The Carbine Club of Papua New Guinea National Football Stadium Luncheon

The Carbine Club of PNG held a lunch at the National Football Stadium in Port Moresby on Friday 15 November. The lunch was held on the top floor of the grandstand overlooking the field where the PNG Kumuls, the PNG's Men's national rugby league team, was completing their Captains Run, prior to the Test Match against the Great Britain Lions the following day.

Club members were taken on a tour of the facility ending on the hallowed turf where they were given the privilege of meeting the whole team. Rugby League icons in the Kumuls team, David Mead, Alex Johnston, and captain Rhyse Martin gave some insight into their motivation & pride in pulling on the Kumul jersey, as well as holding an entertaining Q&A session in the locker room.

Both the Kumuls and the Orchids (the PNG National Women's side) did themselves proud by pulling off upset wins over their more fancied opponents from Great Britain the next day.

CCPNG members pose with the Kumuls
Carbine Club PNG President Mick Harrison leads fellow members in wishing the Kumuls well for their test match against Great Britain.

Club Members being addressed by Kumuls coach Michael Marum – a few members seemed disappointed when they didn’t get the call up.

PNG Kumul Captain Rhyse Martin with Carbine Club Secretary Tony Carbry

Kumul Stars Alex Johnston and David Mead with Carbine Club members
Carbine Club of Queensland - Bill Brown Medal - Queensland Cricketers Club - Gabba

The first ball of the Test series between Australia v Pakistan has been bowled and stumps pulled on Day Four with Australia winning by an innings and some... All was revealed at the Carbine Club of Queensland’s ‘Bill Brown’ Medal presentation on the preceding Tuesday at the Queensland Cricketer’s Club celebrating cricket in Queensland...

On hand to MC the luncheon was Australian great & Carbine Club member Ian Healy who was in charge in the centre with able assistance from Robert ‘Crash’ Craddock...

President Michael Stephens welcomed members and their guests and in his charismatic manner.... asking them all to sit back and enjoy the magnificent back drop of the Gabba while enjoying Carbine Club hospitality.

Proceedings started with Robert ‘Crash’ Craddock taking the stage with some background & stories on Bill Brown, the first Queenslander to Captain Australia while reflecting on an Ashes tour Bill made with Sir Donald Bradman. ‘Crash’ then presented the Bill Brown Medal to rising Queensland fast bowler Matthew Willans who is the only cricketer in Australia that can look down on current Australian fast bowler Billy Stanlake. Matthew, who was involved in a game at Alan Border Field ducked away to the Gabba to be a part of the day’s proceedings which was impressive in itself and was very humble with his acceptance of the Bill Brown Medal & $5000.00 bursary, then straight back to Alan Border Field to open the bowling..

Ian Healy then previewed the day and the First Test by inviting Special guest, former Australian Captain Greg Chappell to the stage where they dissected the game of cricket from past to present... ably assisted from the audience by former fast bowling great Jeff Thomson who was on hand for an insight on the prowess of GS Chappell. Speed & grace were the main adjectives used on both cricket legends.

Before the lunch break the Carbine Club of Queensland announced the appointment of Ian Hollindale to the position of Carbine Club of Queensland Patron following the passing of former Parton Harry Gordon in January 2015.

(pic – l to r- Mick Ellison, Ian Healy, Ian Hollindale, Greg Chappell & Mick Stephenson).

In making the announcement former Carbine Club President Mick Ellison noted:
Ian Hollindale is a second generation Carbine Club member – son of Alan Hollindale (AD) a founding member of the Carbine Club of Queensland. Nominated into the Carbine Club by members George Doniger & the late Gary Balkin. Our Patron will typify what the Carbine Club stands for as penned by Harry Gordon in the Spirit of the Carbine Club-

Members of the Carbine Club of Queensland are bonded by a couple of simple but very significant affections for sport and for good fellowship
As well as enjoying the company of each other, and those whose contributions to sport it often salutes, its members have over the years managed to display a certain generosity, one that asserts itself most notably in the raising of funds to encourage youth in sport.

The Spirit of the Carbine Club extends far beyond the boundaries of the turf and even the champions. It is the Spirit which it celebrates sporting endeavour... and thus recognises that winning is important.. but grace & courage also matter... and also values his father AD Hollindale stood for & loved: Sporting tradition, values and ethics, history and Australian humour.

Ian was presented with his badge as Carbine Club of Queensland Patron by Queensland Carbine Club President Michael Stephens where Ian was ‘flabbergasted’ by the appointment as well as honoured to follow Harry Gordon in the role.

Following lunch MC Ian Healy continued the afternoon with interviews with former Queensland wicketkeeper Ray Phillips & former Test Umpire Tony Crafter who was ringside to the Dennis Lillee v Javed Miandad controversy in 1981 in Perth. TC was on duty that day with Queenslander Mel Johnson.

A great afternoon was coming to an end as Australian & Pakistan cricketers were practicing both in the centre and in the nets at the Gabba, Ian Healy removed the bails.. with another great Carbine Club Cricket lunch concluded.... STUMPS....

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The Carbine Club - Derby Eve Lunch 1\textsuperscript{st} November 2019

Earlier this month the 57\textsuperscript{th} Carbine Club Derby Eve luncheon took place at Crown Palladium, in front of another great crowd of CC members, guests & visitors, from near & far.

MC Gerard Whateley, President Rod Fitzroy & VRC Chairman Amanda Elliott gave an overview of the Spring Carnival & how it not only stops the nation on Cup Day, but brings the rest of the world closer to Melbourne, each year.

A highlight was the entry of the 1919 Melbourne Cup, carried by former Irish jockey & now trainer Johnny Murtagh, quite a character in his own right & alongside this year’s Cup, brought in by former Chief Steward, Des Gleeson. It’s fair to say that Des was barely able to get a word in, beside the colourful Irishman!

We were then enthralled by a masterly interview by Gerard with champion jockey, Damien Oliver. Damien was drawn to speak on some matters which clearly lay close to his heart. It was a privileged insight into the thoughts of a very private person & a rare display of emotion by him, in a public forum. Really good stuff by both interviewer & guest.

An excellent lunch & beverages to accompany, was followed by an extremely thoughtful & entertaining address by Lee Freedman. Now resident in Singapore, Lee took us back to his early days in racing, with many stories, including a vivid recollection of the occasional “sting” by country trainers, who while working hard & battling the odds, were forever on the lookout for a chance to make a dollar by whatever means available, at local bush meetings.

To round off a fine day, comedian Paul Martell, so well known to many of us, and back for his first appearance at a CC lunch in a number of years, roused the room with a stellar performance. A great show by Paul, MC Gerard Whateley & all of our guests.
### December 2019 Calendar of Events

**2 Dec**  
ACT - Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day, Royal Canberra

**2 Dec**  
ACT - Christmas Cocktail Party, RCGC (Members & Guests)

**6 Dec**  
HK - International Racing Lunch

**6 Dec**  
PNG - Members Xmas Cocktail Party, Crown Hotel

**6 Dec**  
NT - Christmas Dinner, Char Restaurant

**6 Dec**  
ACT - AGM Lunch, Jim Murphy’s Boardroom (MO)

**6 Dec**  
QLD - Christmas Lunch, Envy Hotel

**6 Dec**  
NSW - Members End of Year Lunch, SCG

**11 Dec**  
WA - Cricket Luncheon, Royal Perth Golf Club

**11 Dec**  
VIC - President’s Cup Golf Function

**13 Dec**  
S’pore - Christmas Lunch, Grand Hyatt Hotel

**15 Dec**  
NZ - Christmas Barbecue, Brothers Brewery

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**CCTAS Major Event**

CCTAS has its premier event at Elwick Racecourse on 31 Jan, 2020 where members and guests will enjoy a great luncheon followed by a twilight race meeting which will celebrate the reopening of the historic racecourse after a major track refurbishment... CC members and guests will retain their luncheon tables in the members’ area for the first race meeting to be held on the new track!