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THE PRESIDENT, ADAM SANGSTER AND THE
COMMITTEE HAVE THE PLEASURE IN INVITING
CARBINE CLUB MEMBERS AND GUESTS
TO THE

58th Carbine Club
ANNUAL GRAND
FINAL LUNCHEON

PALLADIUM AT CROWN

SEPTEMBER 26



TUESDAY

12:00PM ARRIVAL FOR 12:30PM START

LEVEL 1 CROWN TOWERS
8 WHITEMAN STREET, MELBOURNE

COST - \$230 (INCL GST)
DRESS - GENTLEMEN: JACKET & TIE, LADIES: AS APPROPRIATE
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NSW Rugby Luncheon

CCNSW held a very successful Rugby Luncheon on 27 July at the Hyatt Regency with over 300 members and guests in attendance. Drawn together by former CCNSW President Bernie Campbell and dubbed "Allez Les Wallabies" the French themed day raised \$35,000 for the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team (to kit out 21 U/16 teams of First Nations boys and girls playing in the Ella Sevens Tournament) and the Kurt Fearnley Scholarships for Junior Para Commonwealth Games Athletes.

Matt de Groot was an excellent host and the panel of Phil Kearns, Justin Harrison and Matt Burke were great value – not surprisingly, the French Consul-General who joined in the fun knew the names of all the dirty French players that have played against Australia over the years, and Club member Vince Sorrenti was hilarious as always!



Singapore Luncheon



Carbine Club of Singapore members recently sat down to some of the Australian Agricultural Company’s finest beef tomahawks – Westholme Wagyu, Marble Score 8-9; washed it down with Penfolds and Wolf Blass reds and had a few icy Sapporo beers on the swim through. Proceedings opened with former Australian cricket captain Michael Clarke roasting our special guest Laurie Daley about his eagerness to get out of the Big Sports Breakfast studio and get on to the road.

Co-host on the morning sports program, Dave Stanley chimed in with some timely advice about not chewing gum in Singapore and the stage was set for an afternoon of rollicking stories mixed with insightful commentary and opinion.

Before Laurie got to his feet though, we were fortunate enough to hear from Qantas Senior Vice President for Asia, John Simeone. John was fantastic and gave us all some idea of the magnitude of the problems faced by Qantas in and out of Australia during the Covid19 years. After persistent heckling from the audience about the current price of airfares he agreed to buy a few rounds of drinks – which settled the crowd immediately.

Laurie was next up and held the room for a near record 60 minutes – without taking breath. Awesome stories, a few wild tales, and a Bob Hawke anecdote for the ages (complete with demonstration) had everyone in rapture. Laurie covered areas as diverse as his family upbringing, early professional career, Super League, AFL/NRL rivalry, his tipping ability, State of Origin memories ... even the Voice got a run. As lunch adjourned for a few cleansing ales by the river he was more than happy to chat with all comers – what a genuine class act.



Top left -Laurie Daly, David Brooker, member Marty McGettigan (Boomerang Bar), & Sponsor John Simeone (Qantas)

Top R- Sponsor Andrew O'Brien (AACO) & Laurie

Left-Founding Member Adrian Ashman & new member Andrew O'Brien Above – D Brooker, Marty & Laurie

PNG Business Lunch

24 members of the Carbine Club of PNG attended the August Lamana business lunch to share Club updates and to enjoy the general good times and camaraderie that Carbine provides.

President Rudani gave an update on all things Carbine after his recent trip to Melbourne, a lot of early interest shown by the PNG travelling contingent for next year's Darwin Congress.

This was followed by PNG club member, 4-time Olympian Ryan Pini MBE, who was able to share with members the results of Carbine Club sponsored athletes who had just returned from Fukuoka - Japan world swimming championships. Club members congratulated Ryan on his efforts to continue to drive PNG athletics and offering these young up and coming stars to the world of competitive swimming on the world stage. The next phase for these athletes is the fast-approaching South Pacific Games to be held in Honiara, Solomon Islands in November. Carbine of PNG continues to support PNG athletes from all fields in an effort to offer these athletes the opportunities to show their talents outside of PNG.

Members enjoyed some fine dining and very nice red wines during the course of the afternoon where all manner of conversation reverted to sport, politics and life in the land of the unexpected.

The next PNG event will be the SP Lager Rugby World Cup lunch at the Hilton Hotel on September 22.



(thanks to Len Pianta for news from CCPNG)



And here is a blast from the past -Delegates to the wonderful Carbine Club Congress held in PNG some years ago, pictured at Owers Corner on the Kokoda Trail.

More news from CCNT due soon on the forthcoming Congress to be held in Darwin next year.

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



Northern Territory



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



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



2 Nov- Cricket Lunch, Queensland Cricketers Club in the Glass Viewing Room
7 Dec- Members Lunch, Brisbane (TBC)
8 Jan 2024- Magic Millions, Star Casino Broadbeach

Singapore



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
1 Dec – Celebration of Cricket Luncheon, Adelaide Oval

Tasmania



11Oct -AGM & Lunch, Wrest Point

Tokyo



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

Vanuatu



Western Australia



Friday 22 September -WAFL 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