



# The Carbiner

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB

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[www.thecarbineclub.org](http://www.thecarbineclub.org)

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## CARBINE CLUB OF HONG KONG – Rugby Sevens



On Friday April 6th The Carbine Club of Hong Kong held the annual Rugby Sevens Luncheon at the Hong Kong Football Club. It kicked off at 12:00 noon for drinks with luncheon served at 12:45pm. There were about 520 members and invited guests in attendance.

In the audience, we were honoured to have former Springboks Mornay du Plessis and Jean de Villiers, as well as Andy Hall, Andy Nicol, Peter Wheeler, Lawrence Dallaglio, and Ieuan Evans, all former Lions players. (Who else was at the lunch?)

*(Pic at left: Austin Knight, President John Ridley & Robert Jones)*

As usual the luncheon was started off robustly by our silver-tongued Master of Ceremonies Murray Burton who once again prepped the guests for what would again be a terrific luncheon.

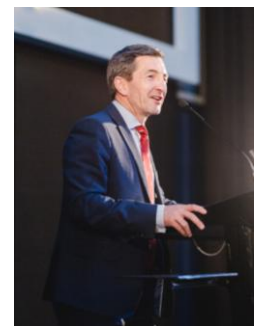
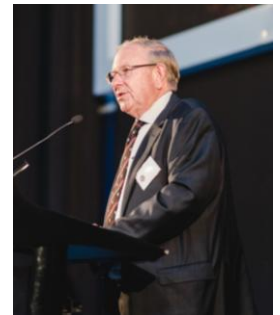
Murray then proceeded to introduce our President of the Carbine Club of Hong Kong, Mr. John Ridley, who welcomed all Members and guests. This was John's last event as President of the Club.

Murray then introduced John Smit who retired from international rugby as the most-capped Springbok of all time with 111 Test caps. John led the South African team to victory at the 2007 Rugby World Cup. John proposed "The Toast to Rugby". (What memorable topic did he mention?)

Murray then introduced the colourful Robert Jones, the former Welsh international, and British and Irish Lion. An outstanding player in his teens, he represented Swansea RFC whilst still at school, and had 54 caps for Wales. Robert then regaled us at length with stories of the Lions victorious tour of Australia in 1989, and his memorable confrontations with his opposite number for the Wallabies, Nick Farr-Jones. He emphasized his many lifelong friendships that have been forged through rugby since that tour, saying that contrary perhaps to popular expectation, many of his best mates were English!

Members and Guests were then entertained by the hilarious Austin Knight who hails from Manchester.

The lunch raised about HK\$ 220,000 in donations for The Hong Kong Football Charitable Trust.



## HK Pics

*Top row-- left: Austin Knight Centre- Member Burji Schroff with guest Harry Banga Right- former CCHK President Colin Jesse in the centre with Cameron McDonald on his left and Tony Turner on the right  
Middle row: left John Smit; centre Austin toasts the Club; right outgoing President John Ridley  
Bottom row: left-member Terry Smith; centre Colin Jesse in the middle with guests; right Robert Jones*

The next event for the Hong Kong Club is the AGM on 25 May

## CARBINE CLUB OF LONDON



Terry McCaughey, Member Communications for the Carbine Club, London recently issued their April, 2018 Newsletter with a full update of all the activities of the Club.

Visiting members have taken the opportunity in previous years to attend the fabled Lord's Long Room Luncheon – Terry advises that this year the Lunch will be held on Thursday 28 June and that tables always fill early and fast for this luncheon so any intending visitors should contact him at [terrymccaughey@me.com](mailto:terrymccaughey@me.com) as soon as possible.

A full copy of Terry's comprehensive newsletter has been provided to each Club Secretary – contact [carbiner@netspace.net.au](mailto:carbiner@netspace.net.au) or your Club Secretary if you would like to receive a copy of the London newsletter.

Pic- CC London President Peter Jensen welcoming members and guests to the Cheltenham Festival Dinner

## CARBINE CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA – AGM

The Carbine Club of SA recently held the AGM at member Peter Hurley's Arkaba Hotel where new members Paul Di Iulio and Tony Modra were admitted as members and former member and Treasurer John Hardy was welcomed back to Adelaide and to Club membership.

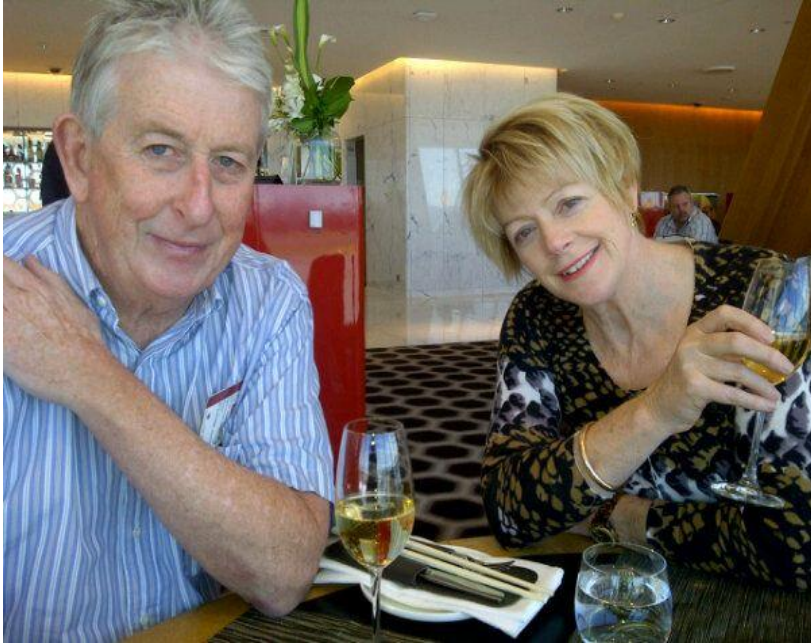
In yet another accolade, long serving Secretary John Condon OAM was granted well deserved Life Membership status; Bob Farnham was presented with his 25 year Membership Medallion, and the efforts of Peter Lewis, a former President, were acknowledged. Peter has been a member for 22 years and has served on the Committee for ten of those years making a valued contribution.



Left- Nick Chigwidden & Peter Lewis,  
Above –Nick & Bob Farnham



## NSW Briefs



CCNSW member Peter Kerr AM was recently acknowledged by the NSW Olympic Council with an Order of Merit award which was presented at their AGM in April.

The NSWOC Order of Merit is presented to individuals who have achieved remarkable merit in the sporting world, either through personal achievement or contribution to the development of sport with no more than two awards given in any one year.

A long term member of the Carbine Club in NSW, Peter has given extensive service on the committee including as President and he is a regular welcome visitor to other clubs.

Peter and his wife Janine are heading to PNG for the Congress next week where his many Carbine friends look forward to celebratory refreshment with them!



CARBINE CLUB OF NSW 2018 AFL LUNCH

### "LUNCH WITH A LEGEND"

Members and guests are invited to attend a truly unique event.  
AFL broadcasting icon **DENNIS COMETTI** in conversation  
with **HAMISH MCLACHLAN**.

**THURSDAY 14 JUNE 2018**  
**FOUR SEASONS HOTEL,**  
- 199 GEORGE STREET SYDNEY NSW 2000 -  
**12:00PM**

**MC: TONY SQUIRES**  
**\$185PP OR \$1,850 PER TABLE OF 10**

Dennis will share experiences and insights from his nearly 50 years of calling AFL on radio and television and writing about it in countless newspapers and magazines.

Hamish will also interview two of Dennis' long-standing broadcasting colleagues, **LEIGH MATTHEWS AM** (8 x Premiership player and coach and the Greatest Of All Time) and **TOM HARLEY** (Dual Premiership Captain and incoming Sydney Swans CEO).

Former teammates, Sydney Swans coach **JOHN LONGMIRE** and West Coast Eagles coach **ADAM SIMPSON** will preview the Swans v Eagles match, to be played at the Sydney Cricket Ground the following evening.

The next big event in NSW is the AFL lunch ahead of the Swans v Eagles clash at the SCG.

Hard working Event Coordinator Victoria Ramirez tells us that already over 400 bookings have been received for the lunch on 14 June which features iconic broadcaster Dennis Cometti.

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## Coming Events:

**16-21 May THE BIG ONE- THE CONGRESS- PNG**  
**Mi laik go long Pot Masbi-Plant dring and kai kai!**

**80 delegates from the Clubs are travelling to Port Moresby together with 50 from the PNG club  
for what promises to be yet another sensational Carbine Club Congress**

24 May	VIC	AGM and Members Lunch, Crown
25 May	HK	AGM
25 May	Vanuatu	Sports Luncheon, Port Vila Golf & Country Club
14 June	NSW	AFL Luncheon Four Seasons
19 Jun	QLD	State of Origin Lunch, Intercontinental Hotel, Sanctuary Cove
22 Jun	WA	30th Anniversary Luncheon
28 Jun	London	Lord's Long Room Lunch
13 July	SA	35th Anniversary Members Luncheon
20 July	S'pore	Racing Lunch
17 July	VIC	Delegates Meeting, RACV ***** note revised date*****
17 July	VIC	Annual Dinner, Australian Club
10 Aug	ACT	AFL Luncheon, National Press Club
11 Aug	Vanuatu	Race Luncheon, venue TBA
17 Aug	WA	Broome Cup Luncheon, Cable Beach Club
17 Aug	NSW	Australia v New Zealand Rugby Luncheon, The Westin
29 Aug	NSW	Golf Day, St.Michael's GC
14 Sep	S'pore	All Sports Lunch
18 Sep	QLD	AFL Lunch, Southport Sharks
20 Sep	SA	SANFL Grand Final Luncheon, Adelaide Oval
21 Sep	WA	WAFL GF Luncheon, Hyatt Hotel
21 Sep	London	Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Day, Richmond
25 Sep	VIC	AFL GF Luncheon, Crown Palladium
27 Sep	NSW	Rugby League GF Luncheon, venue TBA
5 Oct	ACT	Tony Campbell Memorial Cup Day, Thoroughbred Park
19 Oct	WA	Members Only Luncheon
2 Nov	VIC	VRC Derby Eve Luncheon, Crown Palladium
5 Nov	London	AGM & Melbourne Cup Dinner, Alfred Tennyson
23 Nov	WA	Racing Luncheon, Hyatt Hotel
3 Dec	ACT	Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day, RCGC
3 Dec	ACT	Christmas Cocktail Party, RCGC
7 Dec	ACT	AGM Lunch, Jim Murphy's Fyshwick
7 Dec	HK	International Races Lunch
11 Dec	VIC	Members Xmas Lunch, RACV
14 Dec	S'pore	Christmas Lunch

Need a break? Head to Vanuatu!



**The Carbine Club  
of Vanuatu  
presents**

## **The Carbine Club Charity Sports Luncheon Featuring**



**Chris Nunn**  
Ex Australian athletics coach



**Paul Bird**  
Paralympic gold and silver  
medalist in athletics and swimming

### **Event Details**

This event focuses on the awareness and development of Para Athletics in Vanuatu.

**Port Vila Golf and Country Club**  
**Friday 25th May 2018**  
**11:45am (for 12:30pm seated)**

**Ladies: Tropical formal dress**  
**Gents: Long trousers, collared shirt & tie**

**Tickets 8,500vt**  
**email [enquiries@azure.vu](mailto:enquiries@azure.vu)**

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