



# The Carbiner

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**COMING EVENTS**



**Great to see that Club events are on the move...**

In QLD the Club held their AGM on 23 April where Michael Robinson was elected President and this was followed by a special raceday at the Gold Coast Race Club the next day.

In this edition we hear from Graham Halbish in Victoria where the Club enjoyed the first luncheon after the enforced 15 month hiatus, Vicky Latta keeps us up to date with news from "across the ditch" and "Leithal" Putland who returns to the fold as The Carbiner Correspondent for WA tells of their recent raceday.

And in NSW, groundbreaking news as popular racing personality Caroline Searcy takes the Chair.

## Coming Events

**SA – Goodwood Day Lunch, 14 May**

**NZ – 21 May – AGM & Members Only Lunch**

**HK- 28 May – AGM & Members Dinner, HK Club, Victoria Suite**

**HK – 24 June – New members Reception**

**VIC -15 July – CC Delegates Meeting, RACV and 60th Anniversary Dinner, Australian Club**

**VIC- 21 Sep – AFL Grand Final Luncheon, Crown Palladium**

**HK – 22 Sept - Members Racing Night, Happy Valley (box E414)**

**HK – 8 Oct – Members Golf Day , Shek O**

**VIC - 29 October – VRC Derby Day Luncheon, Crown Palladium**

**HK – 5 November – Hong Kong Rugby Sevens Lunch, HKFC**

**HK – 5 Dec – 30th Anniversary Carbine Cup Race, Sha Tin (Box D173)**

**HK – 10 Dec – Hong Kong International Races Lunch, Grand Hyatt**

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## The Carbine Club Luncheon

The Carbine Club members reconvened for the first time in 15 months at Grossi Florentino Restaurant, in late March.

A superb venue for a very welcome and convivial members only lunch, in fine surroundings, with a superb menu accompanied by fine wines. (Yes, we did enjoy it!).

Thanks to new President Andrew Cannon and his friendship with Guy Grossi, we had the upstairs dining room to ourselves and were soon making plenty of noise, as members became reacquainted after such a long hiatus. Guest speakers Grand Prix CEO Andrew Westacott and Australian Team Chef de Mission Ian Chesterman, gave great insight into their respective roles and were followed by a rousing performance from tenor Richard Thomas.

It was a great way to open the year's events. There was a real buzz in the room & of course, around the bar later in the day.

(Photos from the day by Gordon Bennett)





## CCWA Mid Week Racing Luncheon

The Carbine Club of WA Mid-Week Racing Lunch was held in the Chairman's Lounge at Perth's Ascot Racecourse on Wednesday 14th April.

The 80 Carbine Club of WA members and guests in attendance were welcomed by new CC of WA President Neil Pinner. Neil also presented Lex Piper with his Carbine Club of WA Life Member Badge for his dedicated long-standing support over many years.

There were many prominent WA Racing identities attending including trainers Fred Kersley and Trevor Andrews, together with Magic Millions WA State Manager David Houston. We had our traditional Treasure Chest Raffle Draw as well as a race tipping competition amongst each of the tables.

Perth Racing were wonderful hosts allowing the Club exclusive use of the Chairman's Lounge on the day and as usual provided us with their usual high standard of service, food and drinks..... the days punting wasn't special for most members and guests but overall it was a great day thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Below -President Neil Pinner



Jason Feris (CC), Lex Piper (Life MemberCC),John Ford (CC), Adrian Law (CC)



Lto R seated – Gary Cossill CC, Reg Webb CC, Trevor Andrews Trainer, Gary Dickie (CC)  
Standing – David Houston Magic Millions, Leith Putland CC, Robert Archibald



## Caroline Searcy Takes the Reins at CCNSW

Popular TV presenter and thoroughbred racing aficionado Caroline Searcy was recently appointed as Chair of the Carbine Club of NSW. Caroline has been on the committee since 2014. In accepting the role Caroline noted that the Carbine Clubs have raised millions of dollars for junior sporting organisations across the decades, and also had this to say:

“Being elected as chair of the Carbine Club of NSW fills me with a feeling of enormous pride and honour.”

“I look back at the great history of this club, a global club with wonderful interstate affiliates around Australia and a huge Carbine presence in major cities right around the world.”



“When I look at that history, I am awestruck to have been so fortunate to attend and host so many Carbine Club functions over the years rubbing shoulders with some of the most incredible sporting achievers in the history of our great country.”

Congratulations to Caroline who has been a great contributor to the club and that is set to continue.

*( many won't believe this, but the only picture of Caroline in The Carbiner archives is this one taken alongside yours truly at a CCNSW function!-Ed.)*

## New Zealand News

Carbine Club NZ Secretary Vicky Latta has communicated across “the bubble” with the good news that CCNZ has been able to hold two events, both very welcomed and successful.

On Friday 9 April the Club held its 28th Annual Charity Golf Tournament at the Pakuranga Golf Course raising over \$32,000 for disabled athletes – a stunning result in these uncertain times. A new trophy, the Susie Simcock Memorial Trophy, was awarded to the player with the longest drive on a nominated hole and this went to Andrew Woo, a member of the Paralympics NZ Golf Team (pictured at left) .



The Club also held a belated America's Cup Luncheon on 16 April where guest speakers Kevin Shoebridge and Richard Meacham of Emirates Team New Zealand gave a fantastic rundown on the the team's preparation, the yachts, the technology involved, and the racing and future direction of the race.

CCNZ are pleased to note that Member Peter Montgomery MBE (pic) was recently inducted into the America's Cup Hall of Fame for his outstanding contribution to yachting's distinguished competition.

Peter is the 12th New Zealander to be inducted and becomes one of just 95 inductees from the 170 year history of the Cup.

The ball keeps rolling in NZ with the AGM and Members Only Lunch set for Friday 21 May at the Remuera Club.

