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Delegates Meeting and Annual Dinner

Once again representatives of the Clubs gathered in Melbourne in July for the Delegates meeting and Annual Dinner, always a great pair of events and an opportunity to share ideas and club news in a positive forum, ably managed by President David Evans who welcomed the delegates, and conducted for the first time by newly installed Hon. Secretary Simon Lopez.

Delegates will be reporting back to their Clubs in due course on the discussions around the table at the RACV Club, and possibly on the extended discussions held later in The Carbine Club Bar at the same venue, or at The Australian Club black tie dinner that evening.

Less likely is any news from the after drinks in the bar at the esteemed Australian Club (see pic below), or from those who kicked on even further afield!



Recently retired from a long stint as Hon. Secretary, Graham Halbish was presented with a bottle of the finest wine by CCSA – he left it unattended while he caught up with some CCVIC luminaries (right) and it looked to be in some peril! (left)



(Thanks to Jason Ferris, CCWA for pics from the night)



Carbine Club of Hong Kong – New Members Night (Friday 5th June 2026)

The storied traditions of the Carbine Club of Hong Kong (CCHK) were on full display on Friday, June 5th, as the club gathered at the historic Hong Kong Cricket Club for its highly anticipated annual New Members Dinner. It was an evening defined by a passing of the torch, multi-generational pride, and the timeless value of Carbine fellowship. Stepping into his new role with poise and enthusiasm, incoming CCHK President Falahati opened the evening's formalities. In his opening address, Falahati paused to offer a warm and deeply felt thank you to outgoing President (Peter) Glanville for his exceptional leadership and dedication to the club over the past two years. With the gratitude delivered, Falahati turned his gaze forward, extending a rousing welcome to the room of existing and incoming members.

The Class of 2026: Suited and Booted

The heartbeat of the evening was the official welcoming of six new ordinary members into the CCHK fold. While two could not make it, the four inductees in attendance stepped up to receive their official club credentials with pride.

Christopher Brookes, Ricky Cheuk, David Mocatta and Anthony Steains were called forward to receive the ultimate symbols of CCHK membership: the official club tie and cufflinks. There was a particularly poignant moment during the presentations, as David Mocatta's induction marked a beautiful continuation of club history - David is the son of long-time HK Carbine member, William Mocatta.



25 yr Members William Mocatta & Martin Hills flank President Farshid

A Quarter-Century of Fellowship

The evening wasn't just about fresh faces; it was equally focused on honouring the bedrock of the club. In a special presentation, President Falahati recognized four esteemed members celebrating a massive milestone: 25 years of CCHK loyalty.

Two of the silver anniversary members were on hand to receive their well-deserved accolades. Standing proudly on the flanks, William Mocatta and Martin Hills represented 50 years of combined club dedication. Speaking to the members in attendance, Martin Hills delivered a moving, short speech reflecting on his twenty-five-year journey. He spoke passionately about what the club has meant to him over the decades, reminding everyone in attendance just how rare and deeply valued the spirit of Carbine fellowship truly is.

Looking Ahead to the Sixes

While the room was filled with laughter and clinking glasses, the club also looked forward to ensuring its absent friends receive their due honours.

Those who could not attend - 25-year members Colin Jesse and Martin Sabine, alongside new ordinary members Hayden Briscoe and Travis Smithson - will not have to wait long. The club announced they will be officially recognized and warmly celebrated at the next major CCHK gathering: the high-octane HK Cricket Sixes lunch on Friday, October 30th.

As the dinner wound down into the late hours, the evening left no doubt that the Carbine Club of Hong Kong remains in safe, vibrant hands—deeply rooted in its proud history, yet enthusiastically embracing its future.



New members with President Farshid - Christopher Brookes

Anthony Steains

David Mocatta

Ricky Cheuk



ACT State of Origin Luncheon

Michael Heath, Hon. Secretary CCACT reports that “Carbine Canberra held a very successful NRL State of Origin event in June where they were joined by head coach of the Canberra Raiders and Carbine Club member Ricky Stuart and two of his gun young players Owen Pattie (middle) and Kao Weekes. It was a great year for the mighty Blues !!”



CCVIC Member John Bertrand in new major series!

Australian sailing supremo John Bertrand (pictured at left with President David Evans at the Annual Dinner) is once again in the world sailing spotlight – adding yet another boat type to his illustrious career, this time John is skippering the Australian entry in the Star Sailors League (SSL) with competitions scheduled to be held in Rio de Janeiro in December.

The SSL, in its second year, is modelled on the FIFA World Cup format, with 66 nations competing to be included in the 29 finalists which are to be spread between Europe with 12 places, 6 for Pan America, 6 for Asia, 1 for Africa, and 2 for Oceania which includes Australia, our team already having qualified for the final series.

The organisers expect the series to be seen by over 10 million viewers as the speedy 14metre yachts with their 8 man crews, battle it out for the ultimate prize.

Calendar of Events



The Carbine Club

www.thecarbineclub.org.au

22 Sept – AFL Grand Final Lunch, Crown Palladium from 12 noon
30 Oct -VRC Derby Eve Luncheon, Crown Palladium from 12 noon



Australian Capital Territory

20 Aug- Canberra Raiders HQ visit & presentation
Sep- GWS AFL Lunch
Oct- Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day
Dec – AGM

	Hong Kong www.carbineclubhk.com 30 Oct-Cricket Sixes Lunch, Hyatt Regency TST 11Dec- Int Racing, Grand Hyatt
	London www.carbineclublondon.org.uk 2 Nov- AGM 5 Nov – Rugby Lunch
	Manila www.carbineclubmanila.org
	New South Wales www.carbineclubnsw.com.au
	New Zealand www.carbineclubnz.org.nz
	Northern Territory www.carbineclubnt.org.au 31 Jul- Darwin Cup- Beachside Pavillion, Mindil Beach Casino M&G 4 Sep – Founders Lunch, Yots Greek Taverna MO 23 Oct- Cox Plate, Wharf One M&G
	Papua New Guinea 14 Aug- MO Italian Lunch, The Brazilian Restaurant, Lamana Hotel 4 Sep- Sportsmans Lunch TBC, Kutubu Convention Centre (Hilton Hotel) 24 Oct – Cox Plate Day, Aircon Bar (Aviat Club) TBA Nov/Dec Members Xmas Cocktail Party, TBC
	Queensland www.carbineclubqld.com.au 8 Oct- Cricket Lunch, Queensland Cricket Club
	Singapore www.carbineclub.com.sg Date TBC- Jul – Singapore Food Festival Lunch 4 Dec- Christmas Lunch
	South Australia www.carbineclubsa.com.au SANFL Thursday 17th September 2026 Adelaide Oval December 16th – Adelaide Test Luncheon Aus/NZ 2027-16 March- LIV Golf Luncheon
	Tasmania www.carbineclubtasmania.com.au 20 Nov – AFL Luncheon Early Dec- Xmas Drinks



Tokyo

www.carbineclubtokyo.com

26 Sep – AFL GF Lunch
3 Nov – Melbourne Cup Luncheon
27 Nov- Japan Cup Preview Luncheon



Vanuatu



Western Australia

www.carbineclubwa.com

18 Sept- WAFL Grand Final Luncheon, Riverview Room, Optus Stadium (TBC)
20 Nov- Racing Luncheon, Residence on Langley Park (previously Hyatt)



The Australian Club provides a spectacular venue for the Annual Dinner!