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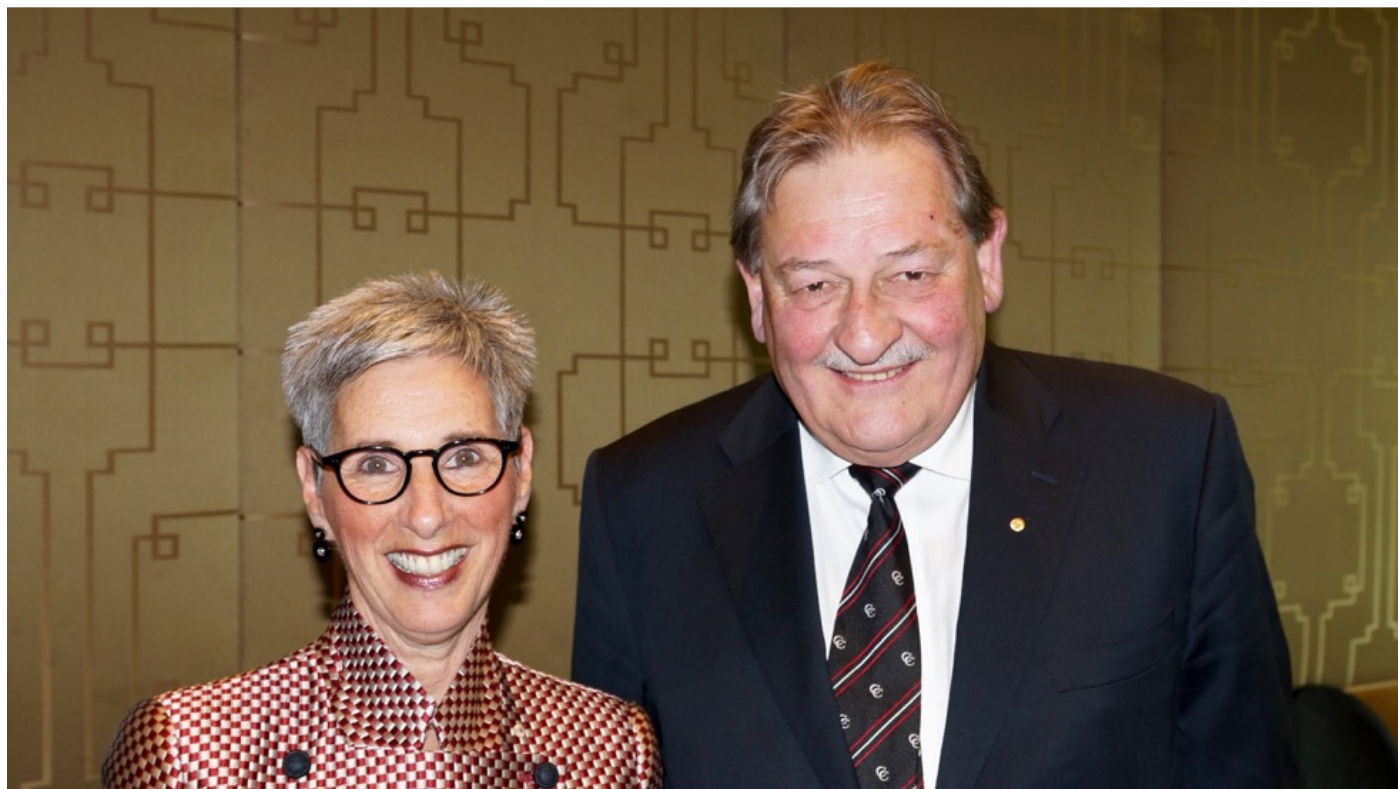
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The Carbine Club **AFL Grand Final Luncheon**

The biggest crowd in years packed the Palladium at Crown for the 52nd Carbine Club AFL Grand Final lunch, in Melbourne last week.

It was great to welcome so many Members & their guests from sister Clubs, who continued the long standing tradition of being among the last standing at the post lunch celebrations.

We were delighted to have our Patron the Governor of Victoria The Hon Linda Dessau AM in attendance (pictured below with Club President Graeme Johnson), along with many other distinguished guests and football personalities.



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For the second year running, the AFL CEO Gillon McLachlan sparred with his media star brother Lachlan in a very forthright & entertaining session. Kane Cornes excelled with his insightful & well prepared Toast to Football and showed himself to be a most worthy Premiership Cup Ambassador for 2015.



In a first, top football writer Caroline Wilson interviewed a panel of champion VWFL players who demonstrated why Women's footy is one of the fastest growing sports in the land. Caroline is the daughter of Carbine Club stalwart & former Richmond FC President Ian Wilson, and joked that it was the first CC lunch her dad had invited her to in 42 years!



Hawthorn FC President Andrew Newbold and CCWA's Graham Moss (representing the West Coast Eagles) were on hand to discuss their respective team's prospects. It was clear that both had strong expectations about the outcome, with Mossy tipping a big day for the Eagles and the Hawks chief quietly confident of a three-peat. May the best team win!



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The Grand Final Umps were there along with Darren Goldspink, recognised for his outstanding AFL umpiring career. The two Carbine Legends anointed at this year's lunch were our own CC member Peter Hudson and Doug Wade. What a great pair of champions.



The event was MC'd expertly again by Brian Taylor, who kick started the day by roaming amongst the tables, talking entertainingly with several well-known attendees, including cricketers Ricky Ponting & Damien Fleming, the latter having recently becoming a member of the Club.



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As always, the after party in Club 23 was equally well attended with the opportunity being taken by many to relax & mingle with friends of and from the Carbine Club fraternity.



(Courtesy of Graham Halbish, Secretary of The Carbine Club. Photographs by Gordon Bennett)



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CARBINE CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND

Tennis luncheon – Friday 13th November 2015

Karl Budge, Commercial and Tournament Director of Tennis Auckland, will be guest speaker at the Carbine Club's next luncheon. Karl has responsibility for securing and negotiating with players for the New Zealand Festival of Tennis and has successfully secured players such as Venus Williams for the ASB Classic and five players within the top 20 in the world including Jo-Wilfred Tsonga for the Heineken Open. What it takes to secure players of this calibre and other aspects that make up this fantastic event will be well worth hearing, so join with friends and join us at Ellerslie on 13 November.



Carbine Club Trophy - Tuesday 3rd November 2015

The Auckland Racing Club has once again generously 'given' naming rights to a \$40,000 race to the Carbine Club of NZ at its Melbourne Cup day meeting on the 3rd of November. This is great profile for the Club and something that we should all appreciate. It also provides the opportunity for Club members attending the races that day to meet owners and trainers in the Parade ring enclosure prior to the race, to watch the race from the dais in front of the finish line and join the successful horse's connections in the 'Winner's Circle' for the presentation. The Club provides a silver salver which the owners get to keep and this is hugely appreciated by owners. The whole experience is great fun - particularly for those who do not own racehorses!

If you plan to be at the races that day and would like to be part of the Club's sponsorship involvement, please let us know as soon as possible by contacting either Bruce Goldsworthy at bruce.goldsworthy@xtra.co.nz or Vicky Latta at victoria@latta.co.nz so we can ensure you are included in the Club's representative party.

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Christmas barbeque – Sunday 29th November 2015

After the success of the initial Christmas barbeque held last year, Immediate Past President, Cameron McGregor has again offered to host the event on Sunday 29th November so mark this date in your diary as an opportunity to catch up with fellow Carbine Club members prior to Christmas to celebrate another successful year.

Great Northern Steeplechase luncheon sweepstake

Attendees at the Great Northern Steeplechase luncheon held on 4th September were entertained (and well informed) by John Wheeler and Tommy Hazlett at a very enjoyable luncheon. In addition, the following were successful in the sweepstake run on the following day's main race:

Michael MacPherson	\$1,650
Peter Menzies	\$ 825
Cameron McGregor	\$ 275

Definitely an added bonus to those successful attendees at the luncheon!

Annual Charity Golf tournament, Pakuranga Country Club ***Monday 29th February 2016***

Note - This event is held a week earlier than usual next year to allow for several of those running the Golf tournament to travel to the Perth Congress which starts on 8th March.

(Courtesy of Vicky Latta - Secretary of the Carbine Club of New Zealand)

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