



# The Carbiner

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



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## *The Carbine Club of Singapore*

The Carbine Club of Singapore is having a Christmas Lunch at the Grand Hyatt on 16 December.

President David Brooker has told us at *"The Carbiner"* that this promises to be the biggest lunch of the year – special guests include the ABC's Barrie Cassidy, legendary journo Roy Masters and another who needs no introduction in sporting and business circles, John D. Elliott.



Visiting Members are assured of a warm welcome at this and any of the events conducted by the Club... and this is of course true for all Carbine Club events.

If you plan to travel check the Club diary, check in with the local Club, and make the most of your membership of this great club!

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## CARBINE CLUB OF QUEENSLAND- State of Origin Luncheon

*(Uncensored - Best not read by Blues supporters...Ed.)*



State of Origin was in the air and with the countdown to Game Two only days away The Carbine Club of Queensland hosted its annual Rugby League State of Origin lunch at Brisbane Tattersall's Club on 17 June. Master of Ceremonies Peter 'Salty' Psaltis welcomed members and guests and special guests to another packed house of Queensland faithful with a very small scattering of NSW 'cockroach' support in the room.

*Pic left – Glynis Nunn, Melissa Coulston & Peter Ladewig*

Special guests included 'The King' Wally Lewis, Michael Crocker, Walter Fullerton Smith & Billy Johnstone.

But before the interviews and stories could start members and guests were welcomed by President Peter Ladewig who in his welcome address proposed a toast to the memory of recently departed long time member Mick Pirie. He also acknowledged the club's last living foundation member Max Christmas who had received Queens Birthday honours- a member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia- for significant service to the real estate and property development sectors and to tourism, local government, youth and sporting groups.

President Pete concluded his duties and headed back to the VIP table to test the coldness of the XXXX and the age of the Vasse Felix red wine with the assistance of QRL Chairman Peter Betros and the day was left in the capable hands of MC Peter 'Salty' Psaltis.

The Carbine Club has recently introduced a new junior sports development award (under the auspice of the Gold Coast Academy of Sport which also includes a \$5000 bursary) The Glynis Nunn Medal is awarded to an up and coming junior athlete with a goal to represent Australia in the upcoming 2018 Commonwealth Games to be held on the Gold Coast. Australian Olympic and Commonwealth Games Gold Medalist Glynis Nunn was on hand to announce and present the medal to the winner Amy Coulston. Unfortunately Amy was unable to attend the presentation and her medal was accepted by her mother, Melissa. Glynis also gave members and guests an update of the progress of the upcoming Commonwealth games and Australian athletics leading into the 2016 Olympic in Rio.

By now the XXXX was flowing and the Vasse Felix corks were popping (or screw tops twisting...) and 'Salty' was conducting entertaining and informative interviews with Billy Johnstone, Mick Crocker and the entertaining Walter "Wally" Fullerton Smith.

President Pete stepped in to present Wally Lewis with his Carbine Club tie and name badge accepting him as a Special Member of the Carbine Club of Queensland. Wally then chatted with 'Salty' and shared insights to the secret formula of what makes Queensland teams great and the ingredient that NSW just can't seem to find.... and never will.... The influence of the great 'Senator Ron McAuliffe had on all the Queensland players and importance and privilege of playing for the great state of Queensland.

A Queensland Game One autographed 2016 jersey was auctioned and secured by member Sam Barton and as the day was coming to an end members started heading to the Tattersall's members bar where greatness of individual feats were already becoming legendary... Tattersall's again did themselves proud.. Another great day of Carbine Club fellowship had by all...



Pics from Mick Ellison- top left Mal Crispe & Jeff Bignell; top right Peter Gwynne & Wally Lewis

Bottom Left – QRL Chairman Peter Betros & President Pete;

Bottom Rt- Mick Crocker, Wally Lewis, Wally Fullerton Smith, Billy Johnstone & Peter Psaltis

*(thanks again to Mick Ellison for words and pics – fortunately Mick has yet to find a way to shout “Queenslander” with the written word!)*



## MEMBERS HONOURED

Congratulations are in order for the following members who were recognised in the recent awards:

**PNG-** **David Kelso** MBE and **Andrew Potter** ML, MBE , members of CCPNG, were awarded MBE's in the 2016 Queen's Birthday Honours List:

**NZ -** Carbine Club member **Barry Holland** was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to broadcasting in the Queen's Birthday honours. Barry reported for ZB radio station for over 40 years mainly on sport but on a variety of other topics as well as some television work – a significant contribution to broadcasting.

## TASMANIA- Olympic Luncheon

Over 100 members and guests gathered at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in sunny downtown Hobart for the Carbine Club of Tasmania's Olympic Luncheon on 24 June where they were treated to a great oration by Olympian Duncan Armstrong OAM who held the room spellbound with his amusing and interesting tales of time in and around the pool, and of the characters he met along the way as he strove for the Olympic medals that he gathered as a record making swimmer for the green and gold (not to mention his school at Rockhampton!).

Not to be outdone in the public speaking stakes, Club member and former President Paul Fallon gave a heartfelt response to the guest speaker that was described as "pure poetry" by attendees.

President Ross Burrridge presented a Club cheque for \$5,000 to the Tasmanian Olympic Council which was gratefully accepted by 5 times Olympian Anthony Edwards, President of the Council.



President Ross also spoke of the value of Carbine Club sponsorships to recipients and quoted from a recent letter from Alex Peroni, a 16yo who is currently heading the championship in the Formula Renault car racing series. In thanking the Carbine Club, Alex said that his last win would have been his last race for the season but with the support of his sponsors including our Club he is now able to continue on with the series with races scheduled for Italy, France and Portugal in coming months.

*(Alex's car was dramatically shoved into the air as he passed a car in the French Monoplace Challenge in May-pic Frederick Lemaire, Photo Sport Automobils.fr)*



*Ross Burrridge presents the cheque*



## ***The Carbine Club of South Australia 33<sup>rd</sup> Members Anniversary Luncheon***

The Carbine Club of South Australia held the 33<sup>rd</sup> Members Anniversary lunch at the Playford Adelaide on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

Both Graeme Johnson, President and Graham Halbish, Secretary representing The Carbine Club were among our special Guests on the day, and Graeme gave a glowing rendition of the Carbine story which was engaging and of interest to all the guests who weren't aware of the horse Carbine's history and why the club adopted this infamous thoroughbred as its namesake.



*Graeme Johnson – “remembering Carbine”*



*L-R: Graeme Johnson, Bernie Lange, John Condon, Andrew Fagan and Graham Halbish.*

Chairman Bernie Lange also hosted our guest speakers – Kyle Chalmers who will be a representative on the Australian swimming team at the Rio Olympics, along with his dad former AFL Footballer Brett. Additionally, we welcomed Adelaide Football Club CEO., Andrew Fagan – a very supportive Carbine Club member – who did a very candid interview.

Bernie was quick to point out that the members attending from the Mother Club were great allies for SA's Chapter and the Committee have great respect for their hospitality when attending their auspicious events, and it was great to have them here for our Members only luncheon.

Our very own Carbine Club Member, Chris Dittmar and generous MC contributor to the Anniversary lunch - took charge of interviewing our special guests on the day with aplomb. Kyle Chalmers is only 18 years old, and showed his strong and passionate attitude within an Australian swimming team that has some exciting new talent on board. When questioned on his career so far – 6 hours training a day, supported by his family, and giving up his father's sport to take to the pool at 12 years of age – augurs well as a talent, who may rival

‘Thorpy’ as the history is looking like repeating itself with Kyle's success so far – and his shoe size!



*L-R: Bernie Lange, Brett Chalmers, Kyle Chalmers, Graeme Johnson, Chris Dittmar*

Andrew Fagan enjoyed the very candid and at times raw openness as “Ditts” questioned him on CEO leadership, Club rivalry and “can they do it?” on finals hopes, plus a very personal and insightful look at the hours that unfolded after Phil Walsh's death and the ramifications on the club and the Walsh family. Ironically the anniversary of Phil's death comes up in July, so the opportunity presented itself to query how

they team will play on Sunday 3 July when they take on the Demons in Melbourne.

## Club Diary - July to Dec 2016

<b>The Carbine Club- Melbourne</b>	18 August – Members Lunch, Heroes Club 27 Sep- AFL Grand Final Luncheon, Crown 28 Oct – Derby Eve Luncheon 13 Dec – Members Christmas Function
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### Overseas Clubs

<b>PNG</b>	<b>Singapore</b>
29 July – Olympic Luncheon, Crowne Plaza 18 Nov- Lae members Lunch 8 Dec – Christmas Cocktail Party	8 July – Racing Luncheon, Grand Hyatt 16 Sep – Members Lunch, Grand Hyatt 11 Nov – All Sports Luncheon, Grand Hyatt 16 Dec- Christmas Luncheon, Grand Hyatt
<b>Vanuatu</b>	<b>New Zealand</b>
12 August – Races Function	
<b>London</b>	<b>Hong Kong</b>
5 July – Lord’s Lunch, The Long Room 23 Sep-Golf Day & Dinner, Royal Surrey GC	28 Oct- Cricket Sixes Luncheon 9 Dec – International Races Luncheon

### Australian Clubs

<b>WA</b>	<b>NT</b>
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	23 July – Raceday 28 July – Darwin Cup Luncheon 16 Sep – Founders Luncheon 28 Oct – Cox Plate Luncheon 2 Dec – Christmas Dinner
<b>NSW</b>	<b>SA</b>
3 August– Golf Day at St Michael’s Golf Club 19 August-Rugby Union Bledisloe Lunch, Weston 29 Sep- Rugby League GF Luncheon	22 Sep- SANFL Grand Final Lunch, Adelaide Oval
<b>QLD</b>	<b>TAS</b>
TBA Nov – Members Christmas Function 13 Dec- Cricket Luncheon, Cricket Club, ‘Gabba	
<b>ACT</b>	
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 9 Dec- AGM & Luncheon, Jim Murphy’s Boardroom	

*2017 events in next edition*