



The Carbiner

"For sport and for good fellowship"

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB



EDITION 16 of 2025- 30 October 62nd Derby Eve Luncheon Calendar of Events



The Spring Racing Carnival always brings a flurry of racing related club events – the 2025 Melbourne Cup was “in attendance” at the Derby Eve Luncheon, and the 2006 Cup was seen at the Tokyo celebration.

The racing action moves now to Hong Kong for the International Races in December.

Derby Raceday at Flemington kicks off each year with the Group 3 **Carbine Club Stakes** over 1600metres. This year the winner was the Chris Waller trained Panova ridden by Tommy Berry. It was pleasing to hear stable representative Charlie Duckworth commenting on the win saying *“She’s continuing on from many great horses that have won the race in the past.”* Great kudos for our race!

CC President David Evans and connections pictured with the trophy.



At the Second Annual Carbine Club of Tokyo Luncheon the guest was James Cummings, on his way to Hong Kong – seen here at left with CCof Tokyo President Darrin Hartshorn

Over in Perth it was all about the cricket with the Ashes looming – R-CCWA President Matt Fahey with guests Sir Ian Botham and Kim Hughes- albeit there was a racing luncheon on 28 Nov which we hear about in due course!



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Melbourne – 62nd Derby Eve Luncheon

Report from CC Secretary Graham Halbish with great photos following from Gordon Bennett.



Another great 900+ crowd assembled at Melbourne's Crown Palladium for the 62nd Carbine Club Derby Eve Lunch. The room looked great as did the audience!

Once again, so good to see so many ladies present, along with representatives from Sister Carbine Clubs and many others from interstate & overseas. The party mood was in play early on.

MC and outstanding sports broadcaster Gerard Whateley opened up proceedings before throwing to Hamish McLachlan for a surf across the room for a quick chat with some of the racing fraternity people present.

VRC Kylie Rogers highlighted the exciting Melbourne Cup Carnival week ahead, while we gave a special thanks to VRC Chairman Neil Wilson, for walking the Cup into the room and up onstage for the day.

Then followed an entertaining interview by Hamish with two special guests, the UK's esteemed Anna Lisa Balding & European champion jockey, Thore Hammer-Hansen.

Main course was then welcomed, washed down liberally by the usual array of ice-cold beers & fine wines, courtesy of Lion & Treasury Wine Estates.

On resumption, the room was held spellbound by an outstanding rendition of the story of Phar Lap by Titus O'Reily. You had to be there to experience the feeling of a totally absorbed room held rapt for the entire address. Well done Titus!

Then followed a brilliant lead into the charity Auction by Eddie McGuire and Damien Oliver with the crowd urged on to a fantastic result of \$32k for the superb Johnny Hillier portrait of Damien. Two limited edition prints, a luncheon at Swettenham Stud/Mitchelton stay, and a Cathedral Golf experience all fetched excellent bids. A great result all round, with proceeds going to the VIS & DSR for CC sponsored programs.

A rousing finale from our resident singers Richard & Grace left the room buzzing, before many headed down to Bar Marmont to continue the Carbine Club tradition of "for sport & good fellowship".



Titus O'Reilly - Guest Speaker



Gerry Ryan & Hamish McLachlan



President David Evans



The Carbine Club - Derby Day Lunch 2025

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Thore Hammer-Hansen



Anna Lisa Bakling



Arrival of 2025 Melbourne Cup





The Carbine Club of NSW announced the winner of the Davo Award for 2025 at a luncheon at the Belle Vue Hotel in leafy Paddington on 28 November – in keeping with the racing theme of the month the winner was club member and outstanding racehorse trainer Gai Waterhouse!

2025 DAVO RECIPIENT

GAI WATERHOUSE AO

Carbine Club of NSW member Gai Waterhouse AO stands as one of Australian thoroughbred racing's most remarkable figures. Often celebrated as the 'First Lady of Australian Racing,' Waterhouse is one of the nation's most successful and influential thoroughbred trainers. Born in 1954 to Tommy Smith, Australia's most successful trainer, Gai grew up immersed in the racing world, though her path to prominence was anything but straightforward.

After working as a model and actress in her youth, Waterhouse obtained her Sydney trainer's license in 1992, becoming one of the first women in Australia to train horses professionally. She quickly shattered expectations, winning her first Group 1 race within two years.

Waterhouse's achievements are staggering. She has trained over 160 Group 1 winners and secured more than 7,000 career victories. Her Melbourne Cup triumph with Fiorente in 2013 was particularly historic, as by doing so she became the first Australian female to train the winner of the race. She has claimed multiple Golden Slippers, Australia's richest race for two-year-olds, and dominated Sydney's racing carnival year after year. Gai has trained the winner of Sydney's Doncaster Handicap and Epsom Handicap seven times each.

Beyond the statistics, Waterhouse revolutionised thoroughbred training in Australia, introducing European preparation methods and emphasizing fitness and presentation. Her Tulloch Lodge stables became synonymous with excellence, producing champions like Pierro, Sebring, and More Joyous.

Gai Waterhouse's legacy transcends her victories. She proved that women could not only compete but dominate in racing's male-dominated world, forever changing the sport's landscape while maintaining an infectious enthusiasm that captivates fans worldwide.





THE CARBINE CLUB OF NSW

Members End of Season Lunch & The 2025 Davo Award Presentation

FRIDAY
28
12PM TO 4PM

NOV 2025

THE BELLEVUE HOTEL
159 HARGRAVE STREET, PADDINGTON

TICKETS
\$250 PER PERSON | \$200 SENIOR & LIFE MEMBERS
3 COURSE MEAL + BEVERAGE PACKAGE

DRESS CODE
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BOOK YOUR TICKETS
BY FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER VIA OUR WEBSITE
WWW.CARBINECLUBNSW.COM.AU
THIS EVENT IS FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Manila 2026

Our friends at the CC of PNG keep telling us how good it was in Manila earlier this year – irrepressible CCPNG Secretary Max Beagrie is already planning ahead for their contingent next year and has given us the following information:



The Golf Day is on Thursday 26th February 2026 at the Summit Point Golf and Country Club, guests of members are welcome.

The Lunch is on Saturday 28th February 2026 at the Grand Hyatt Manila - The Cellar, guests of members are welcome.

A flyer with all details will be available shortly.

Calendar of Events

	<i>The Carbine Club</i> www.thecarbineclub.org.au
	<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>
	<i>Hong Kong</i> www.carbineclubhk.com 12 Dec - International Races Luncheon Member Golf Day, Clearwater Bay Country Club TBC
	<i>London</i> www.carbineclublondon.org.uk 3 March - Cheltenham Dinner, OXO Tower
	<i>Manila</i> www.carbineclubmanila.org 26 Feb – Golf Day, Summit Point Golf and Country Club 28 Feb – Luncheon, Grand Hyatt Manila
	<i>New South Wales</i> www.carbineclubnsw.com.au
	<i>New Zealand</i> www.carbineclubnz.org.nz
	<i>Northern Territory</i> www.carbineclubnt.org.au 28 Nov- Christmas Party, date & venue TBC M&P
	<i>Papua New Guinea</i>
	<i>Queensland</i> www.carbineclubqld.com.au 2 December - Cricket Lunch- Cricketers' Club, The Gabba 12 January 2026 – Magic Millions Luncheon, JW Marriott Gold Coast Grand Ballroom



Singapore

www.carbineclub.com.sg

Friday 12th December – Christmas Lunch



South Australia

www.carbineclubsa.com.au

**Ashes Test Luncheon on Tuesday 16th December at Adelaide Oval
2026**

LIV Golf on Wednesday 11th February 2026 Adelaide Oval

AGM on Friday 13th March 2026 at The Arkaba

Racing Luncheon on Thursday 7th May 2026 at SAJC “Wolf Bass “The Man” Function Centre



Tasmania

www.carbineclubtasmania.com.au

**Xmas Drinks in member Simon Hawkes’ “Old English Pub” – 27th November
2026**

6 Feb-Derby Day, Elwick

21 June – Raceday

16 Oct – AGM & Luncheon



Tokyo

www.carbineclubtokyo.com



Vanuatu



Western Australia

www.carbineclubwa.com.au

Carbine Club of Vanuatu is proud to support the Vanuatu Women’s Rugby League Development Team!

Today we presented 250,000 VT to team member Marjorie as the team prepares for the Fijian Cup in November 2025.

We’re honoured to back these talented athletes as they represent Vanuatu on the international stage. The team made history with their debut in 2023, and we’re excited to see them continue their journey.

Best of luck to the entire squad at the Fijian Cup – Vanuatu is behind you all the way!

#VanuatuRugbyLeague #FijianCup #WomensRugby #CarbineClubVanuatu #yumiwan

We haven’t heard from Vanuatu in a while
but noticed this interesting snippet on
social media

