



The Carbiner

"For sport and for good fellowship"



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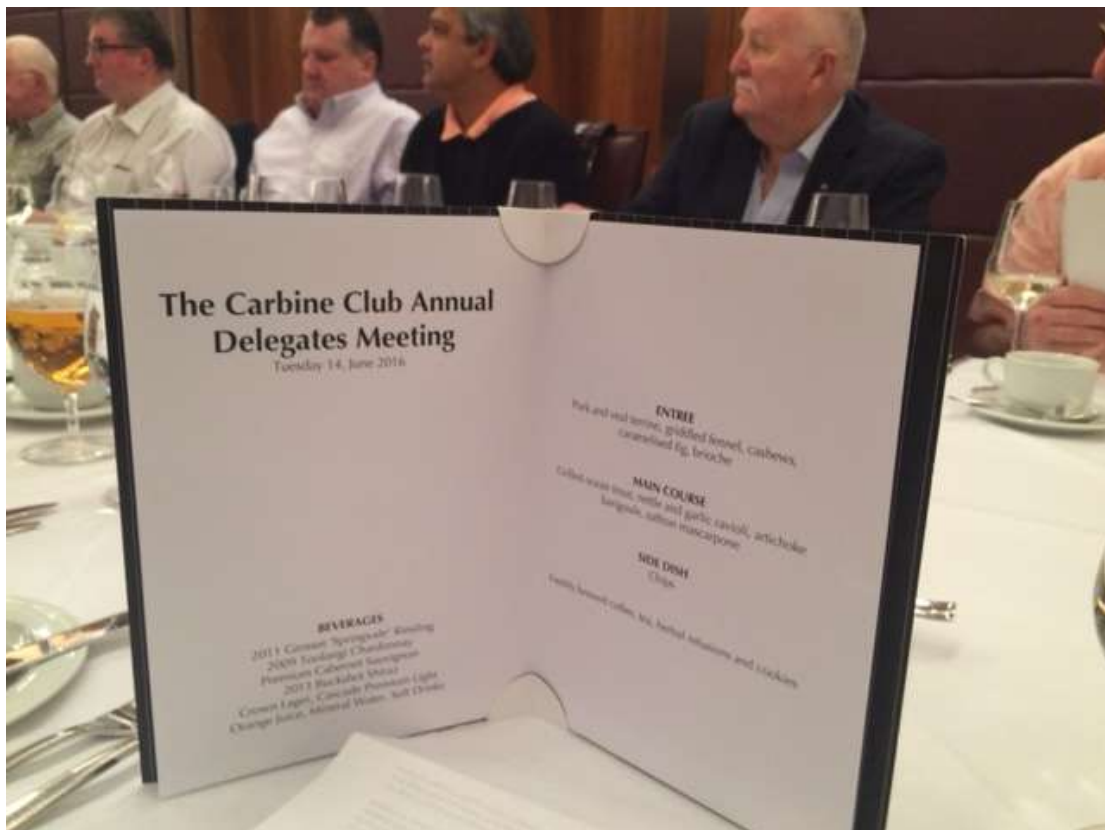
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THE CARBINE CLUB

Delegates Meeting

Each year delegates from the Clubs meet in Melbourne to discuss matters of mutual interest and to exchange ideas – this year's meeting was held on Tue 14th June at the prestigious RACV Club. Following a welcome from President Graeme Johnson a free ranging discussion came up with plenty of food for thought and a major theme to emerge was the advantage to be gained from more cross pollination between Clubs.



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Delegates Meeting...(cont)

A major point of interest at the meeting was the proposal from CCPNG to conduct a Carbine Club Congress in Port Moresby in May, 2018. More information on this will be available in coming months; in the interim the PNG delegation gave an outline of their proposal and pointed out that Port Moresby has recently been the site of major international sporting events and would soon be hosting an APEC meeting, supporting their major event credentials.



*The delegates meeting....
John Robinson(Secty,CCPNG), Bill Hoffmann, Lloyd
Meredith (Congress Chairman) and Stan Joyce
(CCPNG President) all smiles at the PNG proposal*



**After a short break
delegates
reconvened at the
RACV Carbine
Members Bar before
moving on to the
Annual Dinner**



Annual Dinner



The Club's Annual Dinner was held at the Australian Club that evening (14 June) where the delegates joined the Victorian members for a convivial evening in the most comfortable surrounds of the famous club which was established in 1878.

Master of Ceremonies Graham Halbish, Secretary of The Carbine Club, welcomed all and introduced President Graeme Johnson who gave a great account of why our Club is so named - whilst many members will be aware of the deeds of the mighty Carbine, for the record and for those who may not be fully aware, Graeme's informative address is reproduced later in this edition.

Club Member John Bertrand gave an eye opening insight into the sacrifices made by the members of the Olympic swimming team before proposing the toast to the spirit of sport, the Carbine Club, and Australia.

Keeping up with the tradition, once again a very interesting guest speaker was on hand – this time it was Dr. David Wright-Neville, an internationally recognised expert on terrorism and politically motivated violence, who gave a chilling appraisal of the times we live in – fortunately great sponsor Treasury Wines provided a fine range of Wolf Blass wines to placate the senses.

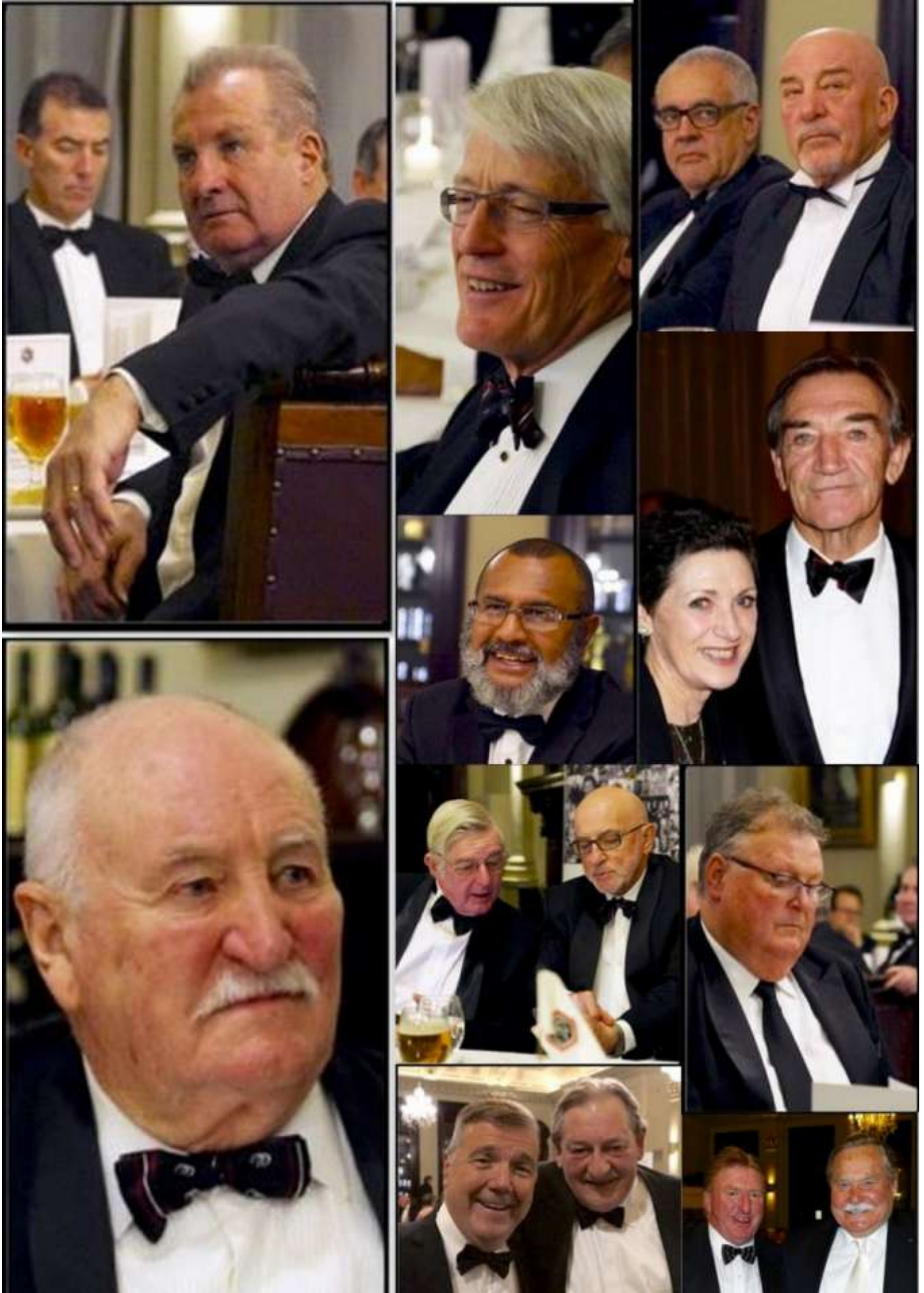


MC & Club Secretary Graham Halbish



Club Member Peter Blunden responds to the guest speaker, David Wright-Neville (pictured above) – more pics all courtesy of Gordon Bennett in the following collage







MEMBERS HONOURED

Many members of the Carbine Club featured in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List with appointments to the Order of Australia.



South Australia had no less than four members recognised: His Excellency, The Hon. **Hieu Van Le**, AO, Governor of South Australia and Patron of the Carbine Club of SA (*pic left*) was awarded an AC (Companion of the Order), hospitality industry guru **Peter Hurley** an AO (Officer of the Order), **John Letts** becomes AM (Member of the Order) and **John Glatz** received an OAM (Medal of the Order).



Peter Hurley (l)

→ John Glatz & John Letts



In Queensland **Max Christmas**(l) became a Member of the Order.

From WA, the Carbine Club's Patron, Her Excellency the Hon. **Kerry Sandersen** was named a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC)



In Victoria, two distinguished members added to their accolades in **Tony Beddison** AO (*pic right*) who became a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) and **John Bertrand** was made an Officer of the Order (AO) for his services to sports administration and child welfare. John is pictured at left with President Graeme Johnson receiving his 25 year Carbine Club membership badge at the Annual Dinner on the 14th.



Norm Carlyon (*pic left*) was another to receive his 25 year membership badge on the night.



South Australia- Derby Day Luncheon

The Carbine Club of South Australia held its Annual Race Day Luncheon to celebrating the SAJC Derby at Morphettville on Friday 13th May 2016.

President Bernie Lange took to the stage to welcome Members and their Guests and in particular our governor and Patron His Excellency The Honourable Hue Van Lei AO who had found time in his busy diary to join us on this occasion.

Bernie spoke about the movement of our annual Racing Luncheon from the Adelaide Cup date to the May Autumn Carnival and that the hopes of the SAJC to bring the Adelaide Cup back to the May period would allow The Carbine Club to host this Luncheon on a regular basis in May.

Tim Edwards first spoke with local trainers and Carbine Club members Leon Macdonald and Richard Jolly, plus Tony McEvoy, a guest of member Peter Lewis, who proclaimed his return to South Australia as a trainer this year.

Additionally we had trainer Mick Kent from Michael Kent Racing who had a couple of runners in the Derby and also the Goodwood Handicap meetings, interviewed by Tim. He professed that training horses is now big money in the circle of investors, and that his racing organisation is maintaining a high standard of horses that meet the industry's expectations.



L-R: Bernie Lange (President CCSA), His Excellency Hue Van Lei, Governor of SA with Carbine Club member Brenton Wilkinson (CEO -SAJC)

Club member Chris Dittmar spoke glowingly of his commitment as an ambassador for our local charity for the day the *Make A Wish* foundation. The proceeds of the raffle earned the Foundation over \$8,000.

Peter Dee – Comedian/Entertainer kept everyone laughing with his great array of humorous jokes and characters.



L-R: Tim Edwards, Leon Macdonald, Tony McEvoy and Richard Jolly

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At right, CCSA President Bernie Lange presents the trophy to the connections of the winner of the Carbine Club Autumn Series Final.

Below -L-R: Tim Edwards and Mick Kent



Western Australia – Olympic Luncheon



CCWA held their Olympic Luncheon at the Hyatt Regency in Perth on 27 May 2016 where the special guest was Dawn Fraser, AO, MBE.

250 members and guests enjoyed another great Carbine event with WA athletes Blair Evans (swimming) and Emma Phillipe (pole vaulting) being interviewed by Karen Tighe.

Proceeds from the auctions on the day were donated to the WA Olympic Fundraising Committee.

Picture – CCWA President Leith Putland, Dawn Fraser and Graeme Moss at the CCWA Olympic Lunch.

WHY THE CARBINE CLUB?

President Graeme Johnson OAM recently answered this question setting out the amazing record of Carbine. In his address, Graeme said this:



“2015 was the 125th anniversary of Carbine’s record breaking Melbourne Cup win in 1890 when he ran a record time , carried a record weight of 65.77 kilos and in doing so beat the largest field ever to run in the Cup... 39 horses.

He was a remarkable champion – in 1889 he raced on all four days of the AJC Autumn Carnival in less than a week for 4 wins and a second. In 1890 he did it again, this time 5 races for 5 wins.

In both those years his wins included the Sydney Cup.

He won his first 5 races as a two year old over distances of 1000 and 1200 metres. Subsequently, as a 3, 4 and 5 year old he won 5 times over 3 miles, that is 1.5 times the distance of the Melbourne Cup; that extraordinary record is akin to Usain Bolt winning the 100 and the 10,000 metres at the Olympics.

His career statistics are 43 races for 33 wins, 6 seconds, 3 thirds and a fourth, and at least 30 of his 33 wins would now be graded as Black Type or Group Races.

But it doesn’t stop there! He went on to become one of the great sires in thoroughbred breeding.

In “The Story of the Melbourne Cup”, Carbine is described as “the most influential thoroughbred to have raced in Australia.” From 1953 until 2009 every winner of the Melbourne Cup, except Galilee in 1966, was a descendant of Carbine. In 2009 every runner in the Cup was a descendant.

On Derby Eve last year (2015) I announced at the Derby Eve Lunch that every one of the 42 second acceptors in Tuesday’s Cup was a descendant of Carbine. So we knew even before the final field was settled that the winner could thank Carbine for its pedigree.

I think that probably 99% of Australians would name Phar Lap as Australia’s greatest racehorse notwithstanding that, like Carbine, he was born in New Zealand. What is not widely known is that Carbine was the great grand sire of Phar Lap, so if it wasn’t for Carbine, Phar Lap would not have existed.

But anyone who heard Committeeman Rod Fitzroy’s tribute to Carbine at the Club’s Racing Lunch a few years ago would be forgiven for thinking that Carbine was the greatest.

I cannot think of a better name for our great Club.”



Committeeman Rod Fitzroy



Club Diary - Jun to Nov 2016

(See next page for December 2016 & early 2017 Events)

The Carbine Club-Melbourne	18 August – Members Lunch, Heroes Club 27 Sep- AFL Grand Final Luncheon, Crown 28 Oct – Derby Eve Luncheon
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Overseas Clubs

PNG 17 June – Members Lunch, PMGFC Gantry 29 July – Olympic Luncheon, Crowne Plaza 18 Nov- Lae members Lunch	Singapore 8 July – Racing Luncheon, Grand Hyatt 16 Sep – Members Lunch, Grand Hyatt 11 Nov – All Sports Luncheon, Grand Hyatt
Vanuatu 12 August – Races Function	New Zealand
London 5 July – Lord’s Lunch, The Long Room 23 Sep-Golf Day & Dinner, Royal Surrey GC	Hong Kong 28 Oct- Cricket Sixes Luncheon

Australian Clubs

WA 13 July – Mid Week Racing Lunch, Belmont 12 Aug-Broome Cup Luncheon, Divers Tavern 23 Sep-WAFL Grand Final Lunch, Hyatt Hotel 18 Nov – Racing Luncheon, Hyatt Hotel	NT 23 July – Raceday 28 July – Darwin Cup Luncheon 16 Sep – Founders Luncheon 28 Oct – Cox Plate Luncheon
NSW 1 July - AFL Lunch, Four Seasons Hotel 3 August– Golf Day at St Michael’s Golf Club 19 August-Rugby Union Bledisloe Lunch, Weston 29 Sep- Rugby League GF Luncheon	SA 24 June- Members Anniversary Lunch, Playford 22 Sep- SANFL Grand Final Lunch, Adelaide Oval
QLD 17 June – State of Origin Lunch, Tattersalls Club TBA Nov – Members Christmas Function	TAS 24 June-Olympic Lunch, Grand Chancellor
ACT 22 Jun- NRL State of Origin II Lunch, Jim Murphy’s Board Room 29 Jul- AFL Luncheon-Giants v Richmond, National Press Club 7 Oct- Tony Campbell Memorial Cup Day, Thoroughbred Park 28 Nov- Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day, Royal Canberra	



December Events

NT – 2 Dec – Christmas Dinner
PNG – 8 Dec – Christmas Cocktail Party
HK – 9 Dec – International Races Luncheon
ACT – AGM & Luncheon, Jim Murphy's Boardroom
The Carbine Club – 13 Dec – Members Christmas Function
QLD – 13 Dec – Cricket Luncheon, Cricket Club, Woolloongabba
Singapore – 16 Dec- Christmas Luncheon, Grand Hyatt

2017 Events

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

In the next edition:

THE CARBINE CLUB
of QUEENSLAND

— NOTICE —

State of Origin Lunch
Tattersall's Club
215 Queen Street, Brisbane

Friday 17 June
Pre Lunch Drinks 11.45 Main Bar
Lunch seating 12.15, Concludes 3.45pm
Dress: Strictly Coat and Tie
Tattersall's Club dress standards will apply
Cost: \$160 per head

MC: Ubet Breakfast Show Host & Intrust Super Cup Commentator Peter Psaltis, Joining League Legends Wally Lewis, Billy Johnstone, Michael Crocker and others to make a great afternoon's entertainment.

Transport: Guests from the Gold Coast:
A bus will be departing Kurrawa Surf Club 10.15am
then Gold Coast Turf Club 10.30 Am
Returning 3.45pm cost \$20

Payment Options: Payable prior to lunch
Cheque: to Carbine Club
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RSVP: Thursday 9 June 2016
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**Plus V8 Supercars (NT)
The Carbine Club Golf Day
and more??**