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# The Carbiner

For sport and good fellowship

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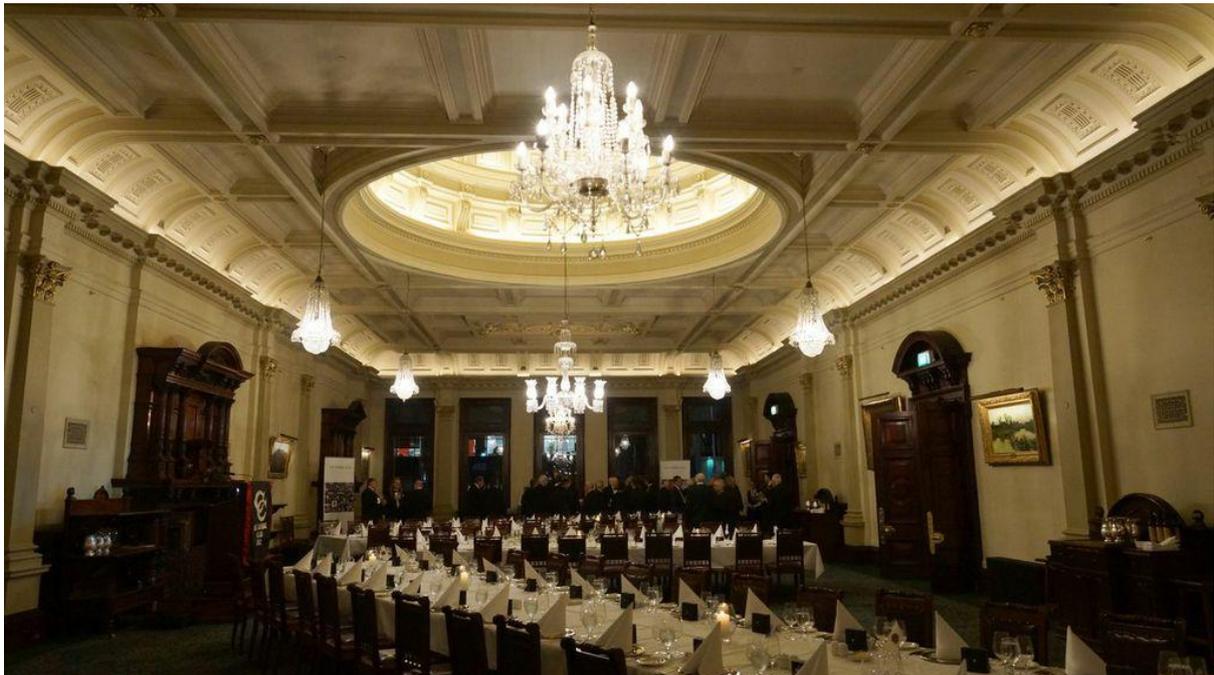
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## Coming events:

CC SA	26 July	Members 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon, Sebel Playford
CC NT	27 July	Raceday
CC NT	1 Aug	Darwin Cup Lunch
CC NZ	2 Aug	Rugby Lunch
CC NSW	7 Aug	Golf Day
CC NSW	15 Aug	Rugby Union, Four Seasons
CC WA	16 Aug	Broome Cup Luncheon, Zee Bar, Broome



## CC 2013 Delegates Meeting and Annual Dinner



The Australian Club, Melbourne – ready for the Annual Dinner, 2013



Each year in July the Presidents and Secretaries of the Carbine Clubs gather in Melbourne to review the year past and to plot the future of the Club. Following the Delegates Meeting the attendees join members of The Carbine Club in the magnificent surrounds of The Australian Club for a black tie dinner which is surely a highlight on the Carbine calendar.

MCD as always by the incorrigible and incomparable Leon Wiegard, this year the Club was addressed by Jeff Kennett who delivered a thoughtful and entertaining discourse on the important role that sport plays in the minds and hearts of the community- a wonderful insight into how sport fits into the national psyche and a great affirmation of the Carbine Club and its emphasis on sport.

President Don Abell in an impressive “maiden speech” reminded us of the importance of bringing all the Clubs together to re-affirm the spirit and ideals of the Club. Don also spoke of the glowing first reports coming back from the recent inaugural lunch of the Carbine Club London and we look forward to further info on that event as soon as the Test is over.



President Don Abell & Jeff Kennett



Club mentor and stalwart Bill Hoffmann was called on to propose the toast to the Carbine Club and in doing so Hoffie offered us a memorable quote when he said:

*“We are proud of the company that we keep.”*

And so we should be – looking around the room would make any sports fan feel like the kid who had been let loose in the lolly shop: sporting greats everywhere. Want to talk golf? Have a chat to CC Member Peter Thomson, five times winner of the British Open; car racing? Easy, newish CC Member Mark Skaife can fill you in. AFL – too many legends to choose from like Ron Barassi, Allen Aylett, Brian Dixon; cricket- Max “Tangles”Walker and Graham Halbish on hand; horse racing – legend of the pigskin Jim Johnson was there; tennis- ask Frank Sedgeman; sailing – the great John Bertrand; rowing- James Tomkins can steer you straight; swimming – ask Olympian Todd Pearson (CCWA); ultra marathons – John Connellan has done it all. And if you stretched the carnival knee or did a hammie on the night, Doc Larkins was there to tell you how to fix it!

A busy and productive day followed by a few in the Carbine Bar at the RACV, then the memorable Annual Dinner followed by just a few more in the old world charm of The Australian Club bar – doesn’t get much better than that!



## QUEENS BIRTHDAY HONOURS

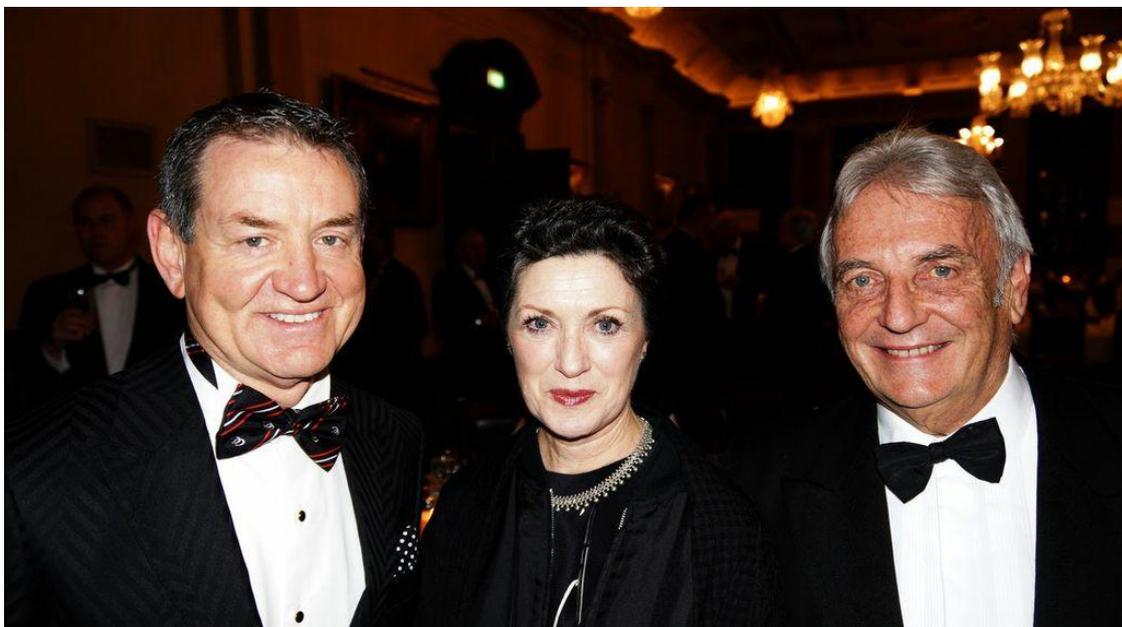
**Cameron McGregor** was appointed a Member of The New Zealand Order of Merit for his services to rugby league. Cameron has been instrumental in securing the financial future of rugby league through his steering of the Carlaw Park Trust. Although rugby league lost Carlaw Park as a venue for games, the sport will benefit financially for many years to come from the development of Carlaw Park due to the efforts of the Trust.

**John Wigglesworth** was appointed as an Officer of The New Zealand Order of Merit for his services to art, waterskiing and the community. John is a life member of the NZ Water Ski Association, and a Past President of the World Water Ski Association, the first New Zealander on the World Executive. Beyond his sporting achievements his services to art and the community have been recognised through his achievements as chair of the MacKelvie Trust and a foundation trustee of the Auckland Art Gallery Foundation.

## OBITUARY

**Noel McMahon QSM**, long time member of the Carbine Club who died on Saturday 9 June 2013 aged 97 was farewelled by a number of Carbine Club members. The former first class cricketer (1936 - 1950) and only player to score a century against Australia in their unbeaten 14 match tour in 1950 would have loved to have achieved his century in life but still achieved a great innings. He will be fondly remembered by many who benefitted from the time and energy he devoted to fundraising for clubs, societies and charities and in the development of promising young cricketers, ensuring his memory for many years.

*(thanks to Vicki Latta, Secretary CCNZ for NZ news- Vicki is pictured below at the recent CC Dinner in Melbourne with Doc Larkins and Ross Heron, President RACV Club ).*





## CC Tas- Vale Tem Fish OAM

The Carbine Club of Tasmania recently lost a long term member with the passing of Tem Fish (84).

Tem was a high achiever, well known in many walks of life in Tasmania, and a popular and valued member of the Club. At the prestigious St Virgil's College young Tem shone both academically and on the sports fields where he excelled in tennis and Aussie Rules. Later Tem applied himself to harness racing with a passion, breeding and racing some great horses and he held many administrative and regulatory roles in that field including service on the Racing Appeals Board and the Racing & Gaming Commission as well as Chairman of the Oatlands Hack & Trotting Club for over 20 years. He was honoured by the harness racing industry in 2009 when he was awarded the prestigious Edgar Tatlow Medal in recognition of almost 70 years of service.



Photo of Tem courtesy Tasracing

Tem was also honoured with an OAM in the Queen's Birthday list in 2007 in recognition of his outstanding community service over many years which included long terms as Councillor and Warden of the Oatlands Municipality, and chairman of a range of community based organisations.

A tireless worker, whether it was in the family bakery business or on his beloved farms, Tem's trademarks were a ready smile and words of encouragement. A true gentleman always, Tem will be sadly missed by his family and friends and the community he so willingly served – and of course by the Carbine Club of Tasmania.

The Carbiner is prepared from contributions submitted by the Clubs.  
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### PHOTO GALLERY- ANNUAL DINNER 2013

The photos following from the Annual Dinner are provided courtesy of Gordon Bennett.

Copies of the photos are available by email on request to [carbiner@netspace.net.au](mailto:carbiner@netspace.net.au)

Thanks Gordon!



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