



# The Carbiner

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## THE CARBINE CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

Carbine Club members met at The Australian Club on Thursday 15 July for the annual dinner, always a high point on the calendar but of course reduced in numbers this year due to restrictions. This year the usual overseas and interstate guests were unable to attend and looming further restrictions in Melbourne played a part too, but 40 members were able to meet and enjoy another great night. The Australian Club provided the usual top notch dining experience matched with free flowing refreshments and storytelling as the night rolled on.

A highlight of the evening was guest speaker Anthony 'Harry' Moffit (pic right) who engaged the Chatham House Rule to ensure that he was able to deliver a deep insight into the role of Australia's elite Special Air Service Regiment (SAS) and his own role during an amazing eleven overseas deployments into such places as Timor Leste, Afghanistan and Iraq. After nearly 30 years in the Army, Harry is now a Registered Psychologist and human performance consultant and he has also written a book, "Eleven Bats", which is sub titled 'A story of combat, cricket and the SAS.' Harry's book tells of his military service and his love of cricket – wherever he went overseas he took a cricket bat and organised matches with fellow soldiers, locals, and even visiting politicians joining the game in far flung places from the dusty streets of Baghdad to the mountain strongholds of a fugitive rebel leader in Timor.



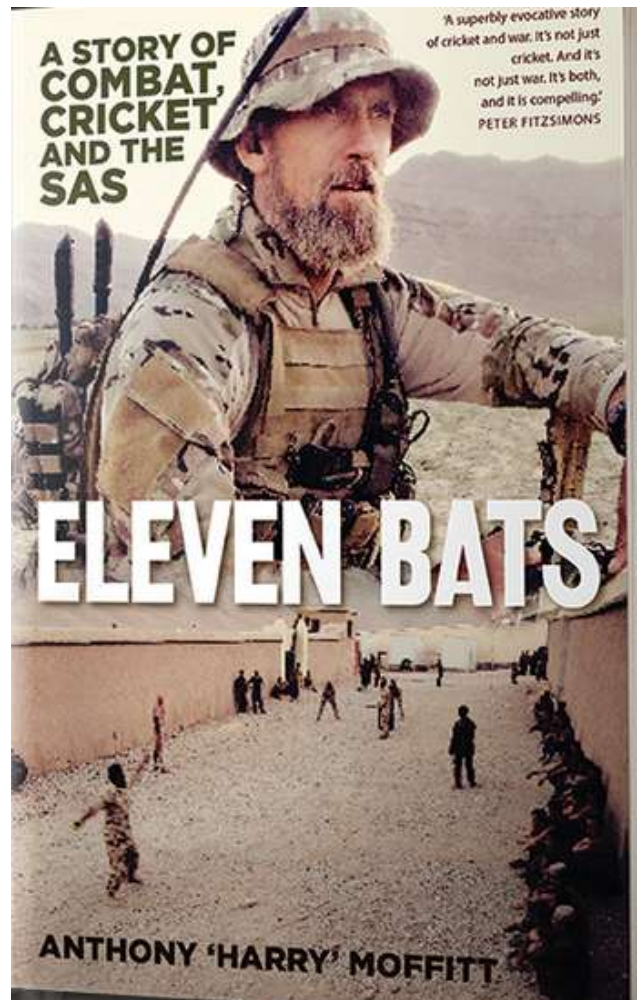
A lively and insightful question time saw all the curly ones answered. No question was too hard for Harry and he left a greater understanding of the incredible sacrifices our troops make.

President Andrew Cannon had to interrupt the lively table banter around the room to introduce his friend Harry: at one table Bruce Brown was asked if his beloved Melbourne Football Club could do it, and a bit of hedging he gave them the thumbs up. At another table, Gerry Ryan and Adam Sangster compared notes on the success of their various thoroughbreds, and elsewhere Phil Halbish lamented the depleting stocks in his wine cellar which had foolishly been left in the care of his father, Graham.

Eddie Maguire took the opportunity to seek a few tips from Harry on how to handle tricky and perilous situations and Neale Fraser was basking in the whole country's boosted enthusiasm for tennis after that recent wonderful Wimbledon win.

All in all another great Carbine evening - the only shame was that the prevailing external circumstances meant that many members were prevented from being able to attend and enjoy it.

(Harry's book is available at Dymocks, booktopia and Amazon)



**More of Gordon Bennett's photos of the night overleaf – thanks again to Gordon**





## Hong Kong News

### Hong Kong 2021 AGM

*(Thanks to Andrew Steadson, VP CCHK, for news and pics from CCHK)*

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021, President Glenn Haley welcomed members of The Carbine Club of Hong Kong to the Club's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. With on-going Covid-19 restrictions in force the meeting was partly held over Zoom and the traditional AGM dinner with partners was unable to be held. It has been a difficult year for the HK Chapter and our charity partners as our three major luncheon event were unable to be held. The Club was fortunate that we were able to hold two very well attended member only functions, our Annual Golf Day in October, 2020 and a new members' dinner that fell during brief periods of relaxed Covid restrictions in June, 2020.

The virtual meeting format for the AGM was well attended and included past presidents Ken Daeyton, John Ridley and Mark Winstanley and our two Life Honorary Members, John McNamara and Bruce Stinson.

The election of the committee saw Andrew Macintosh re-joining the committee and long-term committee members, Daniel Zigal, David Garcia, John Ridley, Murray Burton and Mark Winstanley retire from the committee to the hearty applause and sincere thanks from the members in attendance for their significant committee contributions over many years.

Office bearers, Glenn Hayley (President), Andrew Steadson (VP), Peter Glanville (Treasurer) and Shaun Tibbatts (Hon Sec) will continue in these roles for another year and are joined by Robbie McRobbie, Simon Lopez and Andrew Macintosh to complete the committee. Members then voted to accept the nomination of eight new and enthusiastic members for 2021. The new members are James Carlile, Ayaz Hatim Ebrahim, Justin Faulkner, David Haigh, George Lamplough, Boyd Merrett, Alex Oxford and Thiyagarajah Rajah. The meeting closed with John McNamara thanking committee members current and retiring for their significant efforts and contributions in the running of the Club.



**Members from L to R: Andrew Macintosh, Michael Corcoran, Daniel Zigal (Past VP), Alex Oxford, Peter Glanville (Treasurer), Robbie McRobbie, Shaun Tibbatts (Hon. Sec) and Jake McCauley**

### CCHK New Members Cocktail Function

The new members cocktail function was held at Dot Cod in Central, Hong Kong on the evening of 24<sup>th</sup> June. The event was opened by President Glenn Hayley who welcomed the larger than usual number of new members to the club. The traditional presentation of ties and cufflinks was followed by plenty of good cheer and laughter until Covid restrictions brought the event to an unusually early close at 10pm.

With Hong Kong making good progress on the Covid-19 vaccination program and managing the situation generally, members remain optimistic for further relaxation of restrictions in Hong Kong to allow the Club to deliver our plans for a busy final quarter of the year.



### Coming Events from Around the Clubs

**SA** – 28 July – Members Only 38th Anniversary Lunch, National Wine Centre

**TAS** – 4 August – AFL Themed Dinner at Wrest Point

**Singapore** – 10 Sept – All Sports Lunch, Grand Hyatt

**SA** – 15 Sep – SANFL GF Luncheon

**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

**ACT** – 8 Oct – Tony Campbell Memorial Cup Day, Thoroughbred Park

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

**London** – 1Nov – Sam Vestey Annual Members’ Dinner, Alfred Tennyson in Belgravia

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

**ACT** – 3 Dec – AGM Lunch, Boardroom at Jim Murphy’s (MO)

**ACT** – 6 Dec – Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day, RCGC (MO)

**ACT** – 6 Dec – Members and Partners Christmas Cocktail Party, RCGC

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

**Singapore** – 10 Dec – End of Year Lunch, Grand Hyatt

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

**QLD** – 10 Dec - Members Xmas Lunch

**SA** – 15 Dec – Aust v England Test Cricket Luncheon