



The Carbiner

"For sport and for good fellowship"



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB

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Calendar of Events**

Carbine Club of Papua New Guinea

CCPNG Secretary Max Beagrie has written up an account of the activities of the Club in recent times – the most recent event formed part of the massive celebrations currently going on in PNG to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the country's independence. A huge week in Port Moresby has seen the town buzzing with visiting international dignitaries, warships and aircraft from as far afield as France, India, US, Australia and New Zealand in town to add to the air of celebration and festivities.

But nowhere was more abuzz than the grand surroundings of the Kutubu Convention Centre at the Hilton Hotel where 430 Carbine Club members and guests gathered on Friday 5th September to join in the celebrations with a theme of 50 years in sport.



The Hilton, POM



CCPNG Luncheon - Kutubu Convention Centre

Max's reports, starting with the report on the 50th celebration, and accompanying photos follow overleaf.

In the previous edition of The Carbiner we inadvertently omitted to include CC South Australia's AFL Luncheon which will take place at the Adelaide Oval on 18 Sep – no worries says Secretary Neville Mead – we have 600 booked to attend anyway!



CCPNG Secretary and Carbiner Correspondent Max Beagrie

The Gates Have Dropped.....and Carbine Club of PNG Is Off and Running, now Turning into the Home Stretch for 2025.

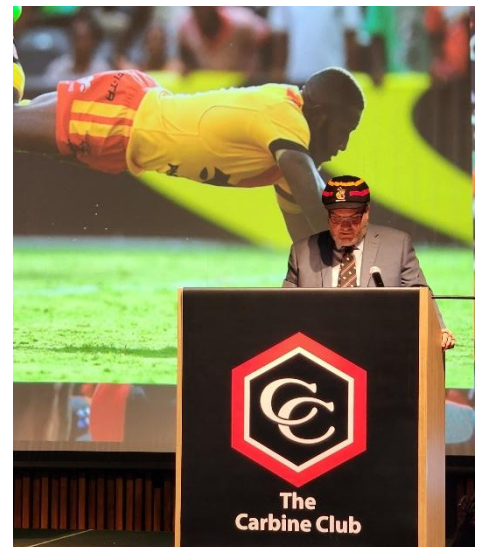
The Carbine Club of PNG has enjoyed another year of excellent support from Members and "The Friends of Carbine". The Members Only lunches have been well attended, all this culminating in the Sportsman's Luncheon - Celebrating 50 Years of Sport in Papua New Guinea, in commemoration of the anniversary of 50 Years of the Country's Independence. Under the leadership of President Tony Carbry the club has achieved record fundraising and donations to PNG Athletes and Sporting Organisation's.



Sportsman's Luncheon – 50 Years of Sport in Papua New Guinea

The Kutubu Convention Centre at the Hilton Hotel was at near capacity with 430 members and guests attending the Luncheon, which was aligned with the celebration of Papua New Guinea's 50th Year of Independence. It was an opportunity to honour all those who have represented PNG in Sports over 50 years. Carbine Club appreciates the generous support of BSP Financial Group Limited being the naming sponsor for the event. Carbine Club Committee Member and resident MC Brent St Hill opened proceedings introducing President Tony Carbry MBE to provide a Welcome Address to all present.

Toasters followed with passionate speeches, pictured below L to R: Robert Nilkare – Toast to PNG, Merv Hill – Toast to the Carbine Club, Jamie Braizer – Toast to PNG Athletes. The formalities concluded, MC - Brent St Hill handed over the lunch to Mick Colliss as the guest MC/Interviewer/Speaker, Mick does it all. The hilarious tale of his rise to fame in wearing a green and gold jacket as an Australian representative at the World Sudoku Championship in India had the ticket holders mesmerized.





Mick then donned his Interviewer Cap, interviewing former Australian Test Cricket Captain – Tim Paine in an open and frank Q&A, the crowd were riveted with Tim's humble start to domestic cricket, to his candour on International Test Cricket, and now his transition into professional coaching. Tim was a noticeable favourite with all, as he generously went above and beyond to offer his time after the luncheon to speak to guests. A very approachable retired sports star, that still looks as if he could be playing.

Mick in his final Interviewing duties, had a Q&A with a panel of former PNG Athletes, Ryan Pini – swimming, Dika Toua – weightlifting, and Stanley “The Headhunter” Nandex – kickboxing.

*L-Tim & Mick Below L- -The Panel, R- CC Committee member
David Bishop and Tim Paine*



The revised format of the luncheon was met with positive feedback and praise. As we have been accustomed to, the food was excellent, the beverages were cold and served promptly. From the Carbine Club, congratulations to Papua New Guinea on 50 Years of Independence



Sportsman's Luncheon – State of Origin

The Hilton Hotel has cemented its place as the home of the CCPNG's Sportsman's Luncheons, once again delivering with a facility and service which is on par with any venue in the world. Sponsor of the Luncheon was provided by Kumul Petroleum Holdings Limited. With the guest speaker Billy "Queenslander, Queenslander, Queenslander!!!" Moore taking to the stage to the excitement of all Rugby League Fans and sports enthusiasts. Billy provided a passionate recount of his playing career and record-breaking feats, like the 'shortest debut' in Rugby League history. With QLD winning the series in 2025, it was only fitting for a Queenslander to take the stage, before the well-known comedic act of The Nelson Twins. A successful lunch with 400 attending. *Pic-Billy Moore*

President Tony Carbry MBE, Charles Abel, former Dep PM of PNG and Billy Moore reenacting the famous Queenslander call down the tunnel at the State of Origin



The Nelson twins with The Strapper (Member Andrew Langley) and Carbine



Members Only Lunch - Gantry

Always popular and a relaxed lunch with Club Polo Shirts, Shorts, Beers, Red Wine and Seafood all with the background of Fairfax Harbour, the Gantry lunch venue is at the Port Moresby Game Fishing Club.

With the CCPNG Secretary overseas, the responsibility of hosting the lunch was placed in the reliable and experienced hands of stalwart committee member and the longest serving former secretary of the club, John Robinson, (pic left) or more affectionately known as "Robbo". It was only fitting Robbo hosted the lunch, as he has the honour of being the creator of the first Gantry Lunch.





New member and the entrusted “Strapper”, Andrew Langley had the pleasure of entertaining the members with his sporting history, a brief but intense recount of a sporting career that could have been. Andrew now generously donates his free time to roles such as the Treasurer of the Port Moresby racquets club and training of PNG Squash Players.

Members Only Lunch - Italian



The Italian Lunch may have a new name in 2026. With a record number of members attending, the venue was moved from the Italian Restaurant to the larger venue of Rio's Restaurant, which are both in The Lamana Hotel precinct.

With a busy program for the day, the formalities of club business were delivered to the membership by the President – Tony Carbry MBE without delay.

New Member – James Midgley, surprised all with his sporting exploits, a modern-day Errol Flynn, he left the shores of Australia for adventure abroad. Landing in Indonesia prior to PNG, he captained the Indonesian Rugby Union team, and with numerous international test caps to his name, the most surprising part of his sporting background was his brief attempt to break into the Professional Water Buffalo Racing circuit, with video being displayed at the lunch of young Flynn hurtling across a rice paddy with two, twelve hundred pound water buffalos receiving suggestions from his racing whip. An absolute cracking presentation. *(pic-Pres Tony Carbry & the swashbuckling James Midgley)*

Slowing the pace down to a gentler speed, Member – Sundar Ramamurthy presented an informative presentation of the sleeping giant of racquet sports, Pickle Ball. A relatively new sport with a wide age range of participants. Sundar has close ties to the sport, as his wife Jenny is the Chairwoman of Pickle Ball Australia. With Pickle Bats and Balls to display, it was a hands-on experience.

The membership was also updated on the PNG Rugby League NRL Team by Carbine Member - Stan Joyce and on the PNG Hunters 2025 campaign by Special Member - Scott Barker.



Unfortunately, at the time of print the Hunters were eliminated in the final series, but this year's final appearance is a platform to build on for 2026.

L-Stan Joyce, Pres Tony Carbry MBE, member Bartholomew “Bart” Philemon (former Minister of Finance for PNG), David Toua-25-year member)

R- members settling in










The Finish Line

The Cox Plate Day at the Aviat Aircon Bar is the next event, with members jostling for the Bookie duties on running the sweepstakes, the event is gaining momentum early. The CCPNG Christmas Party is the final event on the 2025 Calendar, stay tuned for the photo finish in The Carbiner.

(Our thanks to Max for bringing us up to date on all the news from the 'Travelling Club' and special thanks to both Max and all the Club members who extended exuberant hospitality on my recent visit to PNG – Ed.).

Calendar of Events

	<p>The Carbine Club www.thecarbineclub.org.au Tuesday 23rd September -AFL Grand Final Luncheon at Crown Palladium from 12 noon Friday 31st October -VRC Derby Eve Luncheon at Crown Palladium from 12 noon</p>
	<p>Australian Capital Territory</p>
	<p>Hong Kong www.carbineclubhk.com 31 Oct – Cricket Luncheon, Hyatt Regency TST 12 Dec – Racing Luncheon TBC Member Golf Day, Clearwater Bay Country Club TBC</p>
	<p>London www.carbineclublondon.org.uk CCL golf day at Royal Mid Surrey Golf Club – 12 September 3 & 4 October – Trip to Newmarket AGM, Sam Vestey and Melbourne Cup Eve dinner, Bluebird Café in Chelsea - Monday 3rd November</p>
	<p>Manila www.carbineclubmanila.org</p>
	<p>New South Wales www.carbineclubnsw.com.au 26 Sep - Rugby League Luncheon, Four Seasons Hotel</p>
	<p>New Zealand www.carbineclubnz.org.nz</p>
	<p>Northern Territory www.carbineclubnt.org.au 24 Oct- Cox Plate, Wharf One M&G 28 Nov- Christmas Party, date & venue TBC M&P</p>



Papua New Guinea

25 Oct – Cox Plate Day, Aviat Club
Nov/Dec - Members Xmas Cocktail Party TBC



Queensland

www.carbineclubqueensland.com.au

2 December - Cricket Lunch- Cricketers' Club, The Gabba



Singapore

www.carbineclub.com.sg

Friday 12th December – Christmas Lunch



South Australia

www.carbineclubsau.com.au

SANFL Grand Final - 18 Sept 2025 Magarey Room Adelaide Oval
Ashes Test Tuesday 16th December 2025 Magarey Room Adelaide Oval
2026
11 Feb - LIV Golf Function



Tasmania

www.carbineclubtasmania.com.au

17 October – AGM & Luncheon, Elwick

2026

6 Feb-Derby Day, Elwick

21 June – Raceday

16 Oct – AGM & Luncheon



Tokyo

www.carbineclubtokyo.com

Saturday, 27 September – AFL Grand Final casual lunch and livecast
Tuesday, 4 November – Melbourne Cup luncheon and livecast
Friday, 28 November – Japan Cup luncheon (previewing Sunday's racing)



Vanuatu



Western Australia

www.carbineclubwa.com.au

Fri 19 Sep- WAFL Grand Final Luncheon, Optus Stadium
Fri 28 Nov- Racing Luncheon, Optus Stadium



THE
CARBINE
CLUB

THE PRESIDENT, DAVID EVANS AND THE
COMMITTEE HAVE THE PLEASURE IN INVITING
CARBINE CLUB MEMBERS AND GUESTS
TO THE

60th Carbine Club
**ANNUAL GRAND
FINAL LUNCHEON**
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD 2025

12:00PM ARRIVAL FOR 12:30PM START

LEVEL 1 CROWN TOWERS
8 WHITEMAN STREET, MELBOURNE

DRESS - GENTLEMEN: JACKET & TIE, LADIES: AS APPROPRIATE
BOOKINGS - www.thecarbineclub.org

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The Carbine Club of NSW & NSW Rugby League
would like to invite you to join us for

'The Rugby League Lunch'

FRIDAY

26

12 PM

SEPTEMBER 2025

Hosted by Tim Gilbert, enjoy a two-course meal
including beverages featuring Roy Masters interviewing
Laurie Daley and more Rugby League greats
plus comedian Vince Sorrenti!

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL SYDNEY

199 GEORGE STREET, THE ROCKS

TICKETS: \$250 MEMBERS & GUESTS
TABLE OF 10 = \$2,500

DRESS: CORPORATE ATTIRE

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