



The Carbiner

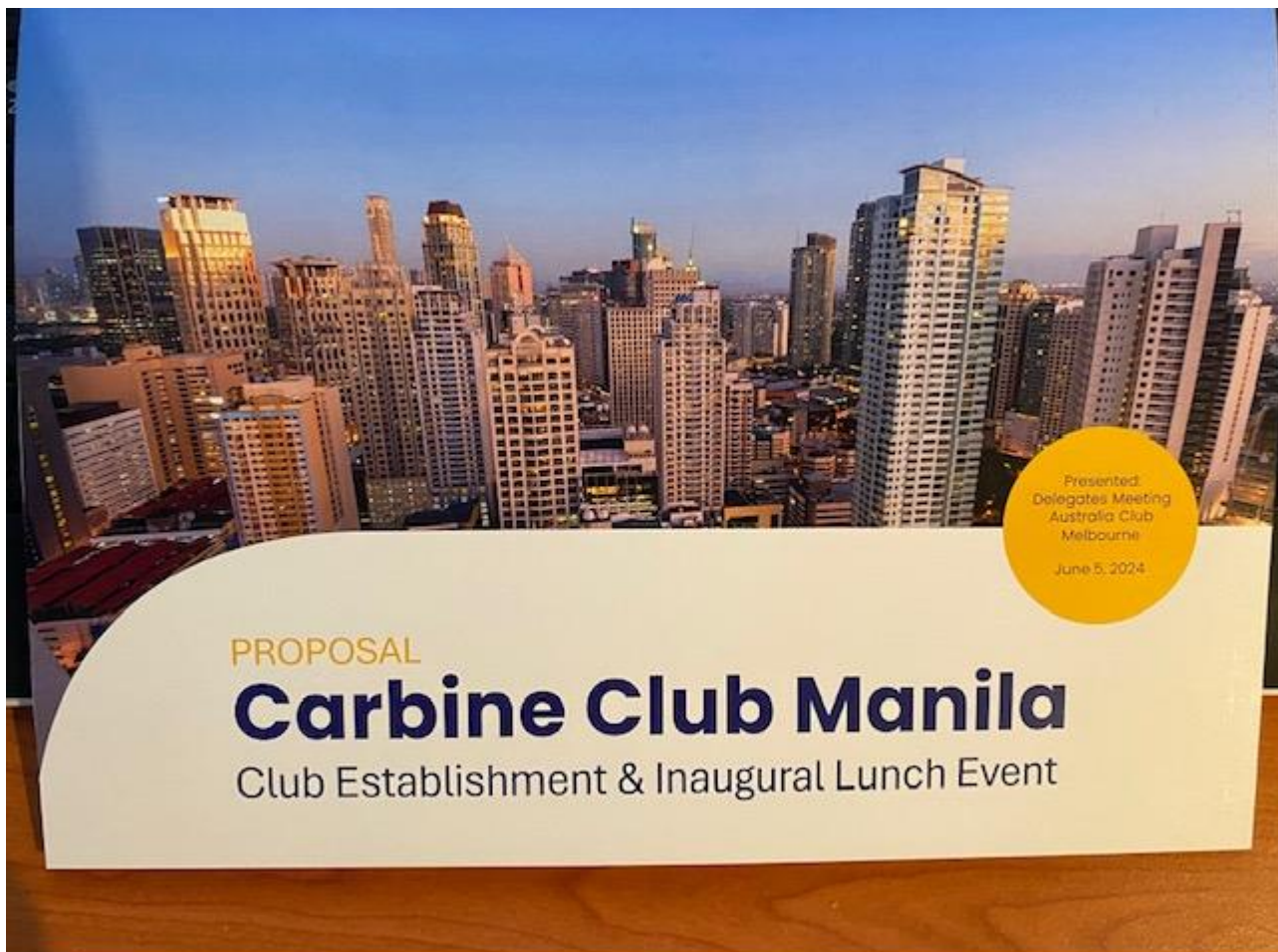
"For sport and for good fellowship"



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB

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Will we have a new Club? Is the global reach to extend?



At the Delegates Meeting held in Melbourne on 5 June we were given an insight into a proposal to establish the Carbine Club of Manila in The Philippines.

A very enthusiastic Chris Moriarty, expat and now prominent Philippines businessman, gave a polished presentation detailing the proposal to extend the Club even further overseas with an impressive lineup of local heavyweights ready to take on the task, starting with an inaugural lunch event, perhaps even as early as January next year.

[Follow this link to see the full proposal](#) (Right click and open hyperlink)

Watch this space for progress on the Philippines proposal!

Delegates Meeting and Annual Dinner

The annual meeting of representatives from each Club took place in Melbourne on 5 June, followed by a black-tie dinner at the Australia Club.

Delegates will report back to their respective Clubs on the discussions that took place – major items of import were the proposal to establish a Carbine Club of Manila, reported earlier in this edition, and the future of the Carbine Club International Congress.

Tasmania is scheduled to hold the Congress in 2026 and remain keen to do so, and South Australia are also keen to take up their slot in 2028. CCTAS undertook to get back with details over the next few months.

After such heady debate the delegates were ready to gather later in the day in The Carbine Club Bar at the RACV for the short walk to the Australia Club for the annual dinner, joining with the Vic members for another evening of fine food, wine and entertainment in the hallowed halls of the distinguished club.



Club Member Richard Wilson introduced two special guests in young Olympians Rhydian Cowley and Melissa Tapping. Rhydian is a renowned race walker who specialises in the 50km walk; Melissa has the very special distinction of representing Australia at table tennis in both the Summer Olympics and the Summer Paralympics! It must have been hard for Richard not to drop in the fact that recently he scored a hole in one at Riversdale Golf Club – well done Richard in achieving that and for restraining from reminding us!

As always, a great evening and a wonderful chance to catch up at the dinner and in that bar afterwards!

(Rhydian and Richard)



South Australia- A Touch of History

Last year the CC of SA was the most recent to reach a significant milestone, celebrating 40 years since the founding of the Club - Secretary Neville Mead provided a detailed history of the establishment of the Club which is attached below via a link for those wishing to know a little more on the startup.

The foundation for the Club started when Barry Smith moved to Adelaide from Melbourne to take up the role of CEO of the TAB. Today Barry remains as a Life and Founding Member of the Club. In those early days Barry knew of the prestige and value of the Carbine Club in Melbourne, so he set in train arrangements to establish the Adelaide chapter of the club and, after a lot of hard work, in September 1983 the inaugural luncheon was held.

Since then the Club has gone from strength to strength and forms an integral part of the sporting landscape in South Australia – recent hugely successful luncheons confirm that the Club is an important and respected element in SA life: at the LIV Golf Luncheon held recently the word got out that Greg Norman was in attendance and crowds gathered at the doors of the function just hoping to get a glimpse of the golfing superstar.

Sporting identities and characters abound in the history of the Club, too many to mention here, but special recognition must be made of Elaine & John Condon who together over almost 20 years until their recent retirement acted as Secretary and Event Organisers looking after the administrative arrangements and playing a huge role in the success of the Club.

The full history of the founding of CCSA provided to us by Secretary Neville Mead is appended to this newsletter at pages 7,8 &9.

Inaugural members of the Carbine Club in 1983



Glenn McMahon



John Hardy



Wolf Blass AM



Barry Smith
Founding Member



Geoff Roach



Max Basheer AM

Inaugural Members First Luncheon 1983

Neil Abercrombie	John Livy (Secretary)
Neil Balme	Bruce McAvaney
Max Basheer	Ken McGregor
Wolf Blass	Glen McMahon (President)
Malcolm Blight	Geoff Roach
David Coles	Bob Robertson
Des Corcoran	Leo Ryan
Ken Cunningham	Barry Smith
John Doherty	Bob Zerella
Colin Egar	
Graham Ferrett	
Bruce Fullerton	
Eric Gilbert	
John Hardy	
Colin Hayes	
Alan Hickinbotham	
David Hookes	
Jim Johnson	
George Joseph	
Neil Kerley	
John Letts	

The big one in sunny Queensland this month is the State of Origin lunch at the Tattersall's Club in Brisbane.

Organiser and Admin Secretary Lisa McHarg recently alerted members that this was to be a sellout with just a few seats remaining, and that was before the first game fell to the Maroons in spectacular style; chances are that they have been snapped up by now!

30 YEARS ON AND IT'S STILL A MIRACLE!



Mark Coyne

"That's not a try, that's a miracle."
(Ray Warren - The Voice of Rugby League)



THE CARBINE CLUB

QUEENSLAND

Tattersall's Club Brisbane
Grand Ballroom

Friday 21 June 2024
12 noon to 4pm

Cost: \$235 per head (\$2350 table of 10)

Dress:
Members: Carbine Club tie/scarf and jacket
Guests: Smart casual with business shirt and jacket
(no denim or shorts)

MC:
Peter Psaltis
TV & Radio NRL Commentator

Special Guests:
Wally Lewis (Coach SOR Team 1994), Mark Coyne (Miracle try scorer),
Billy Moore and other members of the 1994 team.
Shane Richardson (Current CEO West Tigers; Ex CEO Penrith Panthers
2003 Premiers; Ex CEO South Sydney Rabbitohs 2014 Premiers)

Booking link:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CQNXU>

RSVP: Wednesday 12 June 2024 Mobile: 0432 313 366
Admin Secretary: Lisa McHarg Email: carbineclubqld@gmail.com



The recent Delegates Meeting engendered some lively debate on the benefits of getting to “away” club events and making good use of the full range of club events that are available to all members. The CCQLD event above booked out and that Club’s Magic Millions racing themed lunch held on the Gold Coast in January each year always attracts a great crowd including many members from a range of other clubs.

The major events in Victoria towards the latter end of the year always prove to be a great meeting place for members from across a wide cross section of membership – the aim is that we see more of that “cross pollination” and we will see some more emphasis as Clubs reach out to members across the board. As always, the events will be promulgated in The Carbiner.

Who would not enjoy the opportunity to take in a lunch at Lord’s, at least once in a lifetime? Or to attend a lunch in Singapore billed as “Locked Door Crabs and Cans”? Or perhaps the Formula One lunch also in the Lion City – the opportunity to join in as a travelling member is very worthy, just ask the team from CCPNG, known as “The Travelling Club”, because they just love to jet away in numbers and join in the fun wherever it may be.

Hospitality is assured for member visitors whether it be in one of the clubs in Australia or those scattered around the globe, so be sure to check the event calendar and maybe add another dimension to your travel arrangements.

Here is the list of events waiting to welcome you:

Calendar of Events - 2024

The Carbine Club



Tuesday 24th September – AFL Grand Final Luncheon at Crown Palladium
 Friday 1st November – VRC Derby Eve Luncheon at Crown Palladium

Australian Capital Territory



Wed 26 June – Carbine Club NRL State of Origin 2 Dinner – National Press Club (Members Only)
 Friday 6 September – AFL Finals Dinner – National Press Club (Members and Guests)
 Fri 4 October (TBC) – Tony Campbell Memorial Cup Day - Thoroughbred Park (Members and Guests)
 Mon 2 December – 12th Carbine Club Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day - Royal Canberra Golf Club (Members Only)

Mon 2 December – Members and Partners Christmas Cocktail Function – Royal Canberra Golf Club
 Friday 13 December – Carbine Club AGM / Christmas Lunch – National Press Club of Australia (Members Only)

Hong Kong



13 June – New Members Drinks
 27 Sept – International Cricket Lunch (Date TBC- likely move to Oct)
 24 Oct – CCHK Member Golf Day (date TBC)
 6 Dec – International Racing Lunch

London



1 July- Lord's Luncheon in the Long Room
 4 November – AGM and Sam Vestey Memorial Dinner, Bluebird Café, Chelsea

New South Wales



xx July – Olympics & Paralympics Lunch
 xx August – NRL Lunch
 xx Sept - AFL Lunch
 xx Dec Christmas Lunch

New Zealand



Northern Territory



Friday 14th June – V8 Supercars, “The Outlook” Hidden Valley Raceway
 Saturday 27th July – Derby Day, Wood Lounge Darwin Turf Club (200 max)
 Friday 2nd August – Darwin Cup Luncheon, Beachside Pavilion, Mindil Beach Casino (300 max)
 September TBC – Founders Lunch (MO)
 October TBC – Cox Plate Lunch (M&G)
 December TBC – Christmas Dinner (M& P)

Papua New Guinea



APEC Haus

21 June – Gantry Lunch (MO) – RPYC PMGFC Gantry
 16 Aug – Italian Lunch (MO) – Lamana
 20 Sep – Sportsmans Lunch – Cricket T20 World Cup – Hilton Hotel
 28 Oct – Cox Plate Day – Aviat Club
 XX Dec – Members Xmas Cocktail Party

Queensland



21 June- State of Origin Lunch, Tattersalls
 10 October – Cricket Lunch, Cricketers Club

Singapore



18 July – Locked Door “Crabs and Cans” Lunch, Grand Hyatt Singapore
 16 August – Death of Singapore Horse Racing Service and Wake, Grand Hyatt
 20 Sep – Formula One Grand Prix Lunch (Grand Hyatt)
 6 Dec – Christmas Lunch (Grand Hyatt)

South Australia



26 July – Members Anniversary Luncheon, Norwood Football Club Function Room
 19 Sep – SANFL Grand Final Luncheon, Adelaide Oval
 Dec – Test Cricket Luncheon, Adelaide Oval (TBC)

Tasmania



Tokyo



Vanuatu



Western Australia



XX July – Legends of Sport Luncheon
 20 Sept – WAFL Grand Final Luncheon, Hyatt Regency
 22 Nov – Racing Luncheon, Hyatt Regency

The Carbine Club of South Australia – The Beginning

Barry Smith, considered to be the founding Member of the Carbine Club in SA, experienced the values of the Carbine Club when attending a number of Carbine Club functions in Melbourne whilst employed and living in Melbourne with the TAB.

Barry was transferred to Adelaide during April of 1982 to take up his position as Chief Executive Officer of the SATAB. Shortly after his arrival he was invited to the SAJC to attend a luncheon following a committee meeting. During this luncheon, invitations to the SAJC Cup Carnival were presented to him along with appropriate explanations for each function. It was at this time that he enquired about attending the Carbine Club Racing Function. To Barry's surprise, the reply was that The Club did not exist in Adelaide and furthermore there was not a need for such a Club as it may have difficulties in surviving.

It was at that precise time that Barry Francis Smith decided to establish The Carbine Club of South Australia – later to become an incorporated body. Barry was envious of The Club Members in Melbourne because he had always considered the club functions to be enjoyable and it was difficult to obtain an invitation to attend and quite impossible to become a member. This was his opportunity to be a member of The Carbine Club.

Following the completion of the SAJC Adelaide Cup Carnival, Barry proceeded with the appropriate action to obtain the "Charter" from The Carbine Club located in Melbourne, Victoria to establish a division of The Club in Adelaide, South Australia. After irregular correspondence and negotiations, the "Charter" was granted by the Committee and presented to Barry in Melbourne during the September of 1982 Grand Final Football Luncheon. Of great assistance in this regard was Jack Rutter the then Chief Executive of VICTAB and an influential Member of The Carbine Club.

Upon receipt of the "Charter" Barry then proceeded with the arduous task of establishing The Club. The SATAB was requested to supply, at no cost, administrative and secretariat services to The Club as was the case in NSW. This was "reluctantly" approved by the Board. The service was ably provided by the secretaries of the SATAB for some ten years before being provided by IGC Ltd.

The request for Barry Smith to be the inaugural President of The Club was rejected by the SATAB Board. This was due to the fact that the Board Members could not be convinced that The Carbine Club would be successful in Adelaide, and they have been associated with too many failures in recent years.

In the months of November and December in 1982, Barry co-opted a few people to assist him – a committee of sorts was formed comprising:

Eric Gilbert
John Hardy
Leo Ryan
Neil Abercrombie

Adelaide Journalist Geoff Roach who provided information on the local sporting politics. From this group, a list of potential inaugural members was formulated.

Merv Powell, Chairman of SATAB and former Chairman & Vice Chairman of Adelaide Racing Club, following his attendance at the Melbourne Carbine Club's VRC Melbourne Cup Carnival, Derby Day Luncheon in 1982, experienced the enormous success the function had achieved, manipulated his appointment as The Clubs first President Elect.

During February 1983 Barry found himself as Host Chairman to an Australasian Off-Course Betting Conference being held in Adelaide, which included many overseas guests, consequently, it became obvious that the objectives of holding the Inaugural Luncheon in May 1983 could not be achieved and a new target of September 1983 was set as part of the SANFL Grand Final weeks activities.

However, things did not go smoothly, Merv Powell - the President Elect, suffered a major heart attack leaving him quite unwell and he subsequently advised Barry Smith that he was unable to be the Inaugural President. Merv passed away a few weeks later.

George Joseph, a former Lord Mayor of Adelaide, and a prominent figure in a few different sports was then approached to be the Inaugural President. After some days of consideration, he declined the honour with thanks.

Geoff Roach then suggested Glen McMahon be approached and offered the position. He had just retired as the Chairman of the Norwood Football Club. Whilst Abercrombie, Gilbert or Hardy would have been able Presidents, it was considered that for the Club to succeed an Adelaide sporting identity would be preferred to a person who had just arrived from interstate.

Barry had been introduced to Glen McMahon, who owned the Video & Filming rights for Metropolitan Racing at the time, Barry put the proposition to Glen to become President. He required time to consider the offer, being a successful businessman, the effect on his business needed to be assessed. Barry found it difficult to explain the actual concept to Glen who had some concerns it may have been similar to an Accountants, Engineer or Lawyers regular society luncheons. Time was now running out quickly but after Barry's convincing sales pitch to Glen, he agreed to accept the position on the condition the two of them travelled to Melbourne to attend the 1983 Grand Final Football Luncheon. That they did as special guests of The Carbine Club, VFL and other organisations.

Barry and Glenn's visit to Melbourne was enjoyable and worthwhile because any doubts Glen had about becoming President, were well and truly overcome.

Arrangements for the Inaugural Luncheon were proceeding satisfactorily being forwarded to potential Members on the 23rd day of August 1983. This was sent in the form of an Invitation to participate as a Member of The Carbine Club of South Australia.

The letter went on to say that "The Carbine Club was an established club of sporting identities which was first commenced in Victoria in the early 1960's and had since been established in New South Wales, Tasmania, Queensland and New Zealand.

The major objectives of the Club was to conduct an organisation of non-political character, to provide for regular luncheons, social and sporting activities among its Members and their friends and to invite people of distinction and attainment to be guests of honour at Luncheons and activities".

The inaugural meeting and luncheon was to be held in the Function Room of the Belair Hotel, 141 Main Road, Blackwood on Friday September 30th 1983 at 12.30 pm. Attending the meeting would be two representatives of the Victoria Carbine Club, Mr Phil Gibbs, President and Mr Trevor Craddock the Honorary Secretary. Attached to the correspondence was an application form and a request for payment of \$70.00 for Joining and Membership Fees.

The letter of invitation also advised the potential Members that the Inaugural President Elect was Glenn McMahon who with Deputy President – Barry Smith, Treasurer – Mr John Hardy, State Manager of Burroughs Australia Ltd, Committeeman Mr Geoff Roach – Journalist and John Livy as Honorary Secretary, would form the initial Committee with one Committee position to remain vacant.

Original Members at the meeting and luncheon for The Carbine Club of South Australia were as follows:

Neil ABERCOMBIE

Neil BALME

Wolf BLASS

Malcom BLIGHT

David COLES

Des CORCORAN

John DOHERTY

Colin EGAR

Graham FERRETT

Bruce FULLERTON

Eric GILBERT

John HARDY – Honorary Treasurer

Colin HAYES

Alan HICKINBOTHAM
David HOOKES
Jim JOHNSON
George JOSEPH
Neil KERLEY
John LETTS
John Livy – Honorary Secretary
Bruce McAVANEY
Ken McGREGOR
Glenn McMAHON - President
Geoff ROACH – Committeeman
Bob ROBERTSON
Leo RYAN
Barry SMITH – Vice President
Bob ZERELLA

Absent Members were: Max BASHEER – was detained with the SANFL Grand Final Parade in Rundle Mall, Ken CUNNINGHAM – did not attend, Leo RYAN - was in the USA on business.

This luncheon is now history and Glenn McMahon became the Inaugural President of The Carbine Club of South Australia and he approached the position with the gusto and enthusiasm that only Glen could produce with his own personality and style. This approach certainly proved to be one of the major reasons the Club is a success today – under Glen’s leadership the luncheons became the most enjoyable and entertaining in Adelaide.

With respect to the Guests of Honour listed on the official first Luncheon Menu, Trevor Craddock and Michael Winneke withdrew at short notice because of business commitments. Maurice Cavanaugh an Inaugural Member of The Carbine Club in Victoria attended instead and presented the objectives and history of The Carbine Club ably assisted by Phil Gibbs, the President.

Position of Patron:

Correspondence record show that the Secretary wrote on September 1st, 1983, to the then Governor Sir Donald Dunstan KBE., CB, KStJ. To be Patron of The Carbine Club of South Australia which was being formed. A reply was received from Government House Secretary P. T. Johnston, “that His Excellency has considered your request and regrets that as a matter of general policy, is unable to grant Patronage to The Club. His Excellency shares the view which is now held throughout the Commonwealth that Vice Regal Representatives do not accept the office of Patron of an organisation until it has been established and in operation over a period of years and has a successful history or record of useful activity.”

Further correspondence was forwarded to Sir Donald Bradman on September 12th, 1983 inviting him to accept the position of Patron of The Carbine club of South Australia
On 15th September, 1983 correspondence was received from Sir Donald Bradman stating “You intend to pay me an honour, and you do indeed pay me an honour, by inviting me to be patron of The Carbine Club of South Australia. I have been well acquainted for some years with the Victorian and am aware of its ramifications, and have sympathy with its objectives but with the best goodwill in the world I regret that I cannot accept your invitation.”

CCSA has continued to prosper thanks to the solid foundation laid by the inaugural Members and support of subsequent Committee Members.

The Carbine Club of SA is blessed to continue to enjoy the support of the following inaugural Members;

Founding and Life Member : Barry Smith

Life Member Max Basheer AM

Life Member Wolf Blass AM

Senior Member John Hardy

Special Member Geoff Roach