



# The Carbiner

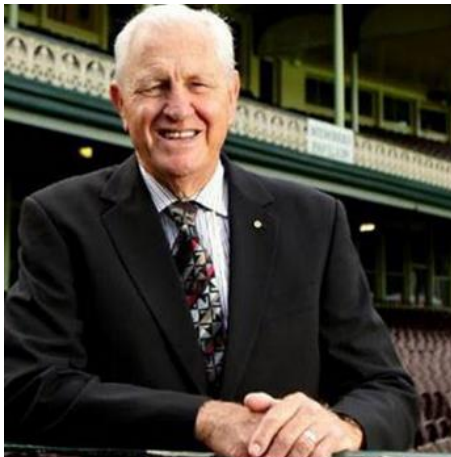
**"For sport and for good fellowship"**



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB

**EDITION 16 of 2024- 24 August**  
**Ron Coote AM – Rugby League Immortal**  
**PNG Italian Day**  
**Club Calendar**

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**RON COOTE AM (1987)**

**Carbine Club of NSW member since 1987, Ron Coote was this week crowned as rugby league's 14<sup>th</sup> Immortal.**

Following is Ron's bio from the CCNSW website detailing his stellar career leading up to Immortal status:

"Ron is an Australian former representative rugby league player whose club career was played with South Sydney and the Eastern Suburbs Roosters, both of whom he won premierships with. He is considered one of the nation's finest footballers of the 20th century. The Ron Coote Cup, contested annually by South Sydney Rabbitohs and the Sydney Roosters is named in his honour - his entire club career having been played at these two clubs. He played 151 games for South Sydney from 1964–71 and 108 games for Eastern Suburbs from 1972–1978. With both clubs enjoying success during his tenure, Coote's Grand Final record is phenomenal. He played in nine Grand Finals in 11 seasons from 1965 to 1975.

He won four premierships at Souths and consecutive premierships at Easts in seasons 1974 and 1975. An arm injury forced him into retirement in 1978. He represented Australia in 23 Tests and World Cup games between 1967 and 1975 and was captain for 3 games in the 1970 World Cup. After football Ron became a successful businessman owning a number of McDonald's franchises. He was at one time a member of the New South Wales Rugby League (NSWRL) judiciary. In 2000 he founded the Men of League program which supports former players, officials and referees who have fallen on hard times. The program offers practical assistance and grants for medical operations; it mentors players about to retire from the game and promotes the game in regional areas.

In 2004 he was named by Souths in their South Sydney Dream Team, consisting of 17 players and a coach representing the club from 1908 through to 2004, Coote has also been named in a team comprising Eastern Suburbs greatest ever players. In 2005 he was inducted into the Australian Rugby League Hall of Fame. In February 2008, Coote was named in the list of Australia's 100 Greatest Players (1908–2007) which was commissioned by the NRL and ARL to celebrate the code's centenary year in Australia. Coote went on to be named in the second-row in Australian rugby league's Team of the Century.

Announced on 17 April 2008, the team is the panel's majority choice for each of the thirteen starting positions and four interchange players. In 2008 New South Wales announced their rugby league team of the century also and again Coote was named at second-row. Coote was made a life member of the Sydney Cricket Ground and a plaque in the Walk of Honour there commemorates his career. He is a Member of the Order of Australia (AM)".

**Congratulations to Ron on this further acknowledgment of an amazing career.**

### PNG Italian Lunch

The Carbine Club of Papua New Guinea hosted the members only Italian Lunch on Friday 16th September. An impressive setting within Port Moresby, The Lamana Hotel also known as “the party capital” was the venue for the lunch. The hotel is known for its multiple restaurants and being the premier location for visiting international musical performances.

President Tony Carbry MBE delivered his customary address to the 34 members in attendance, keeping all updated on Carbine events and sponsorship. During the three course meal accompanied by ice cold SP Beer and fine wines, the membership were entertained with three speakers.

*Vice President – Reg Monagi, Patron – Isikeli Taureka, President – Tony Carbry MBE, Member - Sir Mahesh Patel OBE.*



The first speaker of the afternoon, Special Member Scott Barker (PNG Hunters – CEO) (*pic left*) regaled with the history of his sporting prowess as a junior rugby league player and die-hard fan in the northern suburbs of Brisbane, which then lead to his pathway to pull off the boots and pursue a career with the Brisbane Broncos coaching staff. With nearly a decade of working closely with super coach Wayne Bennet at various clubs, Scott has become a well-respected high-performance analyst and modern innovator in the game of rugby league. We are fortunate to have him in PNG and involved in our national sport.

The second speaker of the lunch was Special Member Richard Done (Cricket PNG – CEO), (*pic right*) who provided a brief report on the PNG Barramundis (PNG Men’s Cricket Team) T20 Cricket World Cup campaign and the near upset PNG had over heavyweights the West Indies. Richard’s insight into the T20 World Cup kept the members engaged with questions from the floor and advising us on what’s next for PNG Cricket, the only truly indigenous international team in the sport.



## CARBINER 16-2024

Last but not least, having literally just stepped off a plane from Europe, Member Ryan Pini MBE provided an update on the Olympics, Team PNG and his role as Chef De Mission. No stranger to the Olympics, having been to four as a competitor and now as an administrator. Ryan has never floated down a river for an Opening Ceremony, which has left one of the many unique memories of the Paris Olympics that he shared with the membership. PNG having only a small contingent of athletes this year, have brought a lot of experience back to be shared within the sporting bodies and athletes who did not have the opportunity in competing. Ryan will be building up Team PNG for LA28.

A great afternoon had by all, with an inspiring closing toast to Carbine by Committee Member Brent St Hill, (*pic right*) done in style with his drop of choice from the old country, Limoncello. Cheers!



Member – Patrick Trubert,  
Committee Member – John  
Robinson, Past President –  
Michael Harrison.










*Meet and greet on the balcony*


*(Thanks to Max Beagrie for news from PNG and to Official Photographer Jason Drews for the pics)*

## Calendar of Events - 2024

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>The Carbine Club</i></b></p> <p>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September – AFL Grand Final Luncheon at Crown Palladium                  Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November – VRC Derby Eve Luncheon at Crown Palladium</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Australian Capital Territory</i></b></p> <p>Friday 6 September – AFL Finals Dinner – National Press Club (Members and Guests)                  Fri 4 October (TBC) – Tony Campbell Memorial Cup Day – T’bred 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 GC                  Friday 13 December – Carbine Club AGM / Christmas Lunch – National Press Club of Australia (Members Only)</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Hong Kong</i></b></p> <p>Fri 6 Sept – International Cricket Lunch, Hyatt Regency TST                  Thu 24 Oct – CCHK Member Golf Day, Clearwater Bay Country Club                  Fri 6 Dec – International Racing Lunch, Grand Hyatt</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>London</i></b></p> <p>4 November – AGM and Sam Vestey Memorial Dinner, Bluebird Café, Chelsea</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>New South Wales</i></b></p> <p>27 Sep - Rugby League Lunch, Four Seasons Hotel                  Christmas Lunch- TBC</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>New Zealand</i></b></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Northern Territory</i></b></p> <p>September TBC – Founders Lunch (MO)                  October TBC – Cox Plate Lunch (M&amp;G)                  December TBC – Christmas Dinner (M&amp; P)</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Papua New Guinea</i></b></p> <p>20 Sep – Sportsmans Lunch – Cricket T20 World Cup – Hilton Hotel                  28 Oct – Cox Plate Day – Aviat Club                  XX Dec – Members Xmas Cocktail Party</p>

APEC Haus

	<p><b>Queensland</b></p> <p>10 October – Cricket Lunch, Cricketers Club</p>
	<p><b>Singapore</b></p> <p>20 Sep – Formula One Grand Prix Lunch (Grand Hyatt) 6 Dec – Christmas Lunch (Grand Hyatt)</p>
	<p><b>South Australia</b></p> <p>19 Sep – SANFL Grand Final Luncheon, Adelaide Oval Dec – Test Cricket Luncheon, Adelaide Oval (TBC)</p>
	<p><b>Tasmania</b></p> <p>18 Oct – AGM and Luncheon at Elwick Racecourse- Brendan Gale special guest!</p>
	<p><b>Tokyo</b></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><b>Vanuatu</b></p> <p>Friday 30 Aug – Members Luncheon Friday 11 Oct – Sports Function @ Le Lagoon Friday 29 Nov- Members Luncheon Monday 27 Jan – New Year Function @ Tamanu</p>
	<p><b>Western Australia</b></p> <p>20 Sept – WAFL Grand Final Luncheon, venue TBA 22 Nov – Racing Luncheon, venue TBA</p>





**THE CARBINE CLUB**  
QUEENSLAND

*Bill Brown Medal Award*

**Queensland Cricketer's Club**  
The Gabba, 411 Vulture Street, East Brisbane  
**Thursday 10 October 2024**  
11.30am - 3.30pm

**Cost: \$200 per person**

**Dress:** Coat, tie and name badges for members

**MC and Special Guest Speaker:**  
Ian Healey and Cricket Legend, Matthew Hayden

**Special Guest:**  
Crash Craddock will be presenting the Bill Brown Medal.

**Bookings:** <https://www.trybooking.com/QUONJ>

RSVP: Wednesday 2 October 2024  
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COMMITTEE HAVE THE PLEASURE IN INVITING  
**CARBINE CLUB MEMBERS AND GUESTS**  
TO THE

*59th Carbine Club*  
ANNUAL GRAND  
FINAL LUNCHEON

PALLADIUM AT CROWN

SEPTEMBER 24th



TUESDAY

12:00PM ARRIVAL FOR 12:30PM START

LEVEL 1 CROWN TOWERS  
8 WHITEMAN STREET, MELBOURNE

DRESS - GENTLEMEN: JACKET & TIE, LADIES: AS APPROPRIATE  
**BOOKINGS - [www.thecarbineclub.org](http://www.thecarbineclub.org)**

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