CCTAS kicked off their year with the annual Racing Luncheon which was held at Luxbet Park (Elwick) on Friday 3 Feb where 210 members and guests gathered for lunch and to then enjoy the Tasmanian Racing Club’s Derby Day meeting which included the Carbine Club 3YO Plate on the program. That race was fittingly won by favourite Gee Gees Double Dee raced by Paul Geard, a strong supporter of the Club, who confessed to having 160 horses on his books!

Dr. Barry Taranto, the first Vice President of the Carbine Club of Tasmania was awarded Life Membership of the Club in recognition of his outstanding support since inception and Barry also received his 25 Year Membership badge.

Michael Kent and Terry Clarke also received their 25 Year Badge and in another milestone for the Club media personality and avid racing and AFL aficionado Wendy Kennedy became the first female member of CCTAS.

Neil Kearney, Network Seven reporter and Tassie boy made good enthralled the crowd with racing tales and regular MC Steve Adermann had the pleasure of interviewing (or being interviewed by?) the amazingly talented Alex Peroni, the 16 YO who is taking the motor racing world by storm. Alex has a challenging and exciting year ahead of him and the Club is very proud to be involved with him.
NEW YEAR'S HONOURS

Once again a number of Carbiners have been recognised in the New Year Honours awards:

New Zealand - Mike Stanley CNZM

Mike Stanley was appointed a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the New Year’s Honours for his services to sport. Mike was a competitive rower from 1976 to 1984 during which time he was in the New Zealand Eights that won gold at the World Rowing Championships in 1982 and again in 1983. He was selected for the New Zealand Eights for the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games but did not attend due to the boycott of the Games but attended the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games were the team finished 4th. He retired from competitive rowing following the Los Angeles Games but has continued coaching rowing and has been involved in sports administration since. He was Chief Executive of Rowing New Zealand from 1994 to 2003. He has been a member of the New Zealand Olympic Committee since 2005 and its President since 2009. He is currently also Chief Executive of the AUT Millenium Institute so his contribution to sport is enormous. Congratulations Mike – a very well deserved recognition.

NT – His Honour John Hardy AO

His Honour the Administrator of the Northern Territory John Hardy was recently awarded an Officer of the Order of Australia for service to the people of the Northern Territory, and as a patron and supporter of a range of aviation, health, emergency service and charitable organisations. John was sworn in as the 21st Administrator of the NT on 10 November 2014 and in June 2012 was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for service to aviation in the NT, and to the community.

John first arrived in the Northern Territory to accept a pilot position with the South Australian and Territory Air Services. In 1978 he was a founding member of Airnorth and in 1991 he founded Hardy Aviation with Mrs Marie Hardy. Passionate about sport and sailing in particular, John was elected Commodore of Darwin Sailing Club in 1992 for two years and again in 2004 for three years. He was also made a life member. He played a leadership role in establishing the Darwin to Ambon Yacht Race which celebrates the relationship between the Northern Territory and Indonesia. John has twice been the Grand Master of the Hash Harriers Club and has completed at least 2000 runs. He was also a committee member of the Lord’s Taverners during its formative years and was made an honorary member of the Spitfire Association.

John was inducted into Northern Territory chapter of the Carbine Club in 1999 and moved to the senior member ranks in 2009. He currently holds the unique dual role of senior member and patron.
ACT - James Service AM and Paul Walshe OAM

Both James and Paul have been long time members of the Club with James maintaining the family tradition of membership following on from his father Jim Service AO, who is a Special Member of the Club.

Paul is our long standing Secretary of the Club and has done a magnificent job in that role for the past 10 years.

Both men are renowned as wonderful members of the community who have made an outstanding contribution in a number of ways including to the numerous charities they have been involved with and as prominent members of their professions.

James Service AM (above)  Paul Walshe OAM (right)

Coming Events:
SA AGM on Feb 14
WA AGM on 17 Feb, Matilda Bay Restaurant
NZ Auckland Cup Luncheon on 10 March
WA Rottnest Day on 10 March
NSW Racing Luncheon on 17 March
HK Rugby 7s on 7 April