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New Venue for the big ones in WA



The Carbine Club of WA is looking for an alternative venue after it was recently announced that Perth's Hyatt Regency is to cease trading from August 31. The Hyatt has been operating on the banks of the Swan since 1988 and the walls could tell many a tale of Carbine Club luncheons over the years!

Secretary Michael Heath and the committee have the job of finding another venue for the Club's major events which are heavily supported and a highlight on the WA sporting calendar.

CCWA will be at the renowned Frasers Restaurant in Kings Park for their next event – the Legends of Sport Luncheon on 17 July.

Other major events scheduled for July are:

- **Singapore** – the intriguing Locked Door "Crabs and Cans" luncheon will take place at the Grand Hyatt on 18 July – can't wait to hear about that one which will no doubt add to the reputation of CCSingapore as a go to place for fine dining and refreshments!
- **South Australia on 26 July** – the Members Anniversary Luncheon at Norwood Footy Club where no doubt President Chris Dittmar, Secretary Neville Mead and the committee will have another great day planned.
- **Northern Territory** – thoroughbred horse racing warms up at this time of the year in Darwin as we head into the Darwin Cup Carnival. CCNT will be out in force at the Wood Lounge of the Darwin Turf Club at Fanny Bay on 27 July – 200 persons maximum so make sure you book early. Carbine Club member Grant Dewsbury, also CEO of the Turf Club, might be able to point out a few winners on the day?



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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>6 Sept – International Cricket Lunch 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>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>Queensland</p> <p>10 October – Cricket Lunch, Cricketers Club</p>
	<p>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>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>Tasmania</p>
	<p>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>Vanuatu</p>
	<p>Western Australia</p> <p>19 July – Legends of Sport Luncheon @Frasers 20 Sept – WAFL Grand Final Luncheon, venue TBA 22 Nov – Racing Luncheon, venue TBA</p>

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David Morrow to Hall of Fame

CCNSW member David Morrow is to be inducted into the NRL Hall of Fame.

The story below by Christian Nicolussi in the Sydney Morning Herald of 13 July tells the poignant story.

(David, at left, enjoying the moment with fellow CCNSW member Gordon Bray at the Club's 2023 Xmas Lunch).

Hadley hails Morrow as Australia's 'most versatile sports commentator'

Ray Hadley has hailed David Morrow as "the most versatile sports commentator Australia has produced" after it was announced this week he would be inducted into the NRL Hall of Fame.

There will be plenty of debate about who should become rugby league's next immortal - but many will applaud the decision to acknowledge Morrow's contribution to the game as he fights brain cancer.

Now 71, the man nicknamed 'Thirsty' struggles to speak, but was reduced to tears when good friend Hadley broke the news to him and his wife, Chris. Hadley is on the NRL's Hall of Fame committee, and had to seek permission from ARL Commission chairman Peter V'landys and CEO Andrew Abdo to go public with Morrow's honour.

"It's an acknowledgment for a bloke who spent over 50 years in broadcasting, and most of it in rugby league," said the host of 2GB's *Ray Hadley Morning Show*, which is owned by Nine Entertainment, publishers of the *Herald*. "It was always going to happen, but it's happened now under these circumstances, which are sad and tragic, but I'm also happy that 'Thirsty' is still here and can be acknowledged

by his peers and the NRL.

"He is, without doubt, the most versatile sports commentator Australia has produced. He did cricket better than most, was a race-caller along with me in the 1980s and 1990s - we'd call the Harold Park trots together - and you'd get to the Olympics and he could call track and field, hockey ... if there are 33 sports that need calling at these Paris Olympics, he could call 31 of them."

Morrow covered eight Olympic Games and six Commonwealth Games, including the 1994 edition in Canada when he and Hadley enjoyed a memorable night listening to stories from former ABC Perth caller George Grljusich until the early hours. Hadley also recalled the time they thought they would spend the night in a Manchester jail when Bob Fulton, the coach on a Kangaroos tour in 1990, got into a verbal confrontation with a police officer.

"'Bozo' [Fulton] kept telling the copper he had the biggest head he had seen," Hadley said. "[Peter] 'Chippy' Frilingos was driving. Thirsty and I were in the back seat and kept telling Bozo to keep quiet when making fun of this copper's head. But the officer ended up realising it was Bob Fulton, and

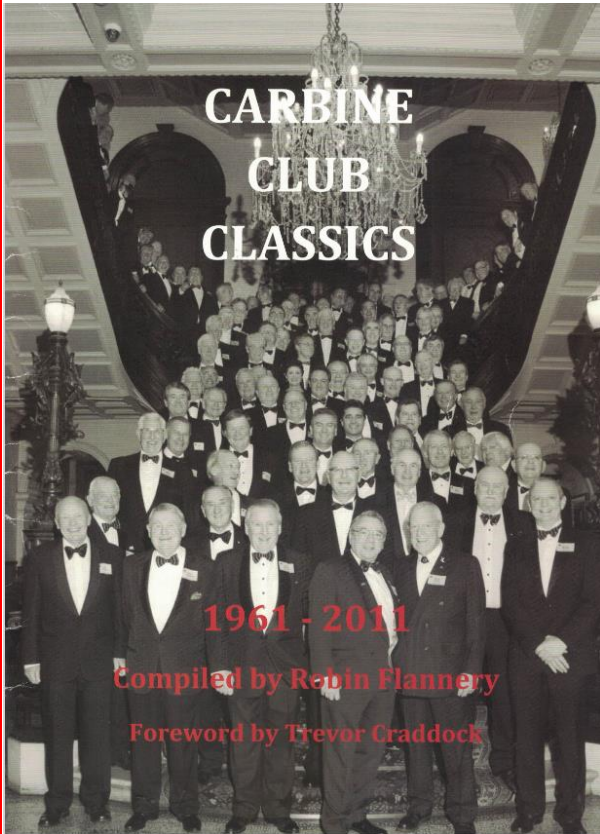
Instead of me and Thirsty thinking we were about [to go to jail], we got a police escort back into town."

Morrow retired at the start of the year after the cancer diagnosis. He told good friend Mark Levy, also a 2GB host, that the week before Christmas he had fallen in a pool and had briefly forgotten how to swim.

The NRL will hold a Hall of Fame induction ceremony on August 21
Christian Nicolussi



Hall of Fame: Sports commentator David Morrow. Photo: Supplied



In History.....

From time to time mention has been made of the booklet "Carbine Club Classics compiled by Robin Flannery to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Club.

Robin has provided an electronic copy of the booklet for those who may wish to dip into it for a glance of Club history.

The booklet can be viewed via the link:
[Carbine Club Classics](#)

Carbine's Melbourne Cup, 1890 - Anon

The race is run, the Cup is won, the great event is o'er.
The grandest horse that strode a course has led them home
once more.
I watched with pride your sweeping stride before you ranged
in line,
For far and near a ringing cheer was echoed for Carbine.

The start was made, no time delayed before they got away,
Those horses great, some thirty-eight, all eager for the fray.
No better start could human heart to sportsmen ever show
As Watson did, each jockey bid get ready for to go.

With lightning speed, each gallant steed along the green track tore;
Each jockey knew what he must do to finish in the fore.
But Ramage knew his mount was true, though he had 10-5 up,
For Musket's son great deeds had done before that Melbourne Cup.

No whip, nor spur, he needs to stir a horse to greater speed;
He knew as well as man can tell when he could take the lead.
So on he glides with even strides, though he is led by nine;
But Ramage knows before they close he'll try them with Carbine.

The bend is passed; the straight at last: he takes him to the fore.
The surging crowd with voices loud the stud's name loudly roar.
The jockey too, he full well knew the race was nearly o'er,
As on his mane he slacked the rein: no need to urge him more.

Brave horse and man who led the van on that November day!
Your records will be history still when ye have passed away.
For such a race, for weight and pace, has never been put up
As that deed done by Musket's son in the 1890 Cup.

