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Carbine Club of Hong Kong - International Racing Luncheon



The Grand Hyatt Ballroom in Hong Kong was buzzing on Friday, 12th December 2025, as 472 distinguished racing personalities, industry stakeholders, and international guests gathered for the Carbine Club of Hong Kong International Racing Luncheon, now firmly established as one of the key social and racing events leading into the Longines Hong Kong International Races.

The afternoon began with Master of Ceremonies Adam Peacock, who set a dynamic and welcoming tone for the luncheon. Peacock introduced Carbine Club President Peter Glanville, who received warm applause as he stepped to the podium for his opening remarks.

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L-MC – Adam Peacock
President – Peter Glanville

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Peter began by acknowledging that this year's event had officially become the largest Racing Luncheon hosted by the Carbine Club of Hong Kong, an achievement buoyed by the participation of three Australian tour groups, whose presence highlighted the event's growing international reach. He then shifted to a more sober note, addressing the tragic

fires that had recently struck the Tai Po estate in Hong Kong. With compassion and clarity, Peter announced that after discussions with the Club's primary beneficiary charity, the Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA), and in full agreement with its Chairman Mr. Thomas Yeung, the Club would direct all fundraising from the luncheon on a 50-50 basis: half to the RDA and half to a charity assisting victims of the Tai Po fires. His announcement was met with strong support from the room, underscoring the community spirit resonating throughout the racing fraternity.

Peter continued by introducing the distinguished Head Table, which featured several high-profile figures in international racing and business: Mr. Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, Mr. Andrew Harding, Mr. Cyrus Poonawalla, and prominent Australian trainer James Cummings. He also took the opportunity to thank key partners for the luncheon, notably Cathay Pacific and the Grand Hyatt, whose ongoing support has been instrumental in the luncheon's continued growth and prestige.

Q&A With James Cummings



James Cummings with Adam Peacock

MC Adam Peacock then invited James Cummings to the stage for the first featured interview session of the afternoon. Adam led James through an engaging Q&A that charted his upbringing within one of Australia's most storied racing families, and the influence that pedigree had on his development as a horseman. Cummings spoke candidly about the pressures and privileges of being part of a racing dynasty, the evolution of his training career, and his transition into the Hong Kong racing scene. His insights were thoughtful, authentic, and warmly received.



Patrick Sullivan, James Cummings, Darrin Hartshorn



RDA Chairman Thomas Yeung with James

Nick Luck Takes the Mic

Next on the program was internationally recognized racing presenter Nick Luck, who injected energy and wit into the room with his trademark blend of racing acumen, sharp humour, and anecdotal storytelling. Luck delivered an entertaining sweep across global racing narratives, adding colour and perspective while keeping the audience laughing and thinking in equal.



Ka Ying Rising — A Dynamic Duo

Following Nick's segment, Adam welcomed David Hayes and star jockey Zac Purton to discuss their journey with the world's leading sprinter Ka Ying Rising. The pair delivered one of the liveliest sessions of the afternoon, frequently indulging in playful banter and friendly teasing. Beneath the laughter, however, came genuine insight into elite race preparation—from training strategy to race-day mental focus. Their shared reflections on Ka Ying Rising's campaign, performance profile, and competitive drive reinforced just how extraordinary the sprinter has been for Hong Kong racing.



Adam Peacock with David Hayes and Zac Purton



David Hayes, Zac Purton with Peter Glanville

Tom Wood's Phantom Call Brings the Room Alive

Anticipation rose as it came time for Tom Wood to perform his always-popular Phantom Call. Wood chose the Mile race for his simulated commentary, delivering a gripping, fast-paced call that had the ballroom leaning forward with tension. In a dramatic photo-finish style result, My Wish surged late to claim victory, prompting cheers from lucky tables whose members celebrated their victory. They were rewarded with a bottle of champagne for their enthusiastic participation.



Tom Wood

Fashions on the Field & Lucky Draws

Style and flair then took center stage as the judges revealed the results of Fashions on the Field. The Ladies' Award was presented to Fleur Tabak, who impressed with an elegant and refined ensemble, while Pryderi Diebschlag captured the Men's Award with a bold, golden jacket that drew admiration across the room.



(L – Fleur Tabak, R – Pryderi Diebschlag with Peter Glanville)

Josh Flowers with Matt Curtis from Progey

The energy continued through the lucky prize draws, with Josh Flowers securing a bottle of Macallan 18, generously donated by Progeny, and Charlie Bright winning the coveted Grand Hyatt stay package.



Charlie Bright with Zac Purton

Closing & After-Event Sundowners

As the luncheon drew to a close, Peter Glanville returned to offer final thanks, including a special tribute to MC Adam

Peacock, who had flown in from Australia to support the event and skillfully guided the afternoon with professionalism and warmth. With formalities concluded, guests transitioned to the Waterfall Café for post-luncheon sundowners, continuing conversations, swapping racing predictions, and sharing laughter late into the early evening.



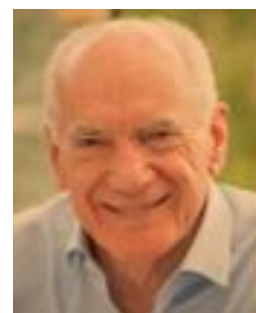


A Memorable Year for Charity and Racing

The 2025 Carbine Club of Hong Kong International Racing Luncheon will be remembered not only for its record attendance and outstanding speakers, but also for its heartfelt charitable commitment and international camaraderie. As Hong Kong prepared for its biggest racing weekend of the year, the luncheon once again proved its value as a premier gathering combining sport, philanthropy, and friendship in equal measure.

RIP Dr Barry Taranto 1935-2025

The Carbine Club of Tasmania was saddened by the passing of esteemed Member of the Club Barry Taranto – Barry was a renowned medical specialist, lover of horse racing, tennis and bridge, and was a Founding and Life Member of the Carbine Club of Tasmania.



Carbine Club of ACT

At the recent AGM of the CCACT Cade Brown handed over the role of President to Sean Hammond - at right Past Presidents Mac Howell (left) and Cade (centre) with Sean.

More pics from the AGM below



Top L-Committee member David Friend with Canberra Raiders Patron John McIntyre; next right-Cade with Raider No.8 Peter McGrath and Sean; centre L- Members Phil O'Brien and Michael Capezio; bottom L members Brahn Van Arkel and Canberra Racing Club CEO Darren Pearce; bottom R- Group 1 trainer Nick Olive with Queanbeyan's No.1 trainer Joe Cleary.. 'a penny for their thoughts'

Carbine Club of NSW member Gordon Bray recently reached another milestone in his glittering broadcast career as reported recently by Tasmanian media group Pulse Tasmania:

Pulse Tasmania
Yesterday at 7:00 AM · 🌐


Legendary broadcaster Gordon Bray has called his final Sydney to Hobart yacht race after 50 years, with the milestone broadcast delivered by Tasmanian company Hype Productions.

The 2025 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race marked exactly five decades since Bray first called the start in 1975, with the commentator retiring to spend more time with his grandkids.

Bray said calling the finish in Hobart one last time was "extra special", bringing a remarkable broadcasting career to a close.

Tasmanian-based Hype Productions hosted Bray's farewell from the Hobart waterfront, celebrating his extraordinary contribution to Australian sport.










Hype deployed its largest ever local crew across the water and on shore, capturing the race as it unfolds down Tasmania's east coast.









**GORDON BRAY CALLS
FINAL SYD TO HOBART
AFTER 50 YEARS**

We like to mention that Gordon's illustrious broadcast career started when as a very young man he was assigned to the ABC in Hobart- a great place to start and a fitting place to end his Sydney-Hobart yachting calls!

Calendar of Events

	<p><i>The Carbine Club</i> www.thecarbineclub.org.au</p>
	<p><i>Australian Capital Territory</i> 5 March- Racing Lunch (Gai Waterhouse) 8 March – Black Opal Stakes Day event 17 Jun – State of Origin (2) dinner Aug- Canberra Raiders Charity Lunch Sep- GWS AFL Lunch Oct- Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day Dec – AGM</p>
	<p><i>Hong Kong</i> www.carbineclubhk.com 30 Jan-Member Golf Day, Clearwater Bay Country Club 17 Apr-Rugby 7's Lunch, 21 May-AGM, Xx Jun(TBC)- New Members Dinner, Oct/Nov (TBC)-Cricket Sixes Lunch, Hyatt Regency TST 11Dec- Int Racing, Grand Hyatt</p>
	<p><i>London</i> www.carbineclublondon.org.uk 3 March – Cheltenham Dinner, OXO Tower</p>
	<p><i>Manila</i> www.carbineclubmanila.org 26 Feb – Golf Day, Summit Point Golf and Country Club 28 Feb – Luncheon, Grand Hyatt Manila</p>
	<p><i>New South Wales</i> www.carbineclubnsw.com.au</p>
	<p><i>New Zealand</i> www.carbineclubnz.org.nz</p>
	<p><i>Northern Territory</i> www.carbineclubnt.org.au</p>
	<p><i>Papua New Guinea</i></p>

	<p>Queensland www.carbineclubqld.com.au</p>
	<p>Singapore www.carbineclub.com.sg</p>
	<p>South Australia www.carbineclubsa.com.au LIV Golf -Tuesday 10th February Adelaide Oval AGM – Friday 13th March at The Arkaba Hotel Racing Luncheon – Thursday 7th May at SAJC “Wolf Bass “The Man” Function Centre Members Anniversary Luncheon – Friday 24th July 2026 Coopers Brewery Function Facility Regency Park SANFL Thursday 17th September 2026 Adelaide Oval</p>
	<p>Tasmania www.carbineclubtasmania.com.au 6 Feb-Derby Day, Elwick 21 June – Raceday 16 Oct – AGM & Luncheon</p>
	<p>Tokyo www.carbineclubtokyo.com</p>
	<p>Vanuatu</p>

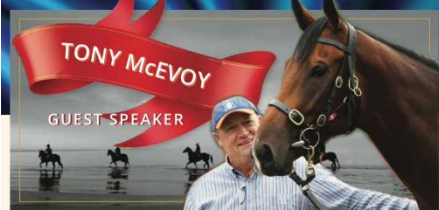
Big events coming up in February –

The CCQLD Magic Millions Lunch has been run and won and will be reported in the next issue- CCTAS looks forward to their big one, the Derby Day event at Elwick Racecourse in Hobart on 6 Feb, Manila has their second luncheon scheduled for 28 Feb and once again there will be a contingent from CCPNG heading that way for lunch and golf.

Nevile Mead and the CCSA team keep breaking records in Adelaide and the LIV golf event on 10 Feb will be a cracker – this year the event will be held as a dinner starting at 6pm – the change has come about as the LIV golf format will this year be a 72 hole event, rather than the previous 54 holes: the subsequent changes to the practice schedule would make it difficult to secure high profile players to a lunch event, hence the change to the evening format.

THE CARBINE CLUB OF TASMANIA
 Invites you to join us for our Marquee Event for 2026

Derby Day Luncheon



TONY McEVOY
 GUEST SPEAKER

FEATURING
 Melbourne and Caulfield Cup winning trainer
 in 2025 Tony McEvoy

ENJOY
 A three course meal trackside along with
 drinks package between 12 and 3 for a fantastic
 day of fellowship and racing. \$165 per person

WHERE:
 Ladbrokes Park Function Centre, Elwick

WHEN:
 Friday 6th of February 2026 -
 12.00 to 12.30 start

IT'S SURE TO BE A SELLOUT
 So book your table now at
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