Carbine Club members Wayne Kraft AM and Barry Coulter AO (seated front L to R in pic above) were at the Kilcoy Races on Sunday 27th Jan (where Barry is a Vice President) the day after they had been honoured in the Australia Day Awards. Happily there were 6 more members of CCNT on hand to celebrate the awards and to see the running of the Happy Birthday Barry Coulter Handicap. All 8 members pictured above.

CCNT member Andy Bruyn’s great word picture of the two awardees follows (overleaf).
Barry Francis Coulter AO

Barry Coulter was a Member of the NT Legislative Assembly from 1983 until 1999, serving as a Minister under both Steve Hatton and Marshall Perron.

He held portfolios as diverse as Treasury, Local Government, Racing and Gaming and Transport and Works and was Deputy Chief Minister from 1986 to 1995.

It was fortunate for the Territory racing industry that Coulter was an enthusiast (to say the least) and it was under his watch the newly-introduced NT TAB launched a national partnership to bolster its business across the board.

It should be noted that one of the early board members of the new organisation was Wayne Kraft – whose own honours recognition is recorded adjacent to this story.

Barry was also one of key motivators for the establishment of the Northern Territory’s longest project – time-wise and in physical reality – the Alice Springs to Darwin railway link. Promised by the Commonwealth in the first decade of the 20th century, its realisation was the result of massive amounts of work and lobbying across state, federal and territory administrations and complex financial negotiations with the eventual operators from the US.

It was also under Barry Coulter’s stewardship that provision of gas was made possible from central Australian fields to supply Darwin’s power station via a pipeline spanning half the Australian continent. The same infrastructure now sends gas from northern gas reserves on and off-shore south and east to other markets.

He took up a lease at Mount Bundy and grew rocks and mangoes after life in politics and managed to hold some disgraceful parties in the bush to celebrate life in the Territory with many of the people with whom he’d been bartering, bantering and bashing heads through his diverse career in parliament.

Barry was also often beating his machinery back into submission for hard work on the land, calling on his life skills as a master diesel mechanic to keep graders and bulldozers in business at his property.

Barry became a Carbine member after his life as an MLA and now shares his time between Queensland and Darwin.

NT Parliament House – Barry spent a lot of time here!  CCNT Member & Channel Nine Darwin General Manager Andy Bruyn who filed this article for The Carbiner
Wayne Kraft AM

Krafty has been a fixture in Australia's centre for – literally – decades.

Banker, raconteur, restaurateur, historian, barman and general pest about town fits a massive bill in Alice Springs – but if you haven’t come across this man then you haven’t really been there.

A native of South Australia, it was the Territory's good fortune that this wild man moved (slightly) north in his youth as a bank johnnie to work in Tennant Creek, taking a part time job behind the bar to bolster his meager earnings in a mining town.

The experience – little was he to know – set him up for life.

He worked in Darwin for the bank post-Tracy before heading south again and became the proud owner of the Barrow Creek Hotel.

His experience there and his love of the hospitality industry set Krafty up for the long run and eventually the Overlander Steakhouse in Alice became his major life's work.

Besides the wine list and the top steaks, Krafty's love of all things Territorian led him to experiences across the wider community – board member of the TAB, tourism bodies, the Museums Board and various other roles, including TAFE training – left a mark on the serious side of a larrikin lad.

Always talking up tourism has made him a feature across the Territory's landscape and a face familiar across the entire Territory.

Wayne has been the only Carbine member based at Alice for many years but passionately attempts to attend the year's events to ensure the Central Australian perspective is never lost.

His prime role now as the Chairman of the Heritage Council is a fitting one – he deserves to be an exhibit the Territory will never lose.

The famous Overlanders Steakhouse, “Krafty's” base for 27 years until 2016
Carbine Club NSW Members in the News

Carbine Club of NSW members have recently been in the news with significant sporting appointments being announced:

CC of NSW Committee Member Kirsten Thomson, Silver Medallist Olympian, has just been appointed Director, Corporate Services & Communications at the NSW Institute of Sport.

Kirsten was an Australian middle distance freestyle swimmer winning her silver medal in the 4x200-metre freestyle relay at the 2000 Sydney Olympics. She holds a Master's Degree in Marketing from Charles Sturt University and a Graduate Diploma in Sport Law from the University of Melbourne.

Member and former Carbine Club Chairman Michael Crismale has been appointed to the board of Racing NSW for a three-year term.

Michael has extensive experience in sports administration, including as chairman of the Australian Turf Club, where he secured TV and digital rights agreements, helping the sport to reach wider audiences and boosting revenue. He also supported the launch of The Championships in the autumn carnival. His continued commitment to the industry and extensive knowledge will make him a valuable addition to the board.

Rugby World Cup Tour

The indefatigable Chairman of The Carbine Club of NSW, Bernie Campbell, has provided information in respect of a Carbine Club Tour to the Rugby World Cup in Japan from 19 Sep to 1 Oct, 2019. The tour is open to Carbine Club members in Australia and the Pacific Islands (the tour operators, Gullivers, do not have the rights to offer it in the UK or NZ).

Bernie’s info follows overleaf – the full brochure (pic at left) is available from the NSW Club, send an email to carbinensw@bigpond.com to get a copy.

Take it away Bernie -
“Fellow Members,

The Carbine Club of NSW has recently formed an association with Gullivers Sport Travel who specialise in group travel to sporting events and are the official Australian travel agent for the Rugby World Cup to be held in Japan in 2019. Gullivers have put together an 11 day RWC tour specifically for 40 Carbine club members and friends for $820 per person per day including return airline tickets from Sydney, accommodation, some meals and tickets to three great test matches. Our Carbine Club RWC tour will be led by former Wallaby coach Robbie Deans who is currently based in Japan as coach of the Panasonic Wild Knights and features vibrant Tokyo, the historical cities of Kanazawa and Karuizawa and 3 of the best pool fixtures ....... All Blacks v The Springboks, Ireland v Scotland and the Wallabies v Wales.

If you have experienced a rugby World Cup event previously you will remember fondly the enthusiasm and camaraderie of rugby supporters worldwide coming together for one of the world’s great sporting events. However you will never have experienced it in Japan, a wonderful country so different to anywhere else in the world. The Carbine Club RWC tour has been structured to provide the best Japanese experiences and the best of the World Cup Pool Games at the best value in terms of time and money. The total cost of $8,860 can be varied up if you wish to fly business class or first class; or down by $1,100 if you wish to arrange your own flights, use points, or get work to pay for it! The cost of match tickets can be deducted if your partner would rather go shopping than watch a game of Rugby!

Other Carbine clubs may wish to book the land component only and sort out their own flights.

If you have never experienced a rugby World Cup before this is a great opportunity to do it with friends in a unique location that will maximise your time there with a few days left for the very important “self-time”. We are limited to 40 spots only so “first in best dressed” however if there are enough over bookings Gullivers will try to accommodate us.

Regards,
Bernie Campbell
Chairman, Carbine Club NSW”

THE CARBINE CLUB TOUR
- WITH ROBBIE DEANS -

TOUR DETAILS

Tour cost based on a minimum of 40 people travelling together on the above itinerary $8,860.00 per person
Single supplement $2,000.00

TOUR COST INCLUDES:
- Return economy airfare flying All Nippon Airways (ANA) - Sydney/Tokyo/Sydney
- 10 nights accommodation in 4* hotels on a bed and breakfast basis sharing twin/double rooms throughout
- 11 Day Executive Coach transportation throughout the tour
- Bullet Train Kanazawa – Tokyo, 2nd class
- Local English speaking Japanese guide throughout the tour
- 4 lunches as per itinerary
- 26th September Imperial Palace Plaza, Sushi making experience (including lunch)
- 2nd September Sushi Miso Factory, Daido Wasabi Farm, Kametaya Sake Brewery
- 26th September Art & Festa Forest Takayama, Shirakawago village
- 26th September Omicho Market, Kenrokuen Garden, Nemura House, Sakuda Gold & Silver Leaf craft

RUGBY WORLD CUP 2019 INCLUSIONS:
Rugby World Cup 2019 Category B tickets with all Rugby World Cup royalties to the following games:
- New Zealand v South Africa, International Stadium Yokohama
- Ireland v Scotland, International Stadium Yokohama
- Australia v Wales, Tokyo Stadium
- Rugby World Cup 2019 merchandise to include jacket, cap, lanyard & bag
2019 Calendar of Events

31 Jan ACT - Cricket Luncheon, Boardroom, Jim Murphy's
8 Feb TAS - Racing Luncheon
15 Feb WA - AGM, Matilda Bay Restaurant (MO)
25 Feb NZ - Annual Charity Golf Tournament
27 Feb SA - Supercars Luncheon, Adelaide Convention Centre
5 March London - Cheltenham Festival Dinner, OXO Tower
8 March ACT - Black Opal Stakes Racing Luncheon, National Press Club
13 Mar VIC - Heroes Club Lunch, Toorak RSL
15 Mar WA - “End of Summer” Informal Luncheon, The Shoe Function Room
19 March SA - AGM, Arkaba Hotel, Osmond Room
Xx March VIC - Moonee Valley Committee Race Day Invitation
5 April HK - Rugby Sevens Luncheon
29 April NZ - AGM & Members Luncheon
8 May WA - Mid Week Racing Luncheon, Ascot Racecourse (MO)
17 May SA - Adelaide Festival of Racing Luncheon, Derby Pavilion, Morphetville
23 May VIC - AGM & Members Lunch, Crown Towers
24 May London - Royal Mid Surrey Golf Day
5 June ACT - NRL State of Origin 1 Dinner, Boardroom, Jim Murphy's (MO)
25-26 June London - Newmarket Visit, Dinner, Races
Jun/Jul (TBC) VIC - VRC Committee Room Invitation Day
12 July (TBC) WA - Soccer Luncheon, Crown Towers, Burswood
16 Jul VIC - Annual Dinner, The Australian Club
7 Aug London - Lords Long Room Ashes Test Lunch
9 Aug ACT - AFL Luncheon, National Press Club
16 Aug WA - Broome Cup Luncheon, Cable Beach Club (MO)
20 Sep ACT - Rugby World Cup Luncheon, National Press Club
20 Sep WA - WAFL GF Luncheon, Hyatt Regency
24 Sep VIC - AFL GF Luncheon, Crown Palladium
4 Oct (TBC) ACT - Tony Campbell Memorial Cup Day, Thoroughbred Park
17 Oct (TBC) London - Rugby World Cup Luncheon
18 Oct WA - Members Only Luncheon, Venue TBC
1 Nov VIC - VRC Derby Eve Luncheon, Crown Palladium
4 Nov London - AGM & Melbourne Cup Eve Dinner
22 Nov WA - Racing Luncheon, Hyatt Regency
2 Dec (TBC) ACT - Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day, Royal Canberra GC (MO)
2 Dec (TBC) ACT - Christmas Cocktail Party, RCGC (Members & Guests)
6 Dec (TBC) ACT - AGM Lunch, Jim Murphy's Boardroom (MO)
11 Dec VIC - Members Xmas Lunch, RACV
xx Dec (TBC) WA - Cricket Luncheon