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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB



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THE PRESIDENT, DAVID EVANS AND THE
COMMITTEE HAVE THE PLEASURE IN INVITING
CARBINE CLUB MEMBERS AND GUESTS
TO THE

61st Carbine Club ANNUAL DERBY EVE LUNCH

FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2025

12:00PM ARRIVAL FOR 12:30PM START

LEVEL 1 CROWN TOWERS
8 WHITEMAN STREET, MELBOURNE

COST - \$250 (INCL GST)

DRESS - GENTLEMEN: LOUNGE SUIT, LADIES: AS APPROPRIATE

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Not long to go until the big one in Melbourne as the Club celebrates the Melbourne Spring Carnival with the 61st Annual Derby Eve Luncheon, a favourite event which attracts a large number of visitors from sister clubs and is a real highlight on the calendar!



We don't expect to see Hannah Richards at Flemington this year, but this is her in action at the Pony Clubs Australia National Championships at Werribee recently – Hannah is a Carbine Club of Tasmania Grant Recipient, one of the many junior sportspersons our Clubs support.

Carbine Club Tasmania – AGM Luncheon

CCTAS held the Annual General Meeting followed by a luncheon at Elwick Racecourse on Friday 17 October where 120 members were treated to listen to two exceptional speakers in Kath McCann and Eddie Ockenden.

Kath is the Tassie Devil's General Manager Marketing, Public Affairs & Social Impact, a lengthy title, but one which hardly touches the sides of what she is achieving as one of the inaugural members of the team that is pulling together a vast array of activities surrounding the establishment of the AFL men's and women's teams in Tassie- the media hype on the island is somewhat directed at the controversial issues surrounding the stadium and it was both refreshing and instructive to get an in depth (and very passionate) reminder of the myriad other activities that are well in train.

Eddie Ockenden is a home grown 5 times Olympian and Kookaburras Legend, Australia's most capped hockey player and came with some interesting insights into his approach to the game, teased out by master interviewer and Club committeeman Hank Petrusma. Eddie is a fascinating speaker who was warmly welcomed back to his home town!



At the AGM the Club bestowed Life Membership on stalwart Terry Clayton- Terry is well known in Carbine circles both in and out of Tas: he has been a member in excess of 30 years, holding at various times positions as committeeman, President and Secretary, and he was also instrumental in the success of the 1998 Congress in Tas as a member of the Congress Planning Committee. A well-deserved award which was formally presented at the lunch.

Also, at the AGM President Wendy Kennedy was confirmed in the role for another year and long termers Ross Burridge (Secretary) and Paul Fallon (Treasurer) continue in their vital roles.



Secretary Ross Burridge with Kath McCann



MC John X, Eddie Ockenden & President Wendy

The Carbine Club of London A Racing Weekend



Recently 20 members, spouses and friends of the Carbine Club of London spent a fascinating 24 hours at racing headquarters in Newmarket. A trip out to the National Stud on arrival to see five of the country's leading stallions in the lush surroundings of rural England was the starter. Then followed a drinks reception at the Jockey Club Rooms where member and long-time employee of the Jockey Club Stephen Wallis conducted an exhaustive tour of many rooms of paintings from several centuries of English horse racing.

Next was dinner at the 48-seater dining table lavishly decorated with flowers to enjoy our dinner. Guest speaker was the charming and knowledgeable trainer CC member William Haggas. William introduced himself by saying that he came to Newmarket in 1980 and married rather well. (His wife Maureen is the elder daughter of legendary multiple champion winning jockey Lester Piggott.) He regaled us with many anecdotes but stressing that he was positive about the racing industry despite some commentators not being so.

Not content with the Friday evening with William, the next morning it was off to William and Maureen's Somerville Lodge to see some of the 160 horses on the property. The Club's own horse Carbine Harvester was seen riding out on the Heath. After breakfast in the Jockey Club Rooms it was then out to the British Racing School's 100 plus acre property where CC member Julia Budd, as Chair of the BRS introduced us to former jockey Richard Perham, who showed us around their amazing training facilities.

To finish off an amazing weekend the group then went to the Newmarket Rowley Mile course for a day of racing.



Thanks once again to Terry McCaughey, President CCLondon for the news and pics.

Member Profile – Danny Zigal, Carbine Club of Hong Kong

Following a call to Clubs to let us have a few words about prominent members CCHK President Peter Glanville has risen to the call and given us the following on Member Danny Zigal – the CCHK event surrounding the International races held in Hong Kong in December each year is another great calendar highlight and from personal experience it is an event not to be missed – and the warmth and hospitality extended by Danny and his wonderful wife Suzanne on my visit there created unforgettable memories-Ed. – here's Peter's words:

Danny Zigal – A Life Member Who Embodies the Spirit of the Carbine Club of Hong Kong

Few members have contributed more to the Carbine Club of Hong Kong's rich history and enduring camaraderie than Danny Zigal. His association with the Club stretches back more than three decades and reflects a remarkable commitment to fellowship, generosity, and the ideals on which the Club was founded.

Danny first attended a Carbine Club event in 1992 at the invitation of Mike Tibbitts, just one year after the Club was established in Hong Kong. Captivated by the friendship and sense of purpose that define the Club, he formally became a member in 1998, beginning a long and distinguished association that continues today.

Over the years, Danny has graciously hosted countless Club functions at some of Hong Kong's most iconic venues, including The Hong Kong Club, The Hong Kong Jockey Club (where he is an Honorary Voting Member and occasionally serves as a Raceday Steward), and Shek O Country Club. His passion for owning and racing horses is well known in Hong Kong as he always puts his mouth where his money is, but his greatest pride has been welcoming members aboard his yachts, Sagacious I and now Sagacious II, where many memorable gatherings have taken place. His generosity often extended beyond hospitality—Danny has personally sponsored and covered the costs of numerous Club events, always with good humour and without seeking recognition.

Within the Club, Danny is regarded as both a mentor and trusted advisor. He regularly meets with the leadership team to offer guidance on venues, event formats, and the Club's broader direction. His steady counsel and deep understanding of the Club's character have helped shape many of its most successful functions.

Danny also serves as the historian of the Carbine Club of Hong Kong, maintaining immaculate records of every lunch, speaker, and program since the Club's inception. Among members, he is affectionately known as "the Google of the Carbine Club of Hong Kong," an unparalleled source of knowledge and institutional memory.



Beyond Hong Kong, Danny is well known across the international Carbine Club network, having attended multiple Congresses. His passion and presence are felt wherever Carbine members gather.

In 2022 Danny's exceptional contribution was fittingly recognised when he was unanimously elected as the Club's third Life Member—a well-deserved honour for a man who embodies the true spirit of the Carbine Club.

Danny & Suzanne

Calendar of Events

	The Carbine Club www.thecarbineclub.org.au Friday 31st October -VRC Derby Eve Luncheon at Crown Palladium from 12 noon
	Australian Capital Territory
	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
	London www.carbineclublondon.org.uk Monday 3rd Nov -AGM, Sam Vestey and Melbourne Cup Eve Dinner, Boundary Pub, New King's Road 2026 3 March - Cheltenham Dinner, OXO Tower
	Manila www.carbineclubmanila.org
	New South Wales www.carbineclubnsw.com.au
	New Zealand www.carbineclubnz.org.nz
	Northern Territory www.carbineclubnt.org.au 24 Oct- Cox Plate, Wharf One M&G 28 Nov- Christmas Party, date & venue TBC M&P
	Papua New Guinea 25 Oct – Cox Plate Day, Aviat Club 21 Nov - Members Xmas Cocktail Party, Rapala Restaurant, Crown Hotel
	Queensland www.carbineclubqueensland.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
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

Dec- Xmas Drinks in the Old English Pub – watch your inbox for details!
2026
 6 Feb-Derby Day, Elwick
 21 June – Raceday
 16 Oct – AGM & Luncheon



Tokyo

www.carbineclubtokyo.com

Tuesday, 4 November – Melbourne Cup luncheon and livecast
Friday, 28 November – Japan Cup luncheon (previewing Sunday's racing)



Vanuatu



Western Australia

www.carbineclubwa.com.au

Fi 28 Nov- Racing Luncheon, Optus Stadium



THE CARBINE CLUB
QUEENSLAND

Bill Brown Medal Award

Queensland Cricketer's Club

The Gabba, 411 Vulture Street, East Brisbane

Tuesday 2 December 2025

11.30am - 3.30pm

Cost: \$250 per person

Dress: Coat, tie/scarf and name badge for members

MC and Special Guest Speaker:

Cricket Legends Ian Healy, David Boon and Greg Ritchie

Special Guest:

Crash Craddock will be presenting the Bill Brown Medal

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/DEGNK>

RSVP: Monday 24 November 2025

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