



The Carbiner

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB

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As always, the year kicked off for the Club with the annual Carbine Club of Queensland Magic Millions Lunch on the Gold Coast where the international world of racing gathers for the Magic Millions Sale and Raceday. This report from Club stalwart Mick Ellison (of Mano's Bar & Grill fame!).

The Carbine Club of Queensland Magic Millions Lunch

A 500+ strong crowd were at the barriers for the annual Carbine Club Magic Millions Lunch at Star Gold Coast.... and under starter's orders.... MC Alan Thomas got proceedings underway. And RACING!

On display were Melbourne Cup, Cox Plate, Golden Slipper, Golden Eagle, The Gong & Magic Millions 2YO Classic trophies.



Carbine Club of Queensland President Michael Stephens welcomed special guest Peter V'landys, members & guests inviting them all to enjoy Carbine Club 'Good Fellowship' and hospitality for the afternoon... Carbine Club of Queensland Patron Ian Hollindale toasted the late Geoff Lane for his contribution to the racing industry and the Carbine Club.

Formalities done.. MC Alan Thomas kicked into action... ably assisted by racing identity Bart Sinclair Carbine Club member Nev Morgan was presented with the framed saddlecloth of 'Golden Eagle' winner Kolding by jockey Glen Boss and Australian Jockeys Association CEO Paul Innes after Nev chose the National Injured Jockeys Trust as the charity beneficiary for the \$420,000 portion of the Golden eagle prize money. Racing identity Bernadette Cooper provided a great insight to the challenges of female jockeys and some of the obstacles she encountered throughout her stellar career as a jockey. A very entertaining interview with workmate Alan Thomas

Melbourne Cup winning breeder & owners Paul Lanskey and Bob Leitch shared their journey to Melbourne Cup success with the story behind the naming of the cup winner Vow & Declare and Bob's wife buying him a 2% share as a 50th birthday present...

Special guest Peter V'landys had the full attention of the 500 strong field as he spoke on his upbringing and education in Wollongong to NSW Harness Racing, CEO NSW Racing.. The creation of the 'Everest' and then on to his role as Chairman of the National Rugby League Commission.. and his love for the St George Dragons.... Great interview by Alan Thomas and a breath of fresh air for both Racing and Rugby League in Australia.

The day wasn't over yet.. YES YES YES silks were auctioned with all funds going to the Australian Injured Jockeys Trust , comedian Des Dowling closed the afternoon with plenty of laughs and good humour, then President Mick Stephens reappeared on stage to thank everyone on behalf of the Carbine Club of Queensland... another successful day was had by all.

Special thanks to Carbine Club members Bob McHarg and Michael O'Brien for their efforts and tenacity in gathering special guests & trophies in making the lunch a very special day. Well done.



The Carbine Club of Tasmania – Derby Lunch

CCTAS had a bumper crowd for the 2020 Derby Day lunch at Elwick Racecourse on 31 Jan which was scheduled as a precursor to the Derby Day race meeting planned as a twilight meeting that day and to be held as the first race meeting on the Tas Racing Club's new StrathAyr track.

Although Tasmania thankfully doesn't usually experience the wild extremes of weather known to other parts of our sunburnt country, on this occasion the mercury soared to a record high of almost 41° causing the deferment of the race meeting, but the intrepid Carbiners pressed on and a great lunch was had by all with an outstanding result to boost the club's ability to assist our junior sports.

MC Peter Staples, the go to man for all things in racing journalism in Tas, interviewed Winx part owner Peter Tighe who, in his relaxed, friendly and erudite manner gave a great insight into the wonder mare and what it was like to be part of the wild ride as she thrilled the racing world. Peter was most generous with auction items and giveaways on the day and along with his wife Pattie has been very supportive of racing in Tasmania – much appreciated.



Club member Terry Clarke took some time to remember popular long term Carbine Club member Dr. Art Meeker (pictured left) who recently passed away. Art was a well known and well respected equine veterinarian who contributed greatly to the racing industry over many years.

The next Club event for TAS is a special luncheon at the Blundstone Cricket Arena with a local boy made good. Australian Cricket Captain Tim Paine, on 12 March.



Peter Tighe (2nd left) enjoying the day.



New Tas Racing Minister Jane Howlett was there.

..and Winx's four Cox Plates!





Vale



Distinguished New Zealander **John Wigglesworth** OMNZ, B.Com, FCA, FCIS, F.Inst.D who was a Founding and Life Member of the Carbine Club of New Zealand died on 28 Dec 2019. John pictured receiving his Queen's Birthday honour for his services to art, the community and water skiing. He was admitted to the International Water Ski Hall of Fame

CCNSW lost long term member **Brian James** in Jan 2020 to a tragic accident on his farm at Capertree. Brian had the honour of winning a premiership and representing his country as a fleet footed back in the NRL. – *Brian in action*



Tony Beddison AC, another popular and long term member of The Carbine Club lost a battle with leukemia. A successful businessman and former Chairman of the Royal Children's Hospital, Tony was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in 2002 and awarded the Centenary Medal in 2003. In 2016, he was made a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC).



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2020

THE CARBINE CLUB

- Thursday 19 March** Members Heroes Club lunch Toorak RSL @ 12:30pm
Thursday 30 April Annual Meeting and Members Lunch, River Room 3, Crown Towers, 12noon
Thursday 9 July Annual Dinner at The Australian Club, at 6:30pm
(CC Delegates meeting, RACV at 12 noon)
Tuesday 22 September AFL Grand Final Luncheon at Crown Palladium from 12 noon
Friday 30 October VRC Derby Eve Luncheon at Crown Palladium from 12 noon
Thursday 10 December Members Xmas Lunch at RACV from 12:30
****Note: Invitation days to Moonee Valley & Flemington Races – dates tbc**

ACT

- Friday 6 March** - Black Opal Stakes Luncheon - National Press Club (Members and Guests)
Wednesday 3 June – Carbine Club NRL State of Origin 1 Dinner - Boardroom Jim Murphy's (Members Only)
Friday 31 July – Carbine Club AFL Luncheon - Giants v Brisbane - National Press Club (Members and Guests)
Friday 9 October – Tony Campbell Memorial Cup Day - Thoroughbred Park (Members and Guests)
Monday 30 November – Carbine Club Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day - Royal Canberra Golf Club (Members Only)
Monday 30 November - Members and Partners Christmas Cocktail Party - Royal Canberra Golf Club (Members and Guests)
Friday 4 December – Carbine Club AGM Lunch at Boardroom Jim Murphy's (Members Only)

London

- Cheltenham Preview Dinner** (Members and guests)
Tuesday, 3rd March, the Oxo Tower, South Bank, London SE1 9PH
Golf Day at Royal Mid-Surrey (Members and guests)
Friday, 22nd May, Old Deer Park, Richmond, TW9 2SB
Lord's Long Room Luncheon (Members and guests)
Wednesday, 1st July, Lord's Cricket Ground, NW8 8QN
Melbourne Cup Preview Dinner & AGM (Members only)
Monday 2nd November, the Alfred Tennyson, Belgravia, SW1X 8LA

New Zealand

- 27th Annual Charity Golf Tournament – *Monday, 24th February 2020*
- Next Carbine Club luncheon – *Friday 27th March 2020*

Tasmania

12 March –Special Cricket Luncheon with Tim Paine, Blundstone Arena

Western Australia

Fri, 14 Feb	AGM (MO), Matilda Bay Restaurant
Wed 6 May	Mid week Racing Luncheon, Members + 3 guests, Directors Lounge, Ascot Racecourse
Fri, 22 May	Olympic Luncheon, Full Tables, Frasers Restaurant
Fri 14 August	Broome Cup Luncheon, Members & Guests (optional), Cable Beach Club
Fri, 18 Sep	WAFL Grand Final Lunch, Full tables, Hyatt Regency, Perth
Fri, 16 Oct	Members Only Luncheon, The Shoe Function Room
Fri, 20 Nov	Racing Luncheon, Full tables, Hyatt Regency, Perth
TBC Dec	<i>Cricket Luncheon, venue tbc</i>

