



THE CARBINE CLUB of NEW ZEALAND

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NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS

Happy New Year and best wishes to all members and their families for a healthy and prosperous 2015.

SIR DON ROWLANDS, KNZM, OA, CBE

The New Year's Honours list saw Don Rowlands appointed a Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in recognition of his services to business and rowing.

Sir Don was managing director and chief executive of Fisher & Paykel Appliances, the first chairman and a longstanding director of Mainfreight as well as serving on the board of several other major companies. He was inducted into the New Zealand Business Hall of Fame in August 2014 for his leadership and governance skills. His leadership also extended to sport, following on from his own rowing successes (which included gold and silver medals at the British Empire Games and nine New Zealand rowing titles), he has been very much involved in the sport as selector, manager, chair of the 1998 World Rowing Championship organising committee and has played an integral role in the development, maintenance and management of Lake Karapiro as a world class rowing venue.



Just prior to Christmas, Sir Don was also awarded the Order of Australia, Honorary Member General Division 2014 for his 'significant contributions to Australian rowing through the generous contribution of his knowledge and time'. He was acknowledged for 'his enormous contribution to the development of rowing and as the architect of the extraordinary international success which rowers from Australia have enjoyed over the last 50 years.' He was appointed as representative for Australia and New Zealand to the world body of rowing (FISA) in 1974 and held that position until 1992. He was a voluntary advisor to the development of rowing courses in Australia, including the 1990 World Rowing Championship course and the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games course.

Congratulations Sir Don. It is great to see your outstanding contribution to business and sport recognised on both sides of the Tasman.

UPCOMING EVENTS

▪ **Macular Degeneration Charity Race day at Ellerslie - Saturday 14 February 2015**

Macular Degeneration is a degenerative eye condition that can lead to blindness and is affecting more and more NZ'ers. A number of Club members have a personal interest / involvement with MD NZ. Join Carbine Club members in support of the Macular Degeneration NZ Charity race day at Ellerslie on Saturday 14 February. As the day features the Avondale Cup and the Avondale Guineas, both major lead up races to Auckland Cup week, it is a great way of assessing the form coming into Cup week while at the same time supporting a very worthwhile cause. A flyer with details of the event is **attached**.

P.T.O.

- **22nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament - Monday, 2 March 2015**

The Carbine Club's 22nd Golf Tournament to raise funds for the Club's charity, the Sir Denis Blundell Charitable Trust for the benefit of disabled athletes will be held on Monday 2nd March at the Pakuranga Country Club.

As this is the Club's main fundraising event of the year, the more successful this event, the more the Club is able to assist disabled athletes in the pursuit of their sporting dreams through Paralympics NZ and Parafed Auckland.

For those intending to play, please make sure you are registered with Susie Simcock. If you can assist in any other way, please let Susie know. Her contact details are: email - susie.simcock@xtra.co.nz or mobile 027 476 0443.

- **Carbine Club Congress, Perth - 8-13 March 2016**

Expressions of interest are sought for the 2016 Carbine Club Congress in Perth. **Attached** is the first newsletter. If you are interested in attending, please complete page 11 of the newsletter and return it to the Congress Chairman, Lloyd Meredith at Lloyd.meredith@bigpond.com.au or PO Box 893, Scarborough, WA 6922, Australia.

Regards

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