



# The Carbiner

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**THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB**

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## **CARBINE CLUB of NSW – Vale Ken Page**



Carbine Club of NSW Life Member Ken Page passed away on 24 October leaving a huge gap in the ranks – Ken was well known in the Carbine Club community and with his wife Heather by his side Ken attended every one of the 14 Carbine Club International Congresses held to date.

As well as being a Life Member of the Club Ken also held office as Chairman and was a long time Secretary; his dedication to sport saw him awarded the Order of Merit by the New South Wales Olympic Committee in 2006, he was a Chairman of the Commonwealth Games Fundraising Committee of NSW and a member of the Olympic Games Fundraising Committee of NSW.

Ken made a significant contribution to horse racing too – he was Managing Director of Adam Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd and in his working life as a senior member of the NSW TAB, the "Jolly Green Giant" as it was then, Ken was well known as a media spokesman and he also was the Australian representative to the Horse Racing Hall of Fame in Saratoga, USA.

Ken's contribution to the Carbine Club at so many levels and over many years was enormous, hence the acknowledgment in the award of Life Membership. He gave new meaning to the words "true gentleman" and he Heather forged many friendships across the wider club – he will be sadly missed.

A service will be held at 11.30am on Monday 1 November and is available via live stream by following the following link and using PIN 5056.

<https://streaming.naoca.com.au/e/db725abf-487e-4696-ba65-71eb7c8266c6>

## THE CARBINE CLUB of QUEENSLAND –Members Lunch



CCQLD held a Members Lunch at member Mick Ellison's Mano's on the Gold Coast incorporating the presentations for the "Bill Brown Medal" and the "Peter Lacey Medal".

MC Mark Forbes added his expertise and humour to help make the day a great success and the attendance of Samantha Voll and Sue Perkins representing their daughters was also much appreciated – Georgia Voll won the 2021 Bill Brown Medal and Jamie Perkins was the winner of the Peter Lacey Medal.



*(thanks to George Friend for photos from this event)*



## **Special Notice -The Carbine Club International Congress**

**Due to the reduced number of registrations received by the deadline of 30 September 2021, the Carbine Club of South Australia's Congress Organising Committee has re-scheduled the Congress and is now planning for the Congress to be held in October 2022 - the dates are October 6th to 11th.**

Apart from the small number of registrations received for May 2022 (49) the CCSA Organising Committee has the following reasons for making this change:

- When the Adelaide Congress was originally scheduled for May 2020, we received over 140 registrations – this demonstrated that the event was popular amongst Members worldwide and should go ahead if at all possible
- Requiring Members to commit for May 2022 meant that a great deal of doubt surrounding Covid-19 still existed in people's minds. Uncertainty still exists to this day with matters such as lockdowns, quarantine requirements, airline bookings, etc.
- By deferring the Congress registration date the uncertainty brought about by Covid-19 will be largely removed.

### **CONGRESS PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

The CCSA Congress Organising Committee has started negotiations with the various venues included in the Congress Programme and it is our belief that any revisions will be finalised by the end of October 2021.

There are 2 obvious changes forced upon the Committee:

1. AFL Fixture – given the 2022 AFL season will be completed by October this event cannot be included. However, several ideas are being considered to provide for a memorable Congress function to be held at the Adelaide Oval
2. Goodwood Day at Morphettville - a "day at the Morphettville Races" will remain in the Programme, Saturday, October 8, 2022. Screens in the Leilani Room at Morphettville will allow delegates to watch Spring Carnival Races while still taking in the glamour of the Morphettville race meeting.

If any other changes to the Congress Programme are forced upon the Organising Committee, the revised events will still be exciting and memorable.

### **WHAT DO YOU DO NEXT?**

Please wait until you receive your copy of the 2022 CONGRESS NEWSLETTER which will not only explain the new Programme of Events but will also detail any changes to the Congress Fee along with the deposit timing. This should be in your hands by mid-November 2021.

### **SUMMARY**

For more than 18 months we have all lived lives which have been influenced to some degree by Covid-19. The Congress Organising Committee has obviously not been immune from all of this, but has adopted the mantra that "the show will go on" and looks forward to eventually welcoming you and many other delegates to Adelaide in October next year.

Thank you for your understanding over these difficult times; we look forward to presenting ADELAIDE OCTOBER 2022 to you in the very near future.

Stay safe and well.

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## Les Carlyon – “A Life in Words”

Les Carlyon needs no introduction to racing fans, and he was a noted speaker at Club functions over the years.

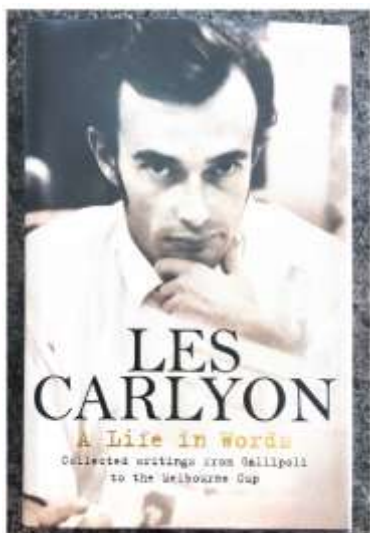
Allen & Unwin have recently published a collection of writings from Les, one of Australia’s most admired writers and journalists and they have given permission for the following story to be reproduced in The Carbiner:

### Brilliant and original

AT THE CARBINE CLUB lunch before the Melbourne Cup, Andrew Peacock told two stories about Menzies and against himself. After the young Peacock had delivered a speech, Menzies told the beaming lad it was “brilliant and original”. The only trouble, Sir Robert said, was the brilliant bits weren’t original and the original bits weren’t brilliant.

Later, having taken over Menzies’ seat of Kooyong, Peacock showed Menzies a draft of his maiden speech. Menzies told him: “The English is very good but the speech is too long. I’d cut it in half—and it doesn’t matter which half.”

7 November 1994



This collection of Les’s best writings over the years is a great read; to me it was a great reminder of some important parts of history as well as a compelling commentary on the times – and the wisdom and insights have certainly stood the test of time – if you would like to know more then go to the publishers website at [www.allenandunwin.com](http://www.allenandunwin.com)

I would lend you my copy but I’m afraid I would never get it back!  
-Ed.

*The Carbine Club of Tasmania is looking forward to its event on 29 October to be held at Wrest Point after the AGM and no doubt the anticipation is high in London where one of the key events on their calendar, the Sam Vestey Members Dinner is fast approaching – if past performance is any guide we should be asking the Londoners to quickly rush us details of the likely winner of the Melbourne Cup!*

## Coming Events

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

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

**NZ** – 11 November – 50th Anniversary Dinner

**QLD** – 1 Dec – Members Xmas Lunch, Pineapple Hotel

**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

**ACT** – 10 Dec – AGM & Christmas Luncheon

**ACT** – 13 Dec – Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day followed by Members and Partners Christmas Cocktail Party

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



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