The Carbine Club of Papua New Guinea MO Lunch
~from Derek Hunter

The Carbine Club of PNG got together at the National Football Stadium in Port Moresby on 2nd November for a members only lunch. The stadium is the home to the Kumuls – the PNG national team in PNG’s most popular sport - Rugby League. A Kumul, by the way, is the National Emblem – a Bird of Paradise - for which PNG is well known – think Kangaroo, Wallaby, Kiwi etc.

Whilst at the stadium we were taken on a tour of the training facilities and a walk out onto the hallowed turf. The highlight however, was a ‘pre-match’ address, in the locker room, by national coach Michael Marum, who gave an insight into what it would be like if we were there on game day with sprigs on rather than our ties.
We then adjourned to the corporate entertainment area, on the top floor, overlooking the field of play, to enjoy a sumptuous three course meal with some well chosen wines to wash it down.

We were regaled with stories of the sporting success of a number of our members, including Jamie Brazier’s visit to Lords as a player and George Lifu’s all round sporting prowess.

There were more highlights to come, in what was a memorable day, with a promotional video for the movie/documentary ‘Power Meri’. The movie highlights the story of the struggles and triumphs of the PNG Orchids, the PNG Women’s Rugby League team, on their road to the 2017 World Cup, against the backdrop of a very male dominated society. The film was produced by Joanna Lester, a trainer with the Kumuls team, and she was on hand to provide a further insight into the story of the Orchids. The Carbine Club of PNG was so impressed with the work done they made an impromptu donation of K10,000 to further the cause of Women’s Rugby League in the country.

The day was capped off by a private viewing of both the English Knights and PNG Kumuls as they completed their final training runs for the International match to be played the following day at the stadium. For the record, the Kumuls beat the Knights 32-22 to draw the series.

A truly inspirational lunch and the Carbine Club of PNG sincerely thanks the Kumul management team for joining in with such enthusiasm and spirit.

(L)Joanne Lester, producer of ‘Power Meri’ with Carbine Club of PNG President, Peter Aitsi.
(R) The Kumul
Rod Pearce, long time Carbine Member and one of the original Kumul Team members finds his name on the honour roll of players to have represented PNG.

What a lineup, stalwarts of the Carbine Club of PNG, President Peter Aitsi, Past President Stan Joyce and long time committee member John Robinson take their place in the Kumul's locker room.

PNG Kumul's national coach, Michael Marum, addresses the 'team' in the dressing room.
With the eyes of the Australian racing world now firmly fixed on all the action in the West over the next few weeks the Carbine Club of W.A. held the annual Racing Lunch at the Hyatt Hotel Perth on Friday 23rd November with 520 members and their guests in attendance.

CCWA Life Member Darren McCauley once again held sway as the MC with a highlight being his interview with John Tapp. Comedian Marti Fields who is becoming a firm favourite with our Clubs provided the humour for the day.
EVENTS SCHEDULE

Heading into the festive season...........

5 Dec  SA  -Test Cricket Luncheon
7 Dec  ACT -AGM Lunch, Jim Murphy’s Fyshwick
7 Dec  HK  -International Races Lunch
7 Dec  QLD -Members Only Luncheon, XXXX Board Room
11 Dec  VIC -Members Xmas Lunch, RACV
13 Dec  WA  -Cricket Luncheon
14 Dec  PNG -Christmas Party – Members Only
14 Dec  S’pore -Christmas Lunch
14 Dec  NT  - Christmas Dinner
14 Dec  NSW - End of Year Lunch & Davo Award, Members Pavilion, SCG
16 Dec  NZ  -Christmas Barbecue, Freemans Bay

2019 Calendar of Events – Qld, SA, NZ & London

8 Jan  QLD  -Magic Millions Luncheon, The Star Casino, Broadbeach
25 Feb  NZ  -Annual Charity Golf Tournament
27 Feb  SA  -Supercars Luncheon, Adelaide Convention Centre
5 March  London - Cheltenham Festival Dinner, OXO Tower
19 March  SA  - AGM at the Arkaba Hotel, Osmond Room
29 April  NZ  -AGM & Members Luncheon
17 May  SA  -Adelaide Festival of Racing Luncheon, Derby Pavilion at Morphetville
24 May  London -Royal Mid Surrey Golf Day
25-26 June  London -Newmarket Visit, Dinner, Races
8 Aug  London -Lords Long Room Luncheon (TBC)
Oct  London -Rugby World Cup Luncheon (TBC)