



The Carbiner

"For sport and for good fellowship"



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The Carbine Club 57th AFL Luncheon

(report from Graham Halbish, Secretary and pictures from Gordon Bennett)

Were we going to pick up from where we left off 3 years ago?
Absolutely!

The Palladium Room looked fantastic as more than 800 members and guests made their entry into the 57th Annual AFL Grand Final lunch last Tuesday.

For many it was a long-awaited reunion while for others an opportunity to say, we're back! Regular MC Brian Taylor with new Co-Host Megan Waters kicked off the day in a lively start with the new mid floor suspended video box, bringing the action close to everyone in the room.

Shortly into the welcome by President Andrew Cannon, we saw a heartfelt tribute to the late Allen Aylett, who had recently passed away. (More on Allen later in this edition of The Carbiner).

Then at the conclusion of the official welcome, we were thrilled by a brilliant rendition of the National Anthem by Richard Thomas and Grace Kingsford. Sensational!

A further sensation was then provided by the surprise appearance of the Brownlow Medallist Patrick Cripps who joined BT & Megan on stage for an excellent interview.



Premiership Cup Ambassador Bachar Houli showed why he was a great choice for the role and will be a strong Ambassador for the game for a long time to come.

The brotherly chat between Hamish and Gillon McLachlan was a lot of fun and much appreciated by the audience as was the induction of our two new Footy Legends, Brent Harvey and Tony Shaw. Rounding off the day was Sam Kekovich who, while keeping a few holding their breath provided a humorous insight with his view of the game as it stands today. Well done, Sam.

Many lingered on in the Palladium well after the end, before retiring to the Atrium and Groove Bars. Finally, a big thank you to the many guests from interstate and overseas clubs. It was great to see so many of you there.



See all of Gordon Bennett's great photos of the event which are now available on the Club website:

www.thecarbineclub.org

Log in and click the photos tab

Carbine Club of New South Wales- Rugby League Luncheon

CCNSW Chair Caroline Searcy reports that the recent Rugby League Finals Series lunch on 9 Sep was a huge success. Tom Malone and the Wide World of Sports Team and 2GB assisted not only with the major auction item but also with some great on-stage content, MC'd by Danika Mason and James Bracey with NRL CEO Andrew Abdo receiving widespread acclaim for his personal and NRL related stories in his chat with Bracey.

The panel of Phil Gould, Billy Slater and Brad Fittler was highly entertaining and informative, and they all enjoyed being part of the Club's camaraderie on the day.

The Club presented a cheque for \$10,000 to the Clontarf Foundation to assist junior indigenous players in their rugby league careers and is looking forward to following the individual recipients closely in the future - hopefully they can become the Isaac Heeneys and Callum Mills of the league world.



photos from the second major lunch of the post-covid era with thanks to Dan at Graynoise Photography.

AROUND THE CLUBS

LONDON

Our London correspondent Terry McCaughey tells us that the Sam Vestey Dinner comprising the AGM and Melbourne Cup Eve phantom call is being held at the Alfred Tennyson in Belgravia on Monday 31st October, comprising a short AGM, a guest speaker, the Melbourne Cup call and the availability of ample beverages and food.

Guest speaker is Oliver Shah who is Business Editor at the Sunday Times. He was named business journalist of the year at the 2017 Press Awards for his investigation into Sir Philip Green's £1 sale of BHS. President Jeff Randall advises he is a compelling and amusing speaker.

A highlight of this event each year is the Phantom call of the 2022 Melbourne Cup straight from the lips of maestro and master race caller the one and only Jim 'Ace Tipper' McGrath who has achieved an amazing strike rate with his call.

Terry has also advised that the date has now been set for the unmissable Lord's Luncheon – the England Cricket Board has announced that the Ashes Test will be played from Wednesday 28th June to Sunday 2nd July following on from Royal Ascot in the preceding week so the Club luncheon will be held on Monday 19th June.

Always popular with Aussie visitors, a lot of interest has already been shown – more details will come from Terry in due course.

QUEENSLAND

This year's Peter Lacey Medal for the top Junior Surf Lifesaver has been awarded to Claudia Bailey from Northcliffe Surf Lifesaving Club. Claudia won the very competitive award on the back of her performances at the Australian Surf Lifesaving Championships held on the Gold Coast.

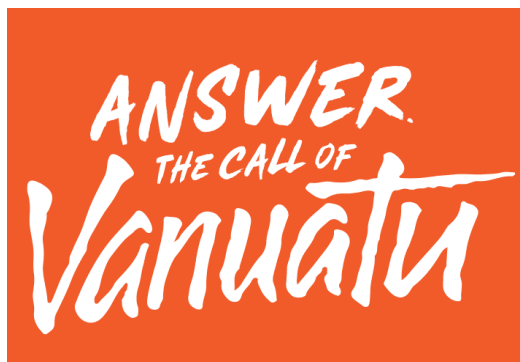
Claudia won 1 individual gold, 3 Individual silver and 6 team gold medals.

She went on to be selected for the Australian Team to compete at the World Championships in France.

On hand to present the award were Peter Lacey's wife Ann Lacey and son Adam Lacey who is now a member of the Carbine Club Queensland.



VANUATU



Advising all members that the Carbine Club of Vanuatu will be hosting their "Boys Night Out" on Friday 4 November at L'Houstalet Restaurant in Port Vila. This has become an annual event on our social calendar and is always held on the Friday evening of Melbourne Cup week. It is a brilliant night, and we would welcome any Carbine Club member who is interested in joining us to contact me directly for more information.

Best Regards,
Daniel Agius – CC Vanuatu

NEW ZEALAND

OBITUARY - Jeffery (Jeff) Ellis ROBSON MBE



Sadly, one of the Carbine Club's founding members, Jeff Robson died on 5th September 2022 aged 95. Jeff was an outstanding athlete at both badminton and tennis and is one of only three people to represent New Zealand internationally in both codes.

At badminton, he won nine New Zealand singles championships, seven national men's doubles titles and four mixed doubles titles as well as winning internationally and made his mark as an administrator at the highest level. As a tennis player, he won the New Zealand men's singles title three times, five national men's doubles titles and two mixed doubles championships representing New Zealand in the Davis Cup competition for three years and its captain for 10 years. This was achieved while continuing his professional career as a dentist. In 1976 he was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire and in 1990 was inducted into the New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame recognising an outstanding contribution to sport.

RACING LUNCHEON – Friday 21st October 2022

CCNZ Club's next luncheon will be the Racing luncheon with guest speaker PETER KEAN. Peter is a part owner of Nature Strip, winner of 7 Group 1 events in Australia and the world's richest turf race, the Everest. He was recently taken to the northern hemisphere for the Kings Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot, which he won. A horse that always showed promise but was at times frustrating, Nature Strip has been kept in work and at aged 7 has won nearly \$AU18.5 million in stakes.

CCNZ's 50th ANNIVERSARY DINNER – Thursday 24th November 2022

The Club's 50th Anniversary Dinner is on track to take place on Thursday 24th November. A special milestone event.

Regards – Vicky Latta, Secretary CCNZ

TASMANIA



The Carbine Club of Tasmania gathered at the exclusive Tasmania Club for their AGM and subsequent black-tie dinner where President Steve Adermann was re-elected along with Secretary Ross Burridge.

Guest Speaker Keryn Nylander is chairman of the board of the Tasmanian JackJumpers, the hugely successful Tassie team in the national competition, and she is the first ever female to be appointed to the chair position in the history of the National Basketball League and its 10 franchises.

Keryn shared an insight into the world of the league and the amazing journey of the Tasmanian team since its recent inception.



No one turned out better on the night than Founding Member Dr Barry Taranto!



The Club logo was again prominent on the golf course recently evidenced by this text and photo received recently:



Huge thank you to the Carbine Club from Eli Monaghan just finished the Vic Junior Golf tournament /))
Finished overall 15th and Runner Up- Under 16 section.
(in a big field)
Really consistent solid rounds of golf over the four days.
Onto the Jack Newton Junior Open in NSW next week.

Vale Dr Allen Aylett OBE

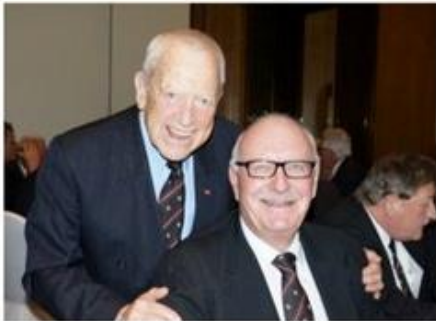
Members of The Carbine Club in Melbourne and other Clubs throughout the Carbine network were deeply saddened by the recent passing of Dr Allen Aylett OBE, aged 88.

Allen Aylett exemplified the ethos of The Carbine Club: for sport and good fellowship, like no other. He joined the Club in 1976, served as club president and became the inspirational leader of the International Congress. He was made a Life Member in 2010.

A highly talented sportsman he represented Victoria in both football and cricket, winning many accolades over his lengthy playing career. Arguably this was matched or even exceeded by his time as an Administrator, as President of the VFL/AFL and of his beloved North Melbourne Football Club. His dear wife Marj, known to so many of us, was by his side to the end, along with the Aylett family.

The Carbine tradition is carried on by their son Rick, himself a member of several years standing. Vale Allen.

Graham Halbish – Secretary The Carbine Club



(Our thanks again to Gordon Bennett for these photos of Allen)

Allen Aylett (cont.)

Current Carbine Club International Congress Chairman Lloyd Meredith also paid tribute to Allen and had this to say:

"I knew Allen as the founder and driver of the Congress and clearly understand why he is the reason it continues to this day to be a highlight of The Carbine Club calendar.

Allen was always quick to give credit to Brian Dixon as the creator of the Congress concept, but even Brian readily agrees that Allen was responsible for hitting on the formula which insured the longevity of the Congress. It revolved around 2 key factors: fraternity and education.

A little-known fact is that at every Congress Allen carried a list of all delegates and he ensured he spent time with every single one during each Congress. Along with my wife Jan I am deeply indebted to Allen when he arranged that I take over the reins to Chair each Congress since 2008 and we cherish the many memories of fun times at and between Congresses– "sensational" times, all laced with Aylett humour".

Apart from his stellar career as a sportsman in both cricket and football, and his tremendous input to football as an administrator, a little-known fact is that Allan also had an impact on the administration of horse racing in Australia – some years ago when the then national ruling peak body of thoroughbred racing was looking to adopt a more contemporary governance model Allen freely shared some ideas to the group that had been charged with investigating proposals and the Australian Racing Board (now morphed into Racing Australia) was formed.



Calendar of Events

The Carbine Club



Friday 28 October – Derby Eve Lunch, Crown Casino (M&G)
December (tbc) – Christmas Lunch (M&G)

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN ON THE CLUB WEBSITE FOR THE DERBY EVE LUNCHEON

Australian Capital Territory



Fri 7 Oct – Tony Campbell Memorial Cup Day, Thoroughbred Park (M&G)
Fri 9 Dec – AGM Lunch, Boardroom Jim Murphy's (MO)
Mon 12 Dec – CC Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day, Royal Canberra Golf Club (MO)
Mon 12 Dec – Members and Partners Christmas Cocktail Party, RCGC (M&G)

Hong Kong



13 October – Member Golf Day, Clearwater Bay Country Club
4 Nov - HK Rugby 7s Lunch, Hong Kong Football Club
9 Dec - International Racing Lunch, Hyatt Regency TST

2023 Events

31 March – Rugby 7's Lunch, HK Football Club
19 May – AGM & Dinner – HKJC or HK Club (TBC)

London



31 October – Sam Vestey Annual Members Dinner & AGM, Alfred Tennyson

2023 Events

7 March 2023 – Cheltenham Festival Dinner, OXO Tower
May (TBC) Annual Golf Day
19 June – Lord's Ashes Test Luncheon

New South Wales



9 December (TBC) – Christmas Function M+1

New Zealand



21 October – Racing Lunch
24 November – 50th Anniversary Dinner, Tote Room, Ellerslie Racecourse

Northern Territory



21 October – Cox Plate Lunch, PeeWees (M&G 200 max)
9 December – Christmas Dinner (M&P) venue TBA

Papua New Guinea



7 October - Carbine Sportsman Lunch, Rugby League World Cup, Hilton Hotel
22 October – Cox Plate Day, Aviat Club
18 November – Members Only Lunch, National Football Stadium, POM
2 December – Carbine Members Xmas Cocktail Party, Crown Hotel, POM

Queensland



13 October - Cricket Lunch, Cricketers Club
2 December - Christmas Members Lunch (MO), Venue Gold Coast TBA

The Carbine Club of Singapore

Xmas Lunch: Friday 16th December. Grand Hyatt

South Australia



6 October Members & Partners Christmas Celebration Cocktail Style Function, Thur evening, Ayers House Conservatory
7th Dec - Adelaide Test Luncheon, Magarey Room, Adelaide Oval

Tasmania



14 October – Soccer Luncheon

Tokyo



Melbourne Cup Luncheon – November 1st

Vanuatu



4 November – see your invite in the Club roundup!

Western Australia



21 October – MO Luncheon, Mayfair Lane
18 November – Racing Luncheon, Hyatt Regency
Xx December – Cricket Luncheon (details TBC)



Bill Brown Medal Award



THE CARBINE CLUB
QUEENSLAND

Bill Brown Medal Award

Queensland Cricketer's Club

The Gabba, 411 Vulture Street, East Brisbane

Thursday 13 October

11.45am - 3.45pm

Cost: \$170 per person

Dress: Coat, tie and name badges for members

Special Guest Speakers:

Darren Lehmann and Ian Healy

Special Guest:

Crash Craddock will be interviewing former cricketing greats as well as presenting the Bill Brown Medal

RSVP: Tuesday 4 October 2022

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