



The Carbiner

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CARBINE CLUB DELEGATES MEETING AND ANNUAL DINNER

(From Graham Halbish, Secretary The Carbine Club, with photos by Gordon Bennett)



The Carbine Club hosted two very well attended events in Melbourne, last week.

Firstly, the Delegates Meeting with representatives from near and far, followed by a splendid dinner at our traditional venue, The Australian Club.

Delegates responded vigorously to the discussion on a range of topics, using the agenda as an opening for a broader dialogue. What shone through was the generally positive state of wellbeing across the Clubs present, along with a glowing report (by proxy) from the Carbine Club of London.

Notwithstanding that, Delegates remarked on the perennial challenges of finding keynote speakers & entertainers, while always managing to find a way through.

It was agreed that this Annual get together was a very welcome exercise and a great opportunity to exchange information and ideas, renew acquaintances and meet with new faces around the table.

After a primer or two in the Carbine Bar CC members and guests made their way into the magnificent surroundings of the Main Dining Room at The Australian Club. With more than 80 guests present, it made a very impressive sight. We all then settled in to enjoy the fine food and wines, the evening punctuated by the opening welcome by incoming CC President David Evans and highly entertaining guest speakers Greg Chappell, Giles Morgan, David Howden and Gavin Hastings. The latter trio there by courtesy of British & Irish Lions Tour & CC sponsor Howden.



A great night was the verdict afterwards in the packed Members Bar!





CCSA Members Anniversary Luncheon 18th July 2025- Magill Estate Cellars

Magill Estate Cellars was the venue for the 42nd Members Anniversary Luncheon, this venue is not only an Icon on the list of South Australian places to visit but also the experience Magill Estates offers for Australian and International visitors, the home of Penfolds and the revered Penfolds Grange.

Past President, Chris Dittmar suggested the venue and recommended that we make this a member only function which provided the perfect ambience for members to mingle prior, during and after the luncheon with many stories of past events being refreshed and at times expanded.



Club President, Eric Granger, welcomed everyone and paid tribute to all the Members for their past and current support which has kept CCSA a strong and unified Club since inception in 1983. Eric also paid respect to Carbine Club Special Member, Barrie Robran, who passed away suddenly a few days prior, a formal acknowledgement of Barrie's involvement with CCSA will form part of the upcoming SANFL Grand Final Luncheon in September 2025.

(L-R Tim Ginever, Chris Mattner and President, Eric Granger- Eric presented Chris with CCSA Gift Pack)

Eric also paid homage to the many sponsors that have supported the CCSA over the years. It was also an opportune time to present Nick Karasoulos with a Carbine Club Gift pack in recognition of his support in supplying numerous raffle prizes from his Harvey Norman franchise, many of our charities have benefitted from Nick's generosity.



Over recent years the CCSA has adopted the practice of interviewing a member at the Anniversary Luncheons which provides insight into our members not only with their personal life but also in business. Our MC for the day was Tim Ginever, who conducted a superb interview with Chris Mattner. The family business was established in 1985 and under Chris's leadership as CEO has developed from a local electrical business to a leader in integrated electrical solutions in the sports and stadia lighting, sustainable energy and electrical infrastructure sectors on both a national and international footing. The Adelaide Oval lighting is a beautiful example of the work CME undertakes. Chris was also the lucky recipient of the attending Members draw, receiving a beautiful bottle of Penfolds St Henri.

(L-R MC Tim Ginever, Neil Balme)

After enjoying the superb food, Coopers Beer along with Penfolds fine wines with entrée and main course, Members settled back to enjoy Tim's interview with Neil Balme, Success has followed Neil Balme everywhere from VFL, SANFL with Norwood, AFL with Melbourne, Collingwood & Richmond. Neil was a very colourful character and entertaining during his VFL career which was cut short with a serious knee injury. Neil has a presence that makes everyone sit back and relax while enjoying the long and very interesting answers to Tim's questions. Neil's philosophy on football is uncomplicated and one appreciates why Neil has been involved in a long history of success. Neil is now on the board of the Adelaide Football Club, and he is very confident of success over the next 3-4 years

Our Charity for the day was Kick Start for Kids with one of the prizes being a wine fridge including a bottle of Penfolds RWT, the latter kindly donated by Penfolds. To everyone's surprise the winner was Nick Karasoulos, who generously donated the wine fridge back to Kick Start for Kids.

A great day was had by all.



L-Nick re-donating his Vintec Wine Fridge C-The Long Table in Penfolds Cellar

R- Neil drew Glenn Cooper's name out for a raffle prize, Glenn is a one-eyed Norwood and Crows Supporter, and Coopers also sponsor Norwood Football Club

Spotted at the Annual Dinner in Melbourne...



Carbine Club of Queensland – Confraternity Shield Sponsorship

From Peter Gwynne, Past President CCQLD)

The Carbine Club of Queensland is a proud annual sponsor of the Rugby League Confraternity Shield providing three awards annually.

The statewide intercollege competition started off in 1980 and has grown to include 56 boys and 16 girls' teams. Held over the course of a week, each team plays off 7 times, culminating in finals with an honorary Queensland team selected for both boys and girls.

The male player of the Carnival Division 1 this year is Damon Humphreys from Padua College Brisbane taking home the Don Alroe Medal and a bursary of \$5,000.00. The female player went to Josie Wogand from the Cathedral College, Rockhampton who was presented with the Reg Cannon medal and a \$3,500.00 bursary. The Carbine Club in recognition of all competitors also provides a Spirit of the Carnival award of \$1,500.00 which was presented to Chase Tansey (Boys) from Blackheath Thornborough Charters, and Girls to Kiara Wright, Marymount College, Burleigh Waters Gold Coast.

CCQLD Past President Peter Gwynne and Club Member Reg Cannon attended this year's event which was held at The Cathedral College, Rockhampton.

*L- Reg Cannon, Carbine Club Spirit of the Carnival (Boys) Chase Tansey
R-. Reg Cannon, Carbine Club Boys player of the carnival Div 1 Damon Humphreys & Peter Gwynne.*












L-R Qld Rugby League Women's coach Tahnee Norris, League Legend Bob Lindner, Peter Gwynne, Carbine Club player of the Carnival Girls from The Cathedral College Rockhampton Josie Wogand, Reg Cannon, and Representatives from Central QLD University











*L-R QISSRL Chairman Peter Elmore
Girls Spirit of the Carnival Kia Wright
From Marymount College Burleigh Waters, Reg Cannon and Peter Gwynne*



Calendar of Events

	<p>The Carbine Club www.thecarbineclub.org.au Tuesday 23rd September -AFL Grand Final Luncheon at Crown Palladium from 12 noon Friday 31st October -VRC Derby Eve Luncheon at Crown Palladium from 12 noon</p>
	<p>Australian Capital Territory</p>
	<p>Hong Kong www.carbineclubhk.com 31 Oct – Cricket Luncheon, Hyatt Regency TST 12 Dec – Racing Luncheon TBC Member Golf Day, Clearwater Bay Country Club TBC</p>
	<p>London www.carbineclublondon.org.uk CCL golf day at Royal Mid Surrey Golf Club – 12 September 3 & 4 October – Trip to Newmarket AGM, Sam Vestey and Melbourne Cup Eve dinner, Bluebird Café in Chelsea - Monday 3rd November</p>
	<p>New South Wales www.carbineclubnsw.com.au 26 Sep – Rugby League Lunch, Four Seasons Hotel</p>
	<p>New Zealand www.carbineclubnz.org.nz</p>
	<p>Northern Territory www.carbineclubnt.org.au 5Sep – Founders Lunch, BOH, The Cinema Collective MO 24 Oct- Cox Plate, Wharf One M&G 28 Nov- Christmas Party, date & venue TBC M&P</p>
	<p>Papua New Guinea 15 Aug – MO Italian Lunch, Lamana 5 Sep – Sportsman's Lunch – 50th Independence, Hilton Hotel 25 Oct – Cox Plate Day, Aviat Club Nov/Dec - Members Xmas Cocktail Party TBC</p>
	<p>Queensland www.carbineclubqueensland.com.au 15 August- Members Lunch TBC 2 December - Cricket Lunch Cricketers Club</p>

	<p>Singapore www.carbineclub.com.sg Friday 12th December – Christmas Lunch</p>
	<p>South Australia www.carbineclubsa.com.au SANFL Grand Final - 18 Sept 2025 Magarey Room Adelaide Oval Date TBC Ashes Test Tuesday 16th December 2025 Magarey Room Adelaide Oval</p>
	<p>Tasmania www.carbineclubtasmania.com.au 17 October – AGM & Luncheon, Elwick</p>
	<p>Tokyo www.carbineclubtokyo.com Saturday, 27 September – AFL Grand Final casual lunch and livecast Tuesday, 4 November – Melbourne Cup luncheon and livecast Friday, 28 November – Japan Cup luncheon (previewing Sunday's racing)</p>
	<p>Vanuatu</p>
	<p>Western Australia www.carbineclubwa.com.au Fri 19 Sep- WAFL Grand Final Luncheon, Optus Stadium Fi 28 Nov- Racing Luncheon, Optus Stadium</p>
<p>Long serving Secretary of The Carbine Club, Graham Halbish opens the 'batting' at the Annual Dinner, where members and guests heard from Greg Chappell and also representatives from great sponsors Howden and British and Irish Lions Tour reps – as always, a great night, and those who have heard from Team Howden before will understand just how entertaining that mob are, even more so in the packed and laugh filled Members Bar after!</p> <div data-bbox="129 1361 544 1861">  </div>	
<div data-bbox="1054 1137 1481 1570">  </div> <p>Another long serving Club Secretary, Ross Burrridge who represented Tasmania at the Delegates Conference, had a brush with royalty at the Dinner. Seen here with Club guest Zara Tindall, successful Olympian in equestrian and 22nd in line to the British throne.</p>	