



# The Carbiner

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



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## HONG KONG-

*News from Correspondent Danny Zigal*

It was a busy month of June for the Carbine Club of Hong Kong.

On June 11th former president of the CCHK Trevor Gregory traveled to Wellington to attend the unveiling of the Jonah Lomu headstone. Former All Black player Eric Rush made a touching tribute to Jonah and acknowledged the significant financial contribution made by the CCHK via the HKRFU Charities Trust to Jonah's family and for the headstone. The world lost one of the greatest ambassadors of rugby with his passing in 2015.



On June 16th President Mark Winstanley presented a cheque on behalf of the CCHK to Mr. Benson Wong, Hon Treasurer of The Riding for the Disabled Association. The funds were raised at the CCHK International Racing Luncheon on December 7th, 2017.

On June 26th the CCHK was delighted to host a new members' cocktail reception. We welcomed back returning members Peter Fishel and Nigel Stearns. Nigel was the former Hon Sec of the Club. We also welcomed four new members; Thomas Stemp, Paul Deayton, Damien Barnes, and Simon Lopez. It should be noted that Paul and Damien are the second generation of current club members Ken Deayton and Eric Barnes. Founding Lifetime Member and former President John McNamara presented the new members with their club ties at the cocktail reception.

Lastly, the CCHK launched its new website. All Members are welcome to visit [www.carbineclubhk.com](http://www.carbineclubhk.com).



## QUEENSLAND- News from Secretary Peter Gwynne

### Gary Balkin Tribute



*IPP Peter Ladewig addresses the members at Mano's*

The Carbine Club of Queensland held a lunch on 10 July at Mano's as a tribute to the late Gary Balkin, life member and founder of "pen pics" which was an early form of The Carbiner. He was remembered for his astute business acumen, his generosity and his contributions to the club over many years. His brother Ray attended and thanked the gathering for their kindness.



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### Don Alroe Medal

CCQ member Reg Cannon recently presented Jake Simpkins from St Mary's College, Toowoomba (playing in the number 9) with a bursary of \$5,000 as the winner of the Don Alroe medal after the recent Confraternity competition. This annual competition is made up of 48 colleges of independent schools from throughout Queensland and in 2018 was hosted at Columba Catholic College in the historical town of Charters Towers.



Columba Catholic College has a rich and proud history as a Rugby League stronghold and is fortunate to have beautiful ovals on which the great game of Rugby League has been played since 1902.

The players, coaches and officials enjoyed the opportunity to experience the hospitality of the local community, the mateship and the values that they experience through playing in the Confraternity Carnival and testing limits and capabilities against teams from far and wide; the Carbine Club was pleased to continue its association with this event.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA 35th Anniversary Dinner

In celebration of the 35th anniversary of the Club in South Australia, over 120 Carbine Club Members and their special guests attended The Playford Hotel in Adelaide on Friday 13 July 2018 for the Annual Members Anniversary Luncheon.

MC and Committee member Chris Dittmar handled proceedings with great aplomb.



Patron, His Excellency Hieu Van Le AC – the 35<sup>th</sup> Governor of South Australia – was the keynote speaker, and gave an exceptionally inspiring speech about his journey, of some 40 years ago, as a refugee from Vietnam to Australia



His Excellency with his young wife boarded a 'boat in the dark of night' believing they were among about 20 others seeking a new life. When morning broke he realised they were amongst 50 people seeking a new land. His journey was one driven by extreme adversity in perilous seas with the skipper of the ship admitting to having no navigational expertise. As the days went by, His Excellency noted from where the sun was rising and setting, and with very few resources available he drew up a map to indicate the direction to which they should travel. Hence he became the 'go to' person for seafaring issues on the voyage, where they encountered many islands before reaching Darwin the Top End entry point to Australia.

He told the amusing account of the two fishermen who those in the boat believed could well be Australian officials who would send them back to Vietnam. It was only a couple of happy fisherman who yelled out “welcome to Australia” with a friendly wave and with stubbie in hand continued on with their fishing trip.

When it was announced that Hieu Van Le was to be appointed as the new Governor of South Australia in August 2014, a Darwin radio station interviewed the new appointee and after hearing his story about his arrival in Darwin decided to put a call out to see if they could locate the two fishermen in the story and offer them a trip to Adelaide for the investiture – around 168 calls later from likely fishermen, the station hastily annulled the opportunity to visit for the ceremony. A great story none the less and quite a humorous end to his address.



Chris Dittmar filled in the story from boat refugee to Governor pointing out his great experience and knowledge in the financial sector, including serving 20 years with ASIC, prior to taking up the position of Lieutenant Governor of South Australia and now Governor.

On shaking hands with President Nick Chigwidden, His Excellency accepted a gift of acknowledgement complete with a quick quip from the audience “... and a navigation system”. It was a very engaging and affectionate end to our Patron’s address.

*President Nick Chigwidden thanking His Excellency*

The Member’s 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary lunch was a perfect opportunity to speak with SA’s up and coming Australian cricketer and wicket keeper/batsman in the shorter version of the game, Alex Carey. Ditts asked about his position in the side and his ‘wicket keeper-in-waiting’ role with the Australian Test side. He was very insightful with his admiration for both the past coach Darren Lehmann and new coach Justin Langer. A recent coaching camp and leadership training was highlighted by Alex as he professed great respect for the new coach after this session.



*Pic left- Alex Carey with Chris Dittmar*



*Pic right-President Nick Chigwidden thanks Alex Carey*

Nick Chigwidden acknowledged Club Founder & Life Member Barry Smith, Inaugural President & Life Member Glen McMahon and Treasurer John Hardy and also original Committeeman Eric Gilbert, extending a very warm welcome to each of them.



*L-R: Eric Gilbert, Barry Smith and John Hardy (Glenn McMahon missing)*

**The next Luncheon will be the SANFL Grand Final Lunch at Adelaide Oval on Thursday 20 September from 12noon.**

*Submitted by Secretary, John Condon OAM & Luncheon Co-Ordinator Ms Robbi Tims*



## LONDON

*(News extracted from CCL's comprehensive Summer Newsletter which is prepared by Terry McCaughey, Member Communications)*



President Peter Jensen with CCL racing colours

The Carbine Club of London is planning to launch a dual code Racing Syndicate with the current plan to have one Flat racehorse to be purchased and trained by Club Member George Baker, and one National Hunt racehorse to be trained by another CCL Member in Richard Phillips. Both trainers currently train racehorses for Club members.

The Club is planning to include social days on the racecourse and at the stables to maximise the fun and has already registered the CCL racing colours, seen at left being displayed by CCL President Peter Jensen who is also Chairman of Sandown Park Racecourse.

The London chapter of the Club has grown quickly with 42 members and a further 5 applications in the pipeline, together with Patrons (2), Life Members (3) and 14 Sporting Associates, testament to the spirit and enthusiasm of the Club.

A highlight of the Club's year is the Annual Lord's Long Room Lunch which was enjoyed this year by visitors Mike Bushell from CCNSW and Jonathan Knight from CC Singapore – this is an event not to be missed if you are in London.

This year the Club had two excellent speakers in Ashley Giles MBE who includes 54 Test Matches and 62 One Day Internationals for England on his CV, and Geoffrey Miller OBE who also has a long list of credentials in the game including 34 Tests and 25 ODIs, and also a role as a selector for England.

Ashley won the crowd over with his inspirational address from a man who demonstrated great resilience in the face of adversity, and then this was followed by an irreverent and side splitting presentation from Geoff including the tale where his father admitted that when the West Indian bowlers were bombarding his son he was closing his eyes. Geoff disclosed that the condition must be genetic, because so was he!



Geoff Miller entertains the CCL members and guests

The next event for CCL is the third annual Golf Day to be held at Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Club on 21 September.



## New South Wales

The Carbine Club of NSW had a full house at its AFL Lunch on 14 June at the Four Seasons Hotel with an action packed program in advance of the Swans – West Coast Eagle clash the next evening.

Chairman Bernie Campbell made good on early promises that both the entertainment and the F&B service would be outstanding!



## TOKYO

The Carbine Club of Tokyo held the inaugural luncheon on 13 July with over 100 members and guests in attendance.

President Andrew Peyton gave delegates an update at the Delegates meeting held in Melbourne on 17 July in advance of the Annual Dinner at the Australian Club that evening.

More news on these events in the next edition.

### Members of the Carbine Club are bound by a couple of simple but very significant affections: FOR SPORT AND FOR **GOOD FELLOWSHIP**

Those sentiments were the essence of its foundation in 1961 and the spread of its associated clubs throughout Australia and overseas to New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, London and Tokyo. Carbine Club is primarily a luncheon and networking club with members having a strong connection through sport.

The Club's name honours a racehorse, one of the greatest and bravest Australia has ever known. But the Spirit of the Carbine Club exceeds far beyond the boundaries of the turf. It is a spirit, which celebrates sporting endurance ... and thus, recognizes that winning is important, but GRACE and COURAGE also matter.



With Japan gearing up for the Rugby World Cup 2019 and Olympics & Paralympics 2020, the opportunity to assemble like-minded individuals who share a love of Sport, Fellowship and Community is too great to ignore.

The Carbine Club of Tokyo maintains an active donations policy. Our nominated Charity for 2018 is Nadia, an NPO supporting projects for children affected by the March 11, 2011 disaster in Tohoku. The Nadia International Soccer Friendly Cup is the result of a collaborative proposal to invite soccer teams from the disaster-stricken Tohoku area to visit the Kanto area to participate in a soccer tournament to build lasting friendships.

### Coming Events:

27 July	TAS	AFL Luncheon, Hobart Function Centre
2 Aug	NT	Darwin Cup Luncheon, Convention Centre
10 Aug	ACT	AFL Luncheon, National Press Club
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
7 Sep	TAS	AGM, Athenaeum Club
8 Sep	HK	Wine Dinner
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
28 Sep	HK	Golf Day, Shek-O Country Club
5 Oct	ACT	Tony Campbell Memorial Cup Day, Thoroughbred Park
5 Oct	Vanuatu	Rodeo Luncheon
12 Oct	NT	Golf Day, Darwin Golf Club
19 Oct	WA	Members Only Luncheon
26 Oct	NT	Cox Plate Eve Luncheon, Wharf One
26 Oct	HK	Cricket 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
5 Dec	SA	Test Cricket Luncheon
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
14 Dec	NT	Christmas Dinner