



The Carbiner

"For sport and for good fellowship"

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB



EDITION 14 of 2025- 2 October- Footy Fever Continues!

**The Carbine Club Grand Final Luncheon
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The Carbine Club

The Palladium at Crown on Tuesday 23 September where 900+ members and guests enjoyed a tremendous afternoon of footy and fun – this report from Hon Secretary Graham Halbish with a selection of photos courtesy of Gordon Bennett:



The 60th CC Grand Final Lunch commenced with a vintage performance of Roaming Brian and never looked back. MC Brian Taylor was in grand form throughout. The Club thanks Brian for his contribution to this event over many years.

A stirring rendition of the National Anthem by "resident" singers Richard Thomas & Grace Goodwin was followed by the entry of the Premiership Cup in the safe hands of champion Richmond Tigers goalkicker, Jack Riewoldt. A fitting & popular choice as this year's AFL Cup Ambassador.

Fast becoming a highlight is the to and fro between Brisbane Lions great Jonathan Brown & fellow Carbine Club member, AFL CEO Andrew Dillon. Both held their own in an entertaining, rapid-fire q and a session. We called it a draw!

Brownlow Medallist Matt Rowell was next on stage and impressed all with his humble & sincere response to the many accolades he was receiving. A worthy winner of the game's highest honour.

Vince Sorrenti took us heartily laughing our way into the main course, where everyone was glad to take a breather after a non-stop opening session.

Centre stage on the resumption saw Luke & Sam Darcy, Simon & James O'Donnell and Eddie & Xander McGuire trade father/son stories in a segment that resonated powerfully with the many proud dads in the room.

Eddie followed up with a special 60th anniversary induction of two great football icons in Mick Malthouse and Kevin Sheedy, as Carbine Legends. Mick hasn't lost the steely focus and Sheeds as always, was completely at home with microphone in hand. A very well received and entertaining segment.

Time for the surprise finale with the return of singers Richard & Grace with a new & powerful presentation of the famous footy anthem Up There Cazaly. The audience was launching into it as special guest and composer Mike Brady emerged from backstage to join in the chorus and other verses of the hugely popular song. So much a feature of Grand Final Day.

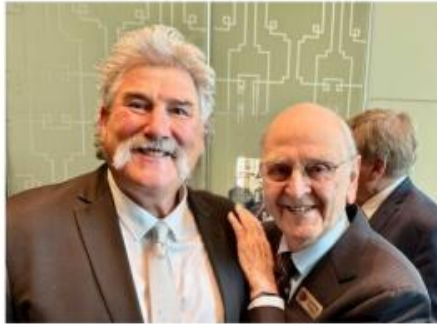
A tremendous buzz remained in the room before we headed down to Bar Marmont for the After Party.

Again, many members & guests from sister Clubs in attendance in a crowd of more than 900 made the day all the better, complementing the CC mantra of "for sport and good fellowship"!



More pics over







THE
CARBINE
CLUB

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

61st Carbine Club
**ANNUAL DERBY
EVE LUNCH**
FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2025

12:00PM ARRIVAL FOR 12:30PM START

LEVEL 1 CROWN TOWERS
8 WHITEMAN STREET, MELBOURNE

COST - \$250 (INCL GST)
DRESS - GENTLEMEN: LOUNGE SUIT, LADIES: AS APPROPRIATE
BOOKINGS - www.thecarbineclub.org

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HOLDEN

The Carbine Club of Western Australia – WAFL Grand Final Luncheon

The Carbine Club of Western Australia held its annual WAFL Grand Final luncheon on Friday 19 September in the magnificent River Room at Optus Stadium, Perth. In a preview of the highly anticipated grand final between minor premier South Fremantle and back to back grand finalist East Perth, the crowd heard from both captains and coaches who cautiously discussed tactics and their chances of raising the premiership flag.



EPFC Coach Ross McQueen, East Perth's Hamish Brayshaw, SFFC Captain Chad Pearson, SFFC Coach Craig Wilson.

Chairman of the WA Football Commission Ian Callahan proposed a toast to football and then Carbine Club of WA President Matt Fahey welcomed the room full of 430 guests and thanked the WA Football

Commission for their continued association with CCWA.

Matt then welcomed to the club two new CCWA members, Claremont's dual Sandover medallist Jye Bolton and ex-Claremont club Captain Mark Hann. Matt also fondly remembered John "Buzz" Parkinson and Andrew Krakouer who had both passed during the year.

MC Mark Readings managed proceedings for the day and invited the 2025 WAFL Sandover Medallist Charlie Constable (Perth Football Club) and 2025 Dhara Kerr Medallist Krstel Petrevski (Subiaco Football Club) to the stage to receive their Carbine Club of WA medals from CCWA Life Member Rick Hart.

The audience was entertained by special guest, dual North Melbourne premiership player and 2018 premiership coach of the West Coast Eagles, Adam Simpson. Adam presented in a unique back and forth with MC Mark Readings and also presented his own power point presentation, reminiscing on his journey to becoming coach of the West Coast Eagles. Following Adam, was one of Australia's finest comedians, fellow member of the Carbine Club of NSW, Vince Sorrenti. Vince had the crowd in fits of laughter with his memories of growing up, covid medical issues and lockdowns. His brand of humour was well received by all in the room.

Finally, one significant bidder won the four tickets to the 2026 Anzac Day match between Essendon and Collingwood at the MCG, kindly arranged by CCWA Life Member Graham Moss. There was also a fully catered box for 8 to the 2025 WAFL Grand Final, and a \$9,000 pair of Willie Creek Pearl Australian South Sea Cultured Pearl and Diamond Earrings that were won on the day.

The day finished with most of the crowd heading to the Bankwest Terrace overlooking the playing surface of Optus Oval, where the next day South Fremantle were to complete the most successful year in their history and defeat East Perth by an extremely tight two point margin, to hang on and win the 2025 flag.



L – Matt Worner, SFFC President Peter Christie, CCWA Member Noel Carter

R : MC Mark Readings with Dhara Kerr Medallist Krstel Petrevski and CCWA Life Member Rick Hart.



L: Ian Sandover with Adam Simpson.

R : Comedian Vince Sorrenti

Below L : CCWA Treasurer Scott James, Olivia Cole, Martina Crowley, Amelia Scalise



R: Lauren Kuster, Georgia Cousens, CCWA Member Ann Jones, Cameron Palmer



R : Jake Gaspar, Alex Crowhurst, Emma Irving, Sally Boud, Elly Gardner, Dean Horsington, Tom Morrison, Alex Martin, Ash Coster

Next Event – CCWA Racing Lunch at River Room, Optus Stadium 28th November 2025.

(Thanks to Jason Ferris for news from the west)

Calendar of Events

	<i>The Carbine Club</i> www.thecarbineclub.org.au Friday 31st October -VRC Derby Eve Luncheon at Crown Palladium from 12 noon
	<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>
	<i>Hong Kong</i> www.carbineclubhk.com 31 Oct – Cricket Luncheon, Hyatt Regency TST 12 Dec – Racing Luncheon TBC Member Golf Day, Clearwater Bay Country Club TBC
	<i>London</i> www.carbineclublondon.org.uk 3 & 4 October – Trip to Newmarket Monday 3rd Nov -AGM, Sam Vestey and Melbourne Cup Eve dinner, Boundary Pub, New King's Road 2026 3 March - Cheltenham Dinner, OXO Tower
	<i>Manila</i> www.carbineclubmanila.org
	<i>New South Wales</i> www.carbineclubnsw.com.au
	<i>New Zealand</i> www.carbineclubnz.org.nz
	<i>Northern Territory</i> www.carbineclubnt.org.au 24 Oct- Cox Plate, Wharf One M&G 28 Nov- Christmas Party, date & venue TBC M&P
	<i>Papua New Guinea</i> 25 Oct – Cox Plate Day, Aviat Club Nov/Dec - Members Xmas Cocktail Party TBC
	<i>Queensland</i> 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.carbineclubsa.com.au

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

Tuesday, 4 November – Melbourne Cup luncheon and livecast

Friday, 28 November – Japan Cup luncheon (previewing Sunday's racing)



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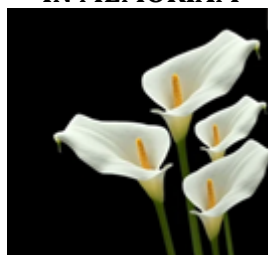


Western Australia

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Fi 28 Nov- Racing Luncheon, Optus Stadium

IN MEMORIAM



The Carbine Clubs note the recent loss of the following members –

QUEENSLAND

Paul Taylor- Life Member of the Kurrawa Surf Club where he served as Supporters Club President for 16 years and as the Division 10 Councillor he contributed significantly to the development of the Gold Coast

HONG KONG

Eric Barnes - a senior and much-loved member who delighted all with his interview at the Club's cricket luncheon on the celebration of his 100th birthday (which was shared in The Carbiner); Eric was 101, a champion innings.