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International Congress 2024 - Dates and Details Released!

First details of the Congress revealed – more inside.

THE CARBINE CLUB OF NORTHERN TERRITORY INC.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS 2024

Congress 2024

DARWIN, NORTHERN TERRITORY, AUSTRALIA

HOST: CARBINE CLUB OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY INC.
DATES: 28TH JUNE TO 2ND JULY 2024
ACCOMMODATION: MINDIL BEACH CASINO RESORT

DAY 1: > **Guests arrive Darwin**
Sunset Drinks & Welcome Function
Dinner - Pee Wees on the Point

DAY 2: > **Morning Shopping and/or Parap Markets**
(Paspaley Pearls Jewellery/Arly Rae Crocodile Products/Aboriginal Art Galleries)

> **Afternoon - Carbine Race Day** (Darwin Turf Club Corporate Facility)
Dinner/Evening at leisure
(discounted vouchers at some of Darwin best restaurants)

DAY 3: > **Multiple [or none] Touring Options**
(guests will be able to choose from many touring products with some designed specifically for this event)

> **Dinner - Mindil Beach Markets VIP Facility**

DAY 4: > **Multiple [or none] Touring Options**
(guests will be able to choose from many touring products with some designed specifically for this event)

> **Gala Dinner - On the beachfront lawns of the Mindil Beach Casino Resort** (to watch the Fireworks)

DAY 5: > **Recovery Breakfast - Royal Flying Doctor/Bombing of Darwin Facility at Stokes Hill Wharf**
Morning Shopping
(Paspaley Pearls Jewellery/Arly Rae Crocodile Products/Aboriginal Art Galleries)
Guests Depart Darwin

At the recent Delegates Meeting in Melbourne CCNT unveiled details of the 2024 Carbine Club International Congress to be held in Darwin in June/July next year.

Vice President James Harraman and Life Member Andy Bruyn advised of the considerable progress made towards what is shaping up to be another stellar Congress where members from across the Clubs, and partners, will have the opportunity to renew old friendships, make new ones, and to enjoy the very special environment that is Australia's Top End.

Some further detail is overleaf – soon all members will have the opportunity to accept information on the Congress by email, probably on a monthly basis.

There will be an opt out provision for those who wish to utilize it.

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Congress 2024 – Some Specifics



SPECIFICS:

- Taking on feedback from previous Delegates Meetings, the entire itinerary is designed around a few key events (one on each day) and then guests being able to pick and choose how much they wish to enjoy whilst in Darwin (and their itinerary is then costed accordingly). We appreciate that some people are regular travellers to the Top-End, whilst for some, it will be their first visit.
- There will be a range of accommodation options offered (at varying Price Points) all at the Mindil Beach Casino & Resort.
- There will be a Carbine Lounge that will operate at specific times throughout the five days so that there will be plenty of opportunity for fellowship and information on the next days' events.
- “Tourism Top-End” (the local Tourism Industry Association) have come on-board and there will be a dedicated website that will enable guests to choose a multitude of different touring options throughout their stay (some at no cost, and others being half or full-day itineraries).
- There will be itineraries specifically designed around partners including private champagne tours of the Paspaley Pearl Gallery, Arly Rae Crocodile Products, and many of the Top-End’s Aboriginal Art Galleries.
- The “Carbine Congress Cost” will include guest’s accommodation (at various Price Points), the five dedicated Carbine Events (one on each day), transfers to and from those events and the daily “Carbine Lounge - Happy Hour” (which may end up being a little longer than an hour).

There will be many opportunities to take in the range of experiences on offer in the Territory – the Club is teaming with Top End Tourism to open up opportunities, or you might even use Darwin as the kick off point for onwards travel !

Delegates Meeting



Attendees Lto R: Simon Lopez (HK), Peter Kerr (NSW), James Harraman (NT), Scott James (WA), Danny Copley (QLD), Chris Dittmar (SA), Peter Aitsi (PNG), Michael Robinson (QLD), Neville Mead (SA), Greg Rudani (PNG), Andy Bruyn (NT), Matt Fahey (WA), Darrin Hartshorn (Tokyo), Graham Halbish (Vic), Fiona Allan (NZ), Merv Hill, Cade Brown (ACT), Paul Walshe (ACT), Wendy Kennedy (Tas), Adam Sangster (Vic).

The annual meeting of Club Delegates took place in Melbourne last week where representatives gave updates on their Club and shared ideas and experiences across a broad spectrum, providing much food for thought to take back to the respective clubs. Details for the 2024 Congress to be held in Darwin were revealed, and the CCNT delegation also made a special presentation - the story of Carbine's Shoe is also in this edition.

Annual Dinner

Following the Delegates meeting which was held at the RACV Delegates retired shortly after to the Carbine Bar in preparation for the short walk to the Australian Club to join many members at the annual dinner where Campbell Rose spoke with John Bertrand remembering the amazing win of Australia II in the America's Cup 40 years ago.



L- Campbell Rose chats with John Bertrand

R-Fiona Allan (NZ), Simon Lopez (HK), Jonathan Brown (V), Cade Brown (ACT) & Phil Halbish (V)



As always, an outstanding night at The Australian Club!

WA 35th Anniversary

On 14 July the Carbine Club of WA celebrated the 35th Anniversary with a cocktail party at Frasers Restaurant in Kings Park hosted by new President Matt Fahey.

MC Darren McAullay took a panel of ex Presidents (3 of them also Life Members) across the 35 years with stories and reminisces of the Clubs journey.

At this event the Club announced that well know CCWA Life Member Lloyd Meredith was appointed as Patron of the Club, a well deserved and fitting honour for Lloyd who has been a stalwart across the Club in many positions over many years.



The panel- Tony Bennett, Lloyd, Rick Hart & Noel Carter with MC Darren McAullay

Jan & Lloyd Meredith

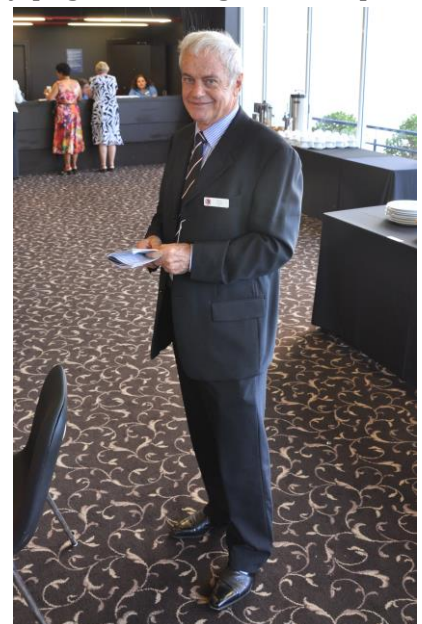
Carbine's Shoe

The Carbine Club of the Northern Territory took the opportunity at the recent Delegates Meeting to present the Club with a framed work featuring a shoe from the horse itself – the mighty Carbine! The story of the shoe and its provenance is encapsulated in the story page following which is part of the artwork.



CCNTVP James Harraman presents The Shoe to CC President Adam Sangster

CCNT Life Member Tony Shaw who hunted down the provenance



THE “CINDERELLA” STORY...

Sometimes, fairy-tale stories really do come true.

The story of Carbine’s Shoe and how it came to be in the possession of The Carbine Club of Northern Territory is just that.

In 2003, Corowa resident Stuart Davie reached out to friend David Aldred with an incredible tale of how he had acquired the shoe of one of Australia’s greatest racehorses.

Stuart had been gifted the shoe from a family who were related to **Jonathon Gill**, a Flemington master farrier, who was known to have always shod Carbine.

Gill had arrived in Australia from Yorkshire in 1856 and within a short period established a farrier business on Mt Alexander Road, Flemington. The obituary published in the respected *Australasian* newspaper on the Saturday following his death on 28 January 1900 recounted:

As he was a most expert workman, nearly all the celebrated racehorses of the past and present day were shod by him or under his supervision.

Gill’s Blacksmith Shop was carried on by son Charlie Gill, who featured in local media during the Queen Elizabeth’s first visit to Australia in 1954, as the old forge was still in operation and was considered a historic landmark on the route the Queen took from Essendon Airport to the city.

In that article Charlie is seen holding one of Carbine’s shoes – which, according to the family, were often kept with simple identification tags in boxes and given as gifts.

From winning the Melbourne Cup in 1890 and holding the mantle as Australia’s greatest racehorse; one of the shoes that graced the horse known as “Old Jack” had ultimately made its way into the possession of The Carbine Club

of NT more than a century later. It ultimately was gifted by David Aldred, then CEO of the Darwin Turf Club, who passed it along with accompanying documents, onto Carbine Club NT Life Member Tony Shaw, as Aldred felt that the CCNT would be the best custodian of such a prize.

For the next few years, Tony was tasked with making an attempt to verify the shoe’s authenticity and after much digging, took the shoe along to the Victorian Racing Club (VRC) in March 2006 to meet the VRC Museum Curator Kathy Peters.

Tony was granted exclusive access to the VRC Chairman’s Boardroom where one of Carbine’s original hooves is on display. In a scene reminiscent of the Cinderella fairy-tale, Tony found that the shoe did **indeed** fit the hoof. Sceptics might question this, however those familiar with Carbine’s history are aware that Carbine’s shoes were quite unique; and that he also suffered from a split hoof for the majority of his career.

According to the VRC, taking into account the manner in which the shoe was acquired, the newspaper clippings and the fact that the shoe fit, it was therefore “extremely possible” it is indeed the genuine item.

On the occasion of its 30th anniversary, The Carbine Club of NT presented the shoe to the Carbine Club (Victoria) for its display, so that others could also enjoy the story of the wonder known as “the people’s horse”.

(Footnote: The Shoe involves three life members - Tony Shaw did the provenance of the shoe and championed its worth to the Club, Peter Bailey more than ably put the words together and Andy Bruyn had the honour of bringing it to Melbourne with Club VP, James Herraman for the handover at the Delegates meeting).

ACT NEWS

Howard Powell AM

On Friday 21 July at Thoroughbred Park the club was well represented at the Celebration of Life of Member Howard Powell AM who passed away on 28 May 2023 after a long illness.

Howard was an active member of the Carbine Club of the ACT for over 20 years and held many Senior Management Positions at IBM, Telstra, Computer Power Group, Fujitsu and Lexmark International.



However, Howard's passion was horse racing and was Chairman of Canberra Racing Club between 2002 and 2006 and deputy for 6 years over an 18-year tenure, making a significant contribution to the club over that period and being awarded Life Membership. RIP Howard Powell AM

Photo – Howard Powell (right) with good friend John Metcalfe.

Joe Roff

The Carbine Club of the ACT congratulates member Joe Roff on his recent appointment as president of Rugby Australia. Joe was confirmed as the president at the Rugby Australia annual general meeting in April 2023 and steps into the two-year figurehead position. Rugby Australia has an independent Board of Directors committed to advancing the best interests of Rugby throughout Australia. The Board is responsible for the activities and performance of Rugby Australia in both the short and long term.

Joe, a champion former ACT Brumby and Wallaby who won almost everything the game has to offer, was excited by his return to rugby and has predicted a bright future for Australian rugby and the Wallabies under the leadership of coach Eddie Jones.

Photo – Joe Roff



Thanks to Paul Walshe for ACT News

Coming Events

Bookings have now been opened for the two major, not to be missed events in Melbourne – the 58th Annual Grand Final Luncheon and the 59th Derby Eve Luncheon – for details see the invitations attached to the Calendar and put 26 Sep and 3 Nov in your Diary now!

Calendar of Events – July to December & beyond

The Carbine Club



26 Sept – AFL Luncheon at Crown Palladium from 12 noon
 3 Nov – VRC Derby Eve Luncheon at Crown Palladium from 12 noon
 12 Dec – Members Xmas Lunch

Australian Capital Territory



Fri 6 Oct – Tony Campbell Memorial Cup Day at Thoroughbred Park (M&G)
 Mon 4 Dec – 11th Carbine Club Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day, Royal Canberra Golf Club (MO)
 Fri 8 Dec – AGM/Christmas Lunch – National Press Club (MO)

Hong Kong



International Cricket Luncheon - Hyatt Regency, Tsim Sha Tsui - 15th September 2023
 CCHK Annual Golf Day - Clearwater Bay Country Club - 19th October 2023
 International Racing Luncheon - Grand Hyatt Hong Kong - 8th December 2023
 Hong Kong Rugby Sevens Luncheon - Hong Kong Football Club - 5th April 2024

London



6 November- AGM & Dinner, Bluebird Restaurant, Chelsea

New South Wales



New Zealand



23 AUGUST - Carbine Club of New Zealand luncheon with Dick Tayler, MNZM at the Great Northern Room, Ellerslie Racecourse, Auckland. This luncheon aligns with the 2023 World Athletics Championships in Budapest from 19 – 27 August.

Northern Territory



4 August – Darwin Cup Luncheon – Mindil Beach Casino M&G
 8 Sept – Founders Lunch – Mindil Beach Casino MO
 27 Oct – Cox Plate Lunch, Breezes at Muirhead M&G
 1 Dec – Christmas Dinner, Darwin Turf Club (includes twilight racing) M&P

Papua New Guinea



25 Aug Friday-MO Italian Lunch, Lamana Hotel
 22 Sep Friday- Sportsman Lunch. Hilton Hotel
 28 Oct Saturday-Cox Plate Day, Aviat Club
 18 Nov Saturday-MO Lunch, NFS Lounge
 8 Dec Friday Members Xmas Cocktail Party, venue TBC

Queensland



24 August Members Lunch, Georges on Sorrento
2 Nov- Cricket Lunch, Queensland Cricketers Club in the Glass Viewing Room **(amended date)**
 7 Dec- Members Lunch, Brisbane (TBC)
 8 Jan 2024- Magic Millions, Star Casino Broadbeach

Singapore



18 August – Alcohol, Wagering & Sport Luncheon
 Friday 15th September: ‘Singapore Grand Prix Lunch’; Grand Hyatt, Singapore.
 Friday 15th December: ‘Xmas Lunch’; Grand Hyatt, Singapore.

South Australia



21Sept- SANFL Grand Final Luncheon

Tasmania



11Oct AGM & Lunch, Wrest Point

Tokyo



30 September – AFL Grand Final Lunch
 7 November – Melbourne Cup

Vanuatu



Western Australia



Friday 22 September -W AFL Grand Final Luncheon Full Tables Hyatt Regency Perth
 October (date TBC)- Wine Tasting Luncheon Members +1 Guest Swan Valley
 Friday 24 November Racing Luncheon- (Full Tables) Hyatt Regency Perth



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The President, Adam Sangster,
and the Committee
have much pleasure in inviting

Interstate & International Carbine Club Members

To the 58th Carbine Club Annual Grand Final Luncheon
at
Palladium at Crown

Level 1 Crown Towers, 8 Whiteman Street Melbourne

On Tuesday 26th September 2023
12:00 for 12:30pm

Cost: \$230 incl gst

Dress: Gentlemen: Jacket and tie Ladies: As appropriate

Bookings: www.thecarbineclub.org

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THE CARBINE CLUB

The President, Adam Sangster,
and the Committee
have much pleasure in inviting

Interstate & Overseas Carbine Club members & guests

To the 59th Carbine Club Derby Eve Luncheon
at
Palladium at Crown

Level 1 Crown Towers, 8 Whiteman Street Melbourne

On Friday 3rd November 2023
12:00 for 12:30pm

Cost: \$230 incl gst Dress: Gentlemen: Jacket and tie Ladies: As appropriate

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