



# The Carbiner

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## CARBINE CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND -AGM & MEMBERS LUNCHEON

CCNZ held their AGM on 21 May where John Lindsay proposed the nomination of Vicky Latta as a Life Member – Vicky is well known “across the ditch” and some of her achievements which were detailed in John’s proposing address are related below.

Following the AGM President Aidin Dennis and members enjoyed a luncheon where Kereyn Smith, Secretary-General of the NZ Olympic Committee gave an insight into the lead up to the Tokyo Olympic Games and the challenges caused to preparations by the pandemic.

### VICKY LATTA

Vicky was one of the inaugural women members of the Carbine Club and after a few years as a member she became Secretary, a position she has now held for over 10 years. As well as her deep involvement in all CCNZ activities Vicky is a regular and welcomed attendee each year at the Delegates’ Meeting in Melbourne.

Her sporting career is outstanding - Vicky had a very successful career as a world class equestrian, winning a silver medal at the Barcelona Olympics in 1992 in the Three Day Team event and a bronze in 1996 at the Atlanta Olympics in the same event.



She has managed the New Zealand Eventing team, has been a National Eventing Committee member and a national jumping and dressage judge.

Not content with just her Carbine Club and sports related activities Vicky plays a major role in community works including as a Board member on Ambury Park Centre for Riding Therapy, the Australia New Zealand Sport Law Association, the local Regional Sports Trust and undertaking remedial reading assistance at a local school. She keeps fit for these activities through Pilates, Yoga and Ballet!

It is very easy to see why Vicky Latta has been taken into Life Membership of the Carbine Club of NZ.

*Vicky sharing a story with Sandy Roberts at the Annual Dinner, Melbourne 2019  
(Photo by Gordon Bennett)*

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## Carbine Club of London – Club Update

Despite the tough times the Carbine Club of London has managed to keep active and on 28 May held the annual Golf Day at Royal Mid Surrey Golf Club where 23 players enjoyed their golf followed by a curry evening. Richard Phillips was the Members' Winner and James Johnson was runner up.

The Carbine of London Racing Syndicates activities continue to go well with "Water's Edge" running 4th in a recent premier handicap at Epsom Downs. The Syndicate has just launched its 3rd syndicate, this one with "Coranny", a chaser that will be with Richard Phillips.

Covid related Test Match plans have been disrupted with the MCC unable to confirm arrangements, understandably, so the Lord's Long Room Luncheon will not be held in 2021; this means that the next major Club function will be the Members Only, AGM/Eve of Melbourne Cup Dinner on Monday 1st November at The Alfred Tennyson in Belgravia– this dinner is to be known in perpetuity as the "Sam Vestey Annual Members' Dinner" in recognition of the support and club involvement of our late Club Patron.

Looking further ahead, the Club has once again booked the OXO Tower for the pre Cheltenham Dinner which is scheduled for Tuesday 8th March, 2022.

Lord Grimthorpe (Teddy) has kindly agreed to accept the role of Joint Patron of the CCL, alongside the High Commissioner for Australia, The Hon George Brandis QC. Teddy is steeped in sport and horseracing, having, amongst other roles, been Chairman of York Racecourse and the Racing Director for Juddmonte. Teddy is currently the Deputy Senior Steward of the Jockey Club and he remains on the Board of York racecourse.

The Club has a full membership list and prospective members in waiting, all no doubt looking forward to getting back into full swing!



Lord (Teddy) Grimthorpe at Ascot



Water's Edge shown here winning at Royal Windsor with Nicola Currie aboard in the Club colours.

He has raced 18 times for the Carbine of London Syndicate with 3 wins, 6 placings and has only missed the prizemoney twice.

*(Terry McCaughey, Treasurer CCL keeps us posted on happenings in London and also provided the photos-our thanks to Terry)*

QLD State of Origin Lunch on 18 June



**THE CARBINE CLUB**  
of QUEENSLAND

*State of Origin Lunch*  
**Tattersall's Club**  
Cnr Queen Street and Edward Street, Brisbane  
**Friday 18 June 2021**  
Pre lunch drinks 11.30am

**Dress:** Coat and Tie for Members and Smart Casual, Long Sleeve Business Shirt for Guests (no denim)

**Cost:** \$190 per head or \$1900 per table of 10  
**MC:** Pat Welsh, Channel 7

**Transport:** Bus has been arranged to leave Kurrawa (please note 3 hour parking in most areas) and Manos, Main Beach (free parking above restaurant) for Tattersall's Club and return after function. Cost \$20.

**Payments:** Payable prior to lunch  
Direct Pays: Carbine Club  
BSB: 014 513 Acc: 3541 09716

**RSVP:** ASAP as numbers restricted due to COVID19  
E: carbineclubqld@gmail.com  
P: Jeff Bignell 0408 226 275

Secretary Jeff Bignell advises that this lunch was an almost instant sell out and he has been busy juggling the bookings in an endeavour to ensure that all members wishing to attend get a seat – clearly the hottest ticket in town!

NSW AFL Luncheon on 1 July

CCNSW are pulling out all stops to ensure that this is yet another memorable CC event!

**Thursday**  
**1 July 2021**

**Four Seasons Hotel**  
**199 George Street**  
**Sydney**

**Arrival: 12:00pm**  
**Lunch: 12:30pm**



**CARBINE CLUB OF NSW**  
**“AFL LUNCH”**

The Weekend Of  
The Sydney Swans Clash With the West Coast Eagles  
&  
GWS Giants vs Melbourne Demons

Representatives from both Clubs will feature including previous Carbine Club junior cheque recipients.

This lunch will be of the usual Carbine Club high standard of entertainment and insider information!



**THE CARBINE CLUB**  
of NEW ZEALAND

**A Lunch with the**  
**CEO of Sport NZ**  
**Friday 9 July 2021**

**BREAKING THE**  
**GLASS CEILING**

Raelene Castle is a high flying NZ'er and a Leading Lady. Who has, throughout her career, asked questions and challenged the establishment.

She has held CEO positions with Netball NZ, Canterbury Bankstown Bulldogs in the NRL, Rugby Australia, and is currently CEO of Sport NZ.

Raelene is one, of only a few, that has dared to walk, and work, among what have traditionally been male bastions.

No doubt it hasn't been easy, but now she may well ask... *What Glass Ceiling?*

Raelene Castle - orzrn

NZ – Lunch with the CEO of SportsNZ on 9 July

Raelene Castle has certainly had an interesting and high flying career leading to her current important role heading up SportsNZ – sure to be a compelling lunch



## For your Diary

**QLD** – 18 June - State of Origin Lunch, Tattersall's Club

**HK** – 24 June – New members Reception

**NSW** – 1 July – AFL Luncheon, Four Seasons

**NZ** - 9 July- Raelene Castle Luncheon, Ellerslie Racecourse

**VIC** -15 July – CC Delegates Meeting, RACV and 60th Anniversary Dinner, Australian Club

**QLD** – 23 July- Members Plus One Lunch, Georges Restaurant, Broadbeach

**SA** – 28 July – Members Only 38th Anniversary Lunch, National Wine Centre

**SA** – 15 Sep – SANFL GF Luncheon

**VIC**- 21 Sep – AFL Grand Final Luncheon, Crown Palladium

**HK** – 22 Sept - Members Racing Night, Happy Valley (box E414)

**HK** – 8 Oct – Members Golf Day, Shek O

**VIC** - 29 October – VRC Derby Day Luncheon, Crown Palladium

**London** – 1Nov – Sam Vestey Annual Members' Dinner, Alfred Tennyson in Belgravia

**HK** – 5 November – Hong Kong Rugby Sevens Lunch, HKFC

**HK** – 5 Dec – 30th Anniversary Carbine Cup Race, Sha Tin (Box D173)

**HK** – 10 Dec – Hong Kong International Races Lunch, Grand Hyatt

**QLD** – 10 Dec - Members Xmas Lunch

**SA** – 15 Dec – Aust v England Test Cricket Luncheon

## London Calling.....



The Lord's Long Room Lunch is off, but two great events coming up: The Alfred Tennyson is the venue for the Sam Vestey Annual Members' Dinner in Nov 2021 and then the Pre-Cheltenham Dinner will be held at the OXO Tower in March, 2022