royal Canberra on 4 Dec

**NSW- EOY Lunch on 8 Dec** 

HK - International Races Luncheon on 8 December

WA - Cricket Lunch @ Hyatt Hotel on 8 Dec

ACT - AGM Lunch at Jim Murphy's on 8 December

NZ- Christmas Barbecue on 10 Dec

Vic - Members Xmas Lunch at RACV on December 12

TAS- Xmas Cocktail Party at Macq1 on 13 Dec



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