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Carbine Club of South Australia – SANFL Grand Final Luncheon

September is a time when finals are held for many sports with the upcoming SANFL Grand Final taking place on Sunday 21st September, CCSA celebrated the match with a luncheon on Thursday 18th September in the Magarey Room at Adelaide Oval, a pristine setting for the 600+ attendees.



President, Eric Granger, welcomed everyone including Special Guests, Rob Kerin, Chair of SANFL, Darren Chandler, CEO SANFL, David Firth, General Manager Business Banking of Westpac & BankSA SA/NT/WA, Major Sponsor of CCSA, Tom Davies, COO Thomas Foods International Scholarship Sponsor, Don Totino Totino Estate Wines, Andrew Madgwick and Bill Holst from Solitaire Automotive Group, Daniel Butcher and Fiona LeSage from West End along with Peter Lane and Matt Haddad from Lane Printing. CCSA were also honoured to have several Carbine Club members from interstate join the luncheon.

(L-R Dareen Chandler, Eric Granger, Cain Florance, Justine

Florance, Daniel Florance, Tom Davies, Andrew Madgwick)

Other guests included Captains of the two teams along with Umpires Coach Shane Harris and central umpires, Sam Morgan, Mitch Scott and Harrison Hughes. 2025 Magarey Medallist, Tom Lewis from Sturt was also our guest, all of whom received a special magnum of Totino Estate Shiraz.

Darren Chandler, CEO SANFL, announced the AFL Scholarship Recipient for 2025, Cain Florance from Kangaroo Island. Cain's parents, Daniel and Jasmin Florance were our guests at the Luncheon. MC for the day, Mark Soderstrom, interviewed Cain at which time we were informed that Cain started playing Senior Football at the age of 14, no doubt the farming life provides strength and confidence.



Following on from a superb main course, Mark Soderstrom interviewed the two Grand Final Coaches, Darren Reeves from Glenelg Football Club and Martin Mattner from Sturt Football Club. Both coaches were confident with neither giving away any surprises for the upcoming game. It was also interesting to note the background for both coaches; Martin played for Adelaide Football Club and is a Premiership player with Sydney Football Club while Darren had an early career in cricket prior to moving to coaching.

(L-R Martin Mattner, Darren Reeves, Mark Soderstrom)



The highlight of the day was certainly the interview by Mark Soderstrom with our Special Guest, Nathan Buckley, SANFL Port Adelaide, AFL Brisbane Bears and AFL Collingwood football Clubs. Nathan's list of achievements would take up a whole page. The openness and frankness provided by Nathan during the interview captured the full audience which included everything from football and his personal life as a young lad; Nathan spoke of his trip to Vietnam with his father Ray, a Vietnam Vet, this experience provided Nathan with a better understanding of his father. Nathan Buckley is very impressive and no wonder he is on the short list as coach for the Tasmanian AFL side.

(Nathan Buckley and Mark Soderstrom)

To top the day off, Sydney based Comedian, Peter Berner, (pic R) entertained the crowd. Peter is a man of many talents, Radio, television, cartoonist, writer and painter; an intelligent entertainer and a great way to finish off the day

Charity for the day was Novita, who raised \$21,000. Novita was founded in 1939, 86 years strong



(L-R Francesco Totino, Don Totino, Nathan Buckley receiving a Magnum of Totino Estates Wine)



Packed house at Adelaide Oval



(L-R Robbie Granger, Nathan Buckley, President CCSA Eric Granger)

(Thanks to Neville Mead for the update – 600+ attendees – CCSA kicking goals!)

Meet the President – First in a series of introduction to Carbine Club office holders around the Clubs

In this edition we profile Wendy Kennedy, the President of the Carbine Club of Tasmania



Wendy Kennedy is the President of the Carbine Club of Tasmania, the first lady to hold that position. Wendy has been attending Carbine Club events in Tasmania and elsewhere for around 30 years; forming an attachment to the Club, she became a member (Tasmania's first female member) in 2017.

Quickly becoming a part of the team, Wendy joined the committee, spent three years as Vice-President and is now Club President.

Wendy comes from a family steeped in horse racing, was at one time herself a licensed participant at a very early age and today continues her racing association as a Director on the Tasmanian Racing Appeal Board.

Her working world is media related, being a well-known face as she made television shows in the travel genre and has managed her own media production company for many years as well as once conducting a radio talkback show in her hometown Hobart.

In addition to her contribution to the Carbine Club, Wendy is a councillor on the Clarence City Council in greater Hobart and heads up the Men's Sheds Movement in Tasmania as an advocate for men's mental health—a very busy lady indeed!

Wendy has had a lifelong love of sport and her son Matt, proud father of her granddaughter Goldie, is a renowned surfer in the cold waters of Tas and has represented Tasmania many times—perhaps a future Carbine Club representative of that iconic Aussie sport?

London Update

As always, the UK chapter of the Club has been busy: correspondent from 'The Old Dart', Terry McCaughey has told us of the following activities:

Golf - a small but enthusiastic group of golfers met at Royal Mid Surrey for an interesting round of golf, fully armed with much needed umbrellas. A collapse of the Thames towpath had closed a number of holes at this lovely Richmond golf club, so the usual time for our May event had to be switched back to September. It took its toll on the numbers, but certainly not the fun and the delicious curry (and wines) afterwards. Peter Cozens undertook the role of organiser once again and as usual excelled. Joined by two former golfers, the players gathered for an after-match celebration in the dry and warmth of the clubhouse - much appreciated. The overall winner was James Johnson (handicap protest ongoing) with 41 points. Second was Nick Mustoe. The winning guest was Paul de Rome and second Luke Kelly. Peter himself was nearest the pin.

Racing - The Club's syndicated horse Carbine Harvester resumed racing Saturday 6th September at Ascot and finished a pleasing 7th (of 19). He is entered to run again at Newmarket soon, and a band of merry racegoers are heading to Racing HQ for a weekend of equine excellence on the 3rd & 4th of October.











Sky Diving - Our Sporting Associate and Racing MC Nick Luck is attempting to jump out of a plane next Sunday on behalf of Cystic Fibrosis UK. He will of course be wearing a parachute. The Club has already contributed to his sponsorship total which is running on the Just Giving website.






Mountain Climbing – congratulations to Craig Webster and his team who recently completed the ascent to Machu Picchu with their climbing wear sporting the Carbine Club of London logo. Craig's company Advanta Wealth became a sponsor of CCL earlier this year. CCL was pleased to make a donation of £2,500 to Craig's Charitable Trust.

Charitable Donations- The club recently completed the final charity amount of £5,000 for the Professional Cricketers Trust after our Lord's lunch; and £2,500 to the Injured Jockeys Fund being Kirkland Tellwright's nominated charity when he was guest speaker at our Cheltenham dinner earlier this year.

(Our thanks to Terry for keeping us in the loop from far away and we look forward to catching up with him and his wife when they visit Aus in February 2026).

Calendar of Events

	<p>The Carbine Club www.thecarbineclub.org.au 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 3 & 4 October – Trip to Newmarket Monday 3rd Nov -AGM, Sam Vestey and Melbourne Cup Eve dinner, Boundary Pub, New King's Road 2026 3 March - Cheltenham Dinner, OXO Tower</p>
	<p>New South Wales www.carbineclubnsw.com.au</p>
	<p>New Zealand www.carbineclubnz.org.nz</p>
	<p>Northern Territory www.carbineclubnt.org.au 24 Oct- Cox Plate, Wharf One M&G 28 Nov- Christmas Party, date & venue TBC M&P</p>
	<p>Papua New Guinea 25 Oct – Cox Plate Day, Aviat Club Nov/Dec - Members Xmas Cocktail Party TBC</p>
	<p>Queensland www.carbineclubqueensland.com.au 2 December - Cricket Lunch- Cricketers' Club, The Gabba</p>
	<p>Singapore www.carbineclub.com.sg Friday 12th December – Christmas Lunch</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">South Australia www.carbineclubsa.com.au Ashes Test Tuesday 16th December 2025 Magarey Room Adelaide Oval 2026 11 Feb - LIV Golf Function</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Tasmania www.carbineclubtasmania.com.au 17 October – AGM & Luncheon, Elwick 2026 6 Feb-Derby Day, Elwick 21 June – Raceday 16 Oct – AGM & Luncheon</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Tokyo www.carbineclubtokyo.com Tuesday, 4 November – Melbourne Cup luncheon and livecast Friday, 28 November – Japan Cup luncheon (previewing Sunday's racing)</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Vanuatu</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Western Australia www.carbineclubwa.com.au Fi 28 Nov- Racing Luncheon, Optus Stadium</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT YEAR!</p> <p>September has been an extraordinary month around the clubs for major celebrations, and we still have a few to go – and as we head towards the tail end of this calendar year notification of events for 2026 are starting to trickle in.</p> <p>There will be some great opportunities for members to travel and enjoy the hospitality of clubs away from home in 2026- already CCPNG have had talks with Chris Moriarty in Manila about a return bout on the fabulous Philipinnes golf courses in Feb; CCSA will host another major event around LIV golf, also in February, and the outstanding success of their events was franked yet again with over 600 members and guests turning out for their recent footy lunch!</p> <p>CCTAS have their big one in February which is a raceday at Elwick – it is Derby Day at the Tasmania Racing Club, the Carbine Club holds its luncheon and then members and guests retain their table for the twilight race meeting which includes the Carbine Club race. Already some interstate members have expressed interest, and the Club will be hosting special guest Terry McCaughey from the London club. This weekend also sees the running of the time honored Hobart Cup on the Sunday, again at Elwick, so plenty of racing and a few good wineries and other attractions in the vicinity!</p>	

IN MEMORIAM



The Carbine Clubs note the recent loss of the following long term and treasured members – the respective Clubs will pay their respects and tributes at the immediate event following their passing.

VICTORIA

Brian Dixon – former Melbourne footballer, Vic Liberal Minister for Sport, instrumental in the formation of the Carbine Club of the Northern Territory and main instigator for the Carbine Club Congress initiative

Neale Fraser AO, MBE – extraordinary and legendary tennis player

Bill Hoffmann AM – Life Member and a long- term Secretary of the Club, Bill was widely known throughout the Clubs not only for his stewardship of the mother club, but also for his role in Delegates Conferences over the years

Ian ‘Octa’ Wilson – also a Life Member, former Richmond FC President, the distinctive white jacket sadly missed

NSW

Bob Simpson AO – Australian cricket legend as a player, captain and a coach; a member of the Club for almost 40 years, first joining in 1988.

PNG

Greg Rudani – much loved Immediate Past President of CCPNG, and always a welcome smiling face at Annual Dinners and Conferences.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Barrie Robran MBE-a Special Member of CCSA. Barrie was considered one of the finest footballers to grace the field, three Magarey Medals, North Adelaide Hall of Fame, SANFL Hall of Fame, AFL Hall of Fame with Legend status in 2001.

John Baker AM ESM - “JB” passed away suddenly, a larger than life character with a great sense of humour.

Sir Eric Neal AC CVO -Past Patron and Special Member, passed away at the age of 101, Sir Eric was Patron from 1996 to 2001 and enjoyed the camaraderie of the Club, he became a Special Member after his term as governor and was a very regular attendee.

Max Basheer AM - Inaugural Member (1983) and Life Member., passed away at the age of 98. Past President of SANFL, Max’s football administration career began in 1954. SANFL Hall of Fame and AFL Hall of Fame Member.

TASMANIA

Brian Higgins – enthusiastic participant in motor racing and horse racing, a Life and Founding CC Member

Bob Thorpe OAM- successful businessman in the transport industry, renowned musician and great supporter of Variety The Children’s Charity

All champions of sport & good fellowship. They will be sadly missed.