



The Carbiner

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Queensland – State of Origin Luncheon

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Plus –In History... Congressional Capers and Gordon Bray Book Launch

The Carbine Club of Queensland – State of Origin Lunch



The Carbine Club Queensland held its annual State of Origin Lunch at Tattersall's Club Brisbane on the 21st June. The luncheon theme, "30 Years on And it's Still a Miracle" reminisced over the last minute try scored by QLD's Mark Coyne (now a CCNSW member) in the final seconds to win game 1, 1994.

Special guests Mark Coyne, Wally Lewis (coach), Chris Close (assistant manager) and Queenslander Billy Moore (team member) recalled this miracle and other origin moments of this series with pre-lunch interviews. **Steve Ricketts, Syd Yates OBE CCQ Secretary, Des Morris OA, President Peter Gwynne**

President Peter Gwynne welcomed a function room of 240 members and guests to an enthralling, entertaining afternoon. MC Peter Psaltis, Channel 9 Queensland Commentator also welcomed QRL Chairman Bruce Hatcher and CEO Ben Ikin (CCQ special member) to the lunch.

The lunch formalities began with Steve Ricketts (Retired Courier Mail Rugby League journalist) "striking up" a new CCQ Des Morris Medal and annual bursary.

Des, a senior member of CCQ, played 16 games for QLD 1969-1979, coached the Queensland State of Origin Team 1985 and was a Queensland selector for many years. A special toast was made by Bruce Hatcher on behalf of QRL to DES Morris OAM to mark this occasion.

After lunch Alan Thomas OAM (CCQ special member) interviewed Shane Richardson, current Wests Tigers CEO and former Penrith Panthers & South Sydney Rabbitohs Premierships CEO, who gave an intriguing insight into his long and successful rugby league administration career and what makes a successful NRL club.

Many members and guests adjourned to the members bar at Tattersall's Club to continue the occasion & good fellowship.

Next Event- the Cricket Lunch at The Cricketers Club on the 10th of October



Back: George Doniger, Rod Morris
Front: Des Morris OA, Shane Edwards, Greg Veivers



Back: Wally Lewis, Ben Ikin, Chris Close, Billy Moore

Front: Mark Coyne, President Peter Gwynne, Jim Banaghan, Rob Dawson

Michael Robinson, Shane Richardson, Danny Copley CCQ Vice President

PNG Gantry Lunch



The Carbine Club of Papua New Guinea held its Gantry – Members Only Lunch on Friday 21st June at the PNG Game Fishing Club (pictured). President Tony Carbry MBE welcomed the membership and provided an update in all things happening in the world of Carbine. The event was well attended with 32 confirmed to enjoy the best local seafood on offer in the Nation’s Capital.

The world-renowned Tiger Prawns of PNG, grilled on the BBQ with spices and a

combination of Penfold’s red’s to excite the taste buds, proved to be a culinary favourite with the members. There is a casual dress code (club Polo Shirts) for the lunch, with attendees braving the harsh PNG Winters at 32°C, at the picturesque port setting.

The membership was entertained by Mr. Lawrence Acanufa (CCPNG member) an ex-PNG Rugby Union Puk Puk representative with his “Avago Ya Mug” speech, on his journey from Nudgee College 1st XV rugby through to Australian School Boys Honours and to now aspiring to be selected and represent Golf PNG in future international competition. A true athlete, driven by the hunger of competition.

The final speaker of the day was PNG’s most famous Olympian and Commonwealth Gold Medalist, Mr. Ryan Pini MBE, in his newly appointed role as Chef De Mission for Team PNG, attending the Paris Olympic Games. He provided a detailed report on the athletes and teams attending qualifying events and those that have already qualified.

Another successful and well responded lunch, those that could not make it due to business commitments or travel, will have the opportunity at the next members only Italian themed Lunch, Friday 16th August.

(thanks to Max Beagrie, Secty for the news from PNG and to Jason Drews for the photos)





L-President Tony Carbry MBE addresses the membership.
Below - Member Laurance Acanufa had the members entertained



Member Ryan Pini updating the membership on Team PNG's preparation for the Olympics - Paris 2024











Members David Doig, Robbie Huxley, Dan Cassell discuss the charter of the A380 for the proposed Carbine Club Manila inaugural lunch.

The Carbiner relies on input from the Clubs – send your stories, items of interest etc to:
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Calendar of Events - 2024

	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Carbine Club</i></p> <p>Tuesday 24th September – AFL Grand Final Luncheon at Crown Palladium Friday 1st November – VRC Derby Eve Luncheon at Crown Palladium</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Australian Capital Territory</i></p> <p>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)</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Hong Kong</i></p> <p>27 Sept – International Cricket Lunch (Date TBC- likely move to Oct) 24 Oct – CCHK Member Golf Day (date TBC) 6 Dec – International Racing Lunch</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>London</i></p> <p>4 November – AGM and Sam Vestey Memorial Dinner, Bluebird Café, Chelsea</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>New South Wales</i></p> <p>Rugby League Lunch -TBC Christmas Lunch- TBC</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>New Zealand</i></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Northern Territory</i></p> <p>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)</p>

 <p>APEC Haus</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Papua New Guinea</p> <p>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</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Queensland</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 October – Cricket Lunch, Cricketers Club</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Singapore</p> <p>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)</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">South Australia</p> <p>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)</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Tasmania</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Tokyo</p> <p>CCTokyo working towards establishing events associated with AFL GF and Japan Cup to complement their Melbourne Cup event – more to follow.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Vanuatu</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Western Australia</p> <p>XX July – Legends of Sport Luncheon 20 Sept – WAFL Grand Final Luncheon, Hyatt Regency 22 Nov – Racing Luncheon, Hyatt Regency</p>

In History..... The Congress

In 2011 Robin Flannery (CCQLD) compiled a wonderful book of stories titled “Carbine Club Classics” as part of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Club.

The late and great Allen Aylett was the inaugural Congress Chairman, and he provided a story for the book which included the section on Congress history reproduced overleaf.

CONGRESSIONAL CAPERS

By ALLEN AYLETT

Nearly two decades have passed since the inaugural Carbine Club Congress in 1992 at the Gold Coast, organized by the Carbine Club of Queensland and based on an underlying theme of fun and friendship. It was held at the suggestion of former AFL champion and Victorian Minister for Sport and Racing Brian Dixon. Subsequent congresses have been hosted by the Carbine Clubs of New Zealand (1994), Hong Kong (1996), Western Australia (1998), South Australia (2000), Northern Territory (2002), Tasmania (2004), New South Wales / Australian Capital Territory (2008), and our mother club, The Carbine Club, in 2006. Partners were integral to the success of the assemblies and deserve special thanks for their tolerance of what Queensland member Ian Harvey's son described as "Schoolies Week for the oldies".

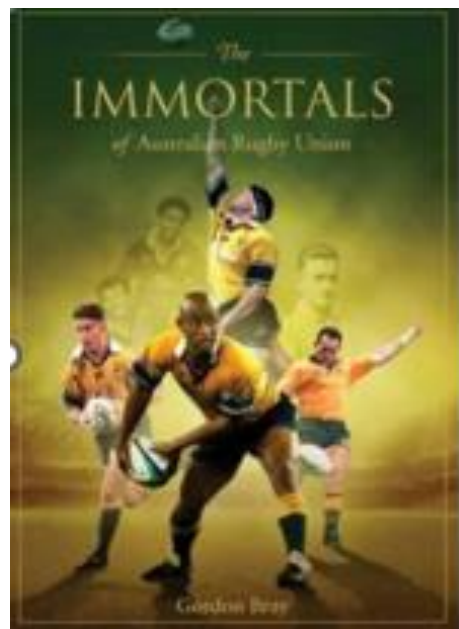
In addition to me as Congress Chairman and Jo Tregear, our Congress Manager, there were six hardy souls who attended every one of those nine congresses: Robin Flannery (NT & QLD), Joe Lomas (PNG), Michael O'Brien (HK & QLD), Ken Page (NSW), Tom Stanley (QLD) and Jim Wright (WA). Personality-wise they were a mixed bunch, not unlike any of our clubs where members come together in the spirit of sporting fellowship irrespective of outside allegiances.

Since Allen penned those words there have been more fun filled Congress events: New Zealand in 2010, Hong Kong/Beijing in 2012, Gold Coast in 2014, WA in 2016, and Papua New Guinea in 2018. CCWA Life Member Lloyd Meredith took over the reins as Congress Chairman after 2008, guiding the organising committees towards these five hugely successful events.

The disruptions of recent years took their toll on any planning for further Congresses: at this stage the next event which is scheduled for 2026 sits with CCTAS.

Gordon Bray Book Launch

CCNSW Member Gordon Bray recently launched a book on his beloved Rugby Union, this one profiling a best of the best 15 strong lineup of Australian rugby union players titled *The Immortals*. Gordon was joined at Australia House for the launch by a diverse group of guests which included George Gregan and Michael Lynagh who joined in a lively Q&A session, and where the guests also heard of Gordon's 40-year journey as 'the voice of rugby'.



"The Immortals" by Gordon Bray ISBN 9781922662033 Published 19/06/2024

A must for all rugby followers!