



# The Carbiner

For sport and good fellowship



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CCNT	31 July	Racing Luncheon, Darwin Turf Club
CCNSW	6 Aug	Golf Day, St. Michael's Golf Club
CCNSW	14 Aug	Rugby Union Luncheon, The Star
CC	14 Aug	Members Luncheon, The Heroes Club
CC Singapore	15 Aug	Cricket Luncheon, Grand Hyatt
CC Vanuatu	15 Aug	Racing Luncheon
CC WA	15 Aug	Broome Cup Luncheon, Zoo Bar & Café
CC PNG	5 Sep	Members Luncheon
CC SA	18 Sep	SANFL Grand Final Luncheon
CC NT	19 Sep	Founders Luncheon
CC WA	19 Sep	WAFL Grand Final Luncheon, Hyatt
CC	23 Sep	AFL Grand Final Luncheon
CCNSW	2 Oct	NRL Grand Final Luncheon
CCNZ	3 Oct	Cricket Luncheon
CCNT	3 Oct	Cox Plate Luncheon, Il Lido
CCWA	10 Oct	Members Only, Richardson Hotel
CC London	23 Oct	Rugby Luncheon
CCPNG	24 Oct	Cricket Luncheon
CCPNG	25 Oct	Cox Plate Luncheon, Aviat Club
CC	31 Oct	Derby Eve Luncheon, Crown

**RSVP for CCNSW Rugby Lunch due Mon 4 Aug  
MC Phil Kearns... Rupert Mc Call, Poet...Nick Farr-Jones... book now!**



## THE 12<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CARBINE CLUB CONGRESS

The 12<sup>th</sup> Congress was hosted by the Queensland Club from 4-11 July, 2014 on the Gold Coast where the 141 delegates were promised a look at the GC not previously experienced – and so it was with an action packed week of activities surrounded by the fellowship that makes this such a special event on the CC Calendar.



The venue on the Coast was the sumptuous Palazzo Versace Hotel, and the Vie Bar within the complex was allotted as our own Congress Bar, the weather matched the hospitality with clear blue skies and beaming sunshine for the entire stay, even enticing some to take a dip at the nearby beach.

The Opening Cocktail Party held at The Vie Bar set the scene for a memorable week as old and new acquaintances shared stories and prepared for the many activities ahead which included a day at the races in our exclusive room perched above the Gold Coast racetrack where almost everyone seemed to find a winner thanks to some great tipping by Bob McHarg (CC QLD) and the PNG contingent who shared the good oil on a long priced winner during the afternoon.

Special events during the week included The State of Origin Game at Brisbane’s Suncorp Stadium, an exclusive Dinner with the Dolphins at Sea World where we were entertained at the poolside by these amazing aquatic mammals, a day at the stupendous Australian Outback Adventure, and a trip into the countryside to O’Reilly’s Canungra Winery where we dined al fresco on the side of the river taking in the award winning wines, a marvelous meal and stunning scenery together with a special rubber duck race meeting on the river.



Congress Chairman Lloyd Meredith penned this message for The Carbiner:





The 12<sup>th</sup> Carbine Club International Congress was hosted by the Carbine Club of Queensland from July 4-11 at the Gold Coast. 140 delegates stayed in the luxurious Palazzo Versace at Southport where the hotel management attended to every requirement in an outstanding manner.

The CCQLD team organised a wonderful showcase of the Gold Coast with a visit to Brisbane for the Rugby League State of Origin clash thrown in. Ian Hollindale, Steve Davoren, Peter Ladewig and Mick Ellison, supported by many willing workers, are to be congratulated for their superb efforts.

12 Carbine Clubs were represented, and it was wonderful to welcome 6 delegates from Vanuatu – the first time that Club has been represented at a Congress.

A significant third party endorsement of the caliber of our overall membership of all Carbine Clubs is the fact that over 15% of delegates had been formally recognised by their Country, State or Territory or were qualified doctors! The spirit engendered within the Congress was very warming from the organisers' point of view as we witnessed time and again delegates from different Clubs mingling and obviously enjoying the company and friendship of others.

Please mark March 2016 in your diary for the next Congress to be held in Perth.

Lloyd Meredith - Congress Chairman



## CARBINERS IN THE NEWS

### CCNZ Carbiner Catriona Williams in Queen's Birthday Honours

Catriona Williams (pictured) was appointed a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the Queen's Birthday Honours for her services to spinal cord injury research.

Catriona is a former NZ representative in both show jumping and eventing who was left a tetraplegic after a riding accident in 2002. She founded the Catwalk Spinal Injury Trust to support researchers in finding a cure for spinal cord injuries.

Her Trust has raised over \$3.5 million to date led by Catriona's efforts which include leading a handcycle trek from Tibet to Nepal via the Everest base camp and completing the New York Marathon on a handcycle.

Our congratulations to Catriona, an outstanding Carbiner.

