



# The Carbiner

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



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## The Carbine Club of Queensland

*(Words and pics from Mick Ellison – thanks for stepping up again Mick!)*

Carbine Club Queensland members gathered at Mano's Tedder Avenue, in Main Beach for the presentation of the Harry Gordon Medal. This annual award named after past Member & Club Patron Harry Gordon. Special guest to present the award was long time great friend, David Parkin who was also accompanied by the Hawthorn 1961 Premiership Cup- Hawthorns first premiership.

Harry was a fierce Hawks supporter, he wrote the official club history- The Hard Way in 1990 and All For One in 2009 with son Michael Gordon. Harry was one of the longest serving and most highly regarded members of the AFL Hall of Fame selection committee- serving from 1996-2008. Sadly, Harry passed away in 2016 – however his spirit lives on and his legacy remains immortalised through the words he penned over the years, the connections he had with legend of Australian sport and the Awards bestowed upon him. The recipient of the Harry Gordon Medal each year will be sought with the same qualities that Harry applied during his personal and professional life.

This years winner of the Harry Gordon medal was **Blake Coleman**, pictured at left with David Parkin.

Blake is a 17 year old member of the Brisbane Lions Academy since 2016 and currently plays with the Morningside Panthers Football Club. Blake is originally from Katherine, NT and lives with his Aunty Bernice, Grandmother & brothers



in Wynnum, a Bayside suburb of Brisbane as he follows his AFL dream while also attending Brisbane Bayside State College studying Graphics Design.

Blake has been representing Queensland since 2016 in under age State & National championships and while being presented with the Harry Gordon Medal by 'Parko' was advised of his Under 17 All Stars selection to play on the MCG on Grand Final day.

Also during the members only lunch Special Member Barry Round was presented with his Carbine Club tie and welcomed into the fold. Barry won the 1981 Brownlow Medal with good mate Bernie Quinlan is a great addition the Carbine Club of Queensland.

Formalities were completed.. a great all day lunch was coming to an end with members enjoying the company of special guests David Parkin & the '61' Premiership Cup.. The Carbine spirit is still alive and well in the north of this great land... Bar still open... Cheers.



Paul Bennett, Doug Cory, Trevor Rowlinson & Tony Colarelli



Ian Macauley, Michael Robinson & Andrew Ramsey



Ian Hollindale, Grant Morgan, Tom Reynolds & Ron McConnell



Bob McHarg, Des Morris, George Doniger, Gary Pemberton & Peter Ladewig



## Carbine Club of PNG- Rugby World Cup Luncheon



The Carbine Club of PNG hosted its Rugby World Cup Lunch at a brand new venue, the Port Moresby Hilton Hotel, on Friday 11 October.

While it was a new location for a Carbine Club lunch, it was a familiar sponsor, DHL, to support the Rugby World Cup lunch, having sponsored the same event in 2015. Being the sponsor of the actual Rugby World Cup they were able to provide plenty of World Cup product, including Rugby Balls on every table – a briefing from our game referee, MC Brent St Hill stressed that careless behaviour with the balls would be treated with a yellow card.

Speakers for the day were prominent Rugby Coach, John 'Knuckles' Connolly, and master mimic Keith Scott (*in full flight at right*).

The new Hilton Hotel venue, which was finished in time for PNG to host the 2018 APEC event, was built with state of the art modern conference and entertaining facilities. The facilities, the service and the food were all first class and has set a new benchmark for our other venues.

The day started off with toasts to Carbine (Len Pianta), Rugby (Tony 'Slab' Witham), and PNG (Jamie Brazier). Jamie took the advice to keep the toast short a bit too literally; the advice given out by game officials following a 6pm finish at the previous lunch. President Mick 'Harro' Harrison then welcomed all and introduced sponsor DHL's new CEO, Cameron Taylor, for his maiden public speaking engagement in his new role.



After some food and refreshments it was time for the main players to take the stage. John 'Knuckles' Connolly spoke knowledgeably about his long career as a coach while keeping it relevant to the World Cup event (pool games nearing completion at the time of the lunch). Connolly had a very successful coaching career with Queensland (yes in the good ol' days), in France with Stade Francais, and with Bath in England. He followed that up with a couple of years as Wallabies coach, but that came to an unfortunate end following the loss to England in the quarter final of 2007 World Cup. He engaged the crowd with his thoughtful insights into what is going on behind the scenes at the World Cup as well as slipping in a few 'what goes on tour ....' stories. (*at left- Cameron Taylor with "Knuckles"*)

Keith Scott was a complete contrast with his unending list of impressions ranging from Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck, to John Howard, Donald Trump and Boris Johnson and everyone in between. He finished his set with an amazing medley featuring Frank Sinatra, Joe Cocker, Louis Armstrong and Elvis Presley that had the crowd lost for words.

The fulltime siren sounded and lunch wrapped up at a sensible hour (first in a while) allowing patrons to sample some of the other establishments in the new Hilton Facility - aka the The Whisky Bar on the 15<sup>th</sup> floor, for a post game wrap up.



Carbine Committee members  
With Guests, John Connolly, Keith  
Scott and DHL CEO Cameron  
Taylor

### Carbine Club of TAS- Caulfield Cup Luncheon

Members and guests of the Carbine Club of Tas held the AGM and a Caulfield Cup Luncheon at Wrest Point on 18 Oct.

Guest speaker Jack Riewoldt was a wonderful guest for the day and some lucky members went on to win handsome dividends from the Caulfield Cup sweep conducted on the day.



President Steve Adermann and Jack overseeing  
proceedings.

Final sweep results as follows:

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> – Mer De Glace    | Tony Marchant | \$1500 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Vow and Declare | Paul Davie    | \$465  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Mirage Dancer   | Wayne Upton   | \$230  |
| Last – Qafila                     | Lyndon Adams  | \$120  |

## **Gordon Bray latest Carbiner to make a mark in the Movies!**

CCNSW Member Gordon Bray, recently returned from an outstanding stint commentating on the Rugby World Cup in Japan. The following extract describing Gordon's tilt at film stardom is from "The Australian" newspaper:

*"Most know Gordon Bray as the voice of Australian rugby. He can now add movie star to his CV after a prominent role in The Brighton Miracle — an Australian-made feature film about Japan's stunning upset win over South Africa at the 2015 Rugby World Cup.*

*The film's writer, director and producer, Max Mannix, confirms Bray does an impeccable job playing himself in the movie which will be released in Hoyts cinemas next month".*



Congratulations to Gordon for his movie appearance and for the outstanding commentary from the RWC.

*(photo also courtesy "The Australian")*

## **President's Cup Golf Day – New Addition to the Calendar!**

Carbine Club Secretary Graham Halbish has advised of an exciting and exclusive addition to the calendar- The Carbine Club has gained the unique and privileged opportunity to participate up close in The President's Cup Tournament at Royal Melbourne Golf Club on 11 Dec, 2019.

For the cost of \$220 per head members and their guests will be covered for admission to the course, car parking and a marquee style luncheon with free flowing beverages.

Bookings are now open on the Club website, ladies are most welcome, and attendees are advised that smart casual wear is the order of the day, with suitable footwear for spending time on the course highly recommended.

A very special opportunity for Club members!



## 2019 Calendar of Events

|        |         |   |
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| 12 Nov | HK      | - Golf Day (MO), Shek O Golf & Country Club                     |
| 15 Nov | PNG     | - MO Lunch, National Football Stadium                           |
| 19 Nov | QLD     | - Cricket Lunch, Queensland Cricketers Club                     |
| 22 Nov | WA      | - Racing Luncheon, Hyatt Regency                                |
| 28 Nov | SA      | - Test Cricket Luncheon, William Magarey Room,<br>Adelaide Oval |
| 28 Nov | Vanuatu | - MO Luncheon, Blue Marlin                                      |
| 2 Dec  | ACT     | - Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day, Royal Canberra              |
| 2 Dec  | ACT     | - Christmas Cocktail Party, RCGC (Members & Guests)             |
| 6 Dec  | HK      | - International Racing Lunch                                    |
| 6 Dec  | PNG     | - Members Xmas Cocktail Party, Crown Hotel                      |
| 6 Dec  | NT      | - Christmas Dinner, Char Restaurant                             |
| 6 Dec  | ACT     | - AGM Lunch, Jim Murphy's Boardroom (MO)                        |
| 6 Dec  | QLD     | - Christmas Lunch   |
| 6 Dec  | NSW     | - Members End of Year Lunch, SCG                                |
| 11 Dec | WA      | - Cricket Luncheon, Royal Perth Golf Club                       |
| 11 Dec | VIC     | - Members Xmas Lunch, RACV                                      |
| 13 Dec | S'pore  | - Christmas Lunch, Grand Hyatt Hotel                            |