



The Carbiner

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB

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The Carbine Club – 59th AFL Grand Final Luncheon

Words from CC Secretary Graham Halbish, photos from Gordon Bennett, photographer to the stars

Almost 1,000 members, guests & sponsors filled the Palladium Room at Crown for the traditional Tuesday of Grand Final week gathering.

The room looked spectacular, with the excitement generated by the lead in matches carried into the atmosphere of the day.



Co-hosts Brian Taylor & Abbey Holmes were great, engaging with many personalities sprinkled around the room, before introducing Carbine Club President Adam Sangster who gave a warm welcome to all present, acknowledging the many guests present from sister CC's.

Adam also noted the loss during the year of highly esteemed Carbine Club stalwarts, Kevan Gosper, Brian Tobin & Sir Donald Trescowthick. Vale to all.

CC member Jonathan Brown welcomed new AFL CEO Andrew Dillon (also a CC member) for his first time on stage at the helm, highlighted by a rapid fire 20 questions at the end, which proved to be humorous, insightful & quirky. A great introduction to the CC audience by both. Well done!

Importantly, a spirited auction segment led by BT from the stage raised \$15,000 adding towards the annual Carbine Club \$100k support of the VIS & DSR. Both organisations being well represented by athletes & officials, on the day. We thank the AFL & Club member David Evans, for generously providing the excellent offerings of Grand Final tickets & a Cathedral Golf course experience.

Eddie McGuire, with his usual aplomb, introduced our two new Carbine Legends inductees, AFL umpire "Razor" Ray Chamberlain & Kangaroos champion Glenn Archer. Both deemed very worthy recipients of the honour, in a very entertaining segment.

A spectacular finale, celebrating the Paris Olympics was presented by the leading lady from the Australian production of Moulin Rouge, Alinta Chidzey, who wowed the big audience with a fantastic vocal performance. Thank you Alinta.

Another great day, reaffirmed by the buzz in the room afterwards & then in the Atrium Bar, downstairs at Crown.





CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHAEL CHRISTIAN!



Carbine Club Member Michael Christian will be celebrating long and hard after the super mare that he bred and is managing owner of, Bella Nipotina, put up an amazing performance to take out the \$20M The Everest, Australia’s richest race, at Royal Randwick on Saturday.

From the wide number 12 barrier draw which meant a wide passage, jockey Craig Williams sent Bella Nipotina forward to stalk the leaders, and despite the extra ground covered the seven-year-old Pride Of Dubai mare was too strong, and brave in victory.

Bella Nipotina added \$7,459,000 to her winnings taking her lifetime total to \$14.9M – certainly cause for celebration!

1st		4. BELLA NIPOTINA (AUS) 7yo M PRIDE OF DUBAI (AUS) - BELLA ORFANA (AUS)	CRAIG WILLIAMS CIARON MAHER	\$9 56.5kg
<p><i>M Christian, Ms S Miller, Mrs P Christian, A Ingersole, M Johnston, Porter Pelchen Bloodstock (Mgr: W Pelchen) & B Christian</i></p>				

The Carbine Club of Western Australia – WAFL Grand Final Luncheon

(Thanks to Jason Woodchester for the news from the West)



2023 Sandover Medallist Hamish Brayshaw, with Brownlow Medallists Ben Cousins (2005), Simon Black (2002) and Graham Moss (1976).

The Carbine Club of Western Australia held the WAFL Grand Final luncheon on Friday 20 September at Optus Stadium, celebrating the seasons of minor premiers East Perth and the highly competitive Peel Thunder football clubs on the eve of the 2024 Grand Final. MC Mark Readings commenced the day by introducing the captains and coaches of the grand finalists and also welcomed to the stage joint 2024 WAFL Sandover Medallists Nik Rokahr (Swan Districts) and Callan

England (Claremont), and 2024 WAFLW Dhara Kerr medallist Jayme Harken (Claremont) to receive their Carbine Club of WA medals.

President Matt Fahey welcomed the room full of 550 guests who included a mixture of some of WA's finest ever footballers amongst many of the current WAFL and AFL playing community in attendance.

Special guest speakers included WA Brownlow Medallists Graham Moss (1976), Simon Black (2002) and Ben Cousins (2005) alongside the 2023 Sandover Medallist Hamish Brayshaw, who reminisced on their own personal memories of winning the Brownlow (and Sandover) in their respective years. Danielle Laidley was then welcomed to the stage and spoke of raising awareness for gender dysphoria and her own personal transitioning journey, which included an insightful look into her past as an AFL Coach and premiership player and was welcomed with the full attention of every person in the room.

Two enthusiastic winning auction bidders were then lucky enough to secure a presentation case containing a Sherrin signed by each of the Brownlow Medallists in attendance, and being a new venue for Carbine Club of WA, the day finished with a few drinks and general banter on the Bankwest Terrace overlooking the playing surface of Optus Oval, where Peel Thunder were to eventually outplay East Perth for the 2024 Premiership two days following.



L – 2005 Brownlow Medallist Ben Cousins, CCWA President Matthew Fahey, former AFL Coach and Premiership player Danielle Laidley and 1983 Sandover Medallist Bryan Cousins.

Below : MC Mark Readings interviews Grand Final Panel representing Peel Thunder and East Perth Football Clubs.



L- Joint 2024 Sandover Medallists Nik Rokahr (Swan Districts) and Callan England (Claremont)

Next Event – CCWA Racing Lunch at Frasers Restaurant, Kings Park.



Carbine Club of Queensland

The Celebration of Cricket: 2024 Bill Brown Medal Luncheon

(Thaks to Lisa McHarg once again for the news from Sunny Queensland)



Callum Vidler (Bill Brown Medal Winner) with Geoff Brown (eldest son of Bill Brown)

On Thursday, October 10th, 2024, the Queensland Cricketers Club buzzed with excitement as the Carbine Club of Queensland hosted the prestigious Bill Brown Medal luncheon. This year's event held special significance, marking the 20th anniversary of the Bill Brown Medal—a tradition celebrating the legacy of one of cricket's most revered figures and rewarding Queensland's up and coming cricketer. Adding to the momentous occasion was the presence of Geoff Brown, the eldest son of the late Bill Brown, who attended the event for the first time, bringing with him cherished memories of his father.



Ian Healy and Matthew Hayden

As always, the master of ceremonies was none other than Ian Healy, the legendary Australian wicketkeeper. Known not only for his cricketing prowess but also for his dynamic presence as an entertainer, Healy once again offered his services with professionalism, wit, and charm. The room filled with laughter and anticipation as Healy introduced the special guest speaker, another cricketing legend, Matthew Hayden—former Queensland and Australian Test opener.

The audience was captivated by the playful yet profound interchanges between “Heals” and “Haydos,” both sharing memories of their time on the pitch and personal reflections. Hayden, humbled by the honour of being the guest speaker, recalled a particular moment early in his career that defined his batting style. During one of his conversations with Bill Brown, Hayden asked for advice on how to become a successful batsman. Bill's response, simple yet profound, echoed in Hayden's mind throughout his career: “You have to hit the sight screen more often than not.” This sage counsel likely influenced Hayden's famously aggressive and powerful approach to batting, which saw him become one of Australia's greatest Test openers.

The luncheon also featured Robert “Crash” Craddock, a respected cricket journalist, who interviewed Callum Vidler, the 2024 recipient of the Bill Brown Medal. Vidler's triumph was celebrated as the latest chapter in Queensland cricket's illustrious history. Craddock's interview with Geoff Brown offered guests a heartfelt and intimate perspective on his father's cricketing legacy. Geoff shared personal anecdotes that brought Bill Brown's character to life, allowing the audience to connect with the man behind the cricketing legend.

But the event wasn't just about honouring the past. Former Test players John Maguire, Geoff Dymock, Martin Kent, and Nathan Hauritz were also present, lending their own experiences to the event's rich tapestry of cricketing history. Ian Healy, ever the engaging host, took the opportunity to conduct roving interviews with the former players, further enriching the afternoon's stories of triumph and camaraderie.

One particularly memorable moment came when Healy interviewed Ron McConnell, a newly appointed life member of the Carbine Club of Queensland. McConnell's contributions to Queensland cricket have been invaluable, and during his interview, he offered the crowd an inside look at his efforts to bring the legendary Allan Border to Queensland—a pivotal moment in the state's cricketing history. McConnell's reflections on his

sponsorship of Queensland cricket were a testament to the enduring partnerships that have shaped the sport. The services of Carbine Club Queensland member, Dr Tom Dooley was also recognised for his long and proud association with most sports, including Rugby League and Cricket.

As the luncheon drew to a close, the room was filled with an unmistakable sense of shared history and pride. The Carbine Club of Queensland had once again succeeded in not only honouring the legacy of Bill Brown but also celebrating the present and future of Queensland cricket. The event served as a reminder of how the sport continues to connect generations, creating a rich, unbroken thread of tradition, mentorship, and excellence.



Robbie McHarg, Bob McHarg (CC QLD Honorary Life Member), Lisa McHarg (CC QLD Admin Secretary), Ian Healy, Archie Taylor (Grandson of Bob McHarg)



Ian Healy and Ron McConnell (Honorary Life Member CC QLD)



Some of the winners of the reverse auction for signed Ian Healy and Matthew Hayden signed cricket jumpers

Dr Tom Dooley (CC QLD Member)



Matthew Hayden, Ian Healy, Peter Gwynne (CC QLD President), Ian Hollindale (CC QLD Patron)



Allan Godbee(CCQLD Member)and guests





L-Andrew Ramsey(CC QLD Member and Cricket Lunch Organiser), Tina Brown (the late Bill Brown's Granddaughter), Crash Craddock, Syd Yates (CC QLD Secretary)
R- Jeffrey Kruger (CC QLD Member), Merrell Kruger (CC QLD Honorary Life Member) and guests.

Manila Carbine Club – The Inaugural Event

Once we get to the annual Derby Eve luncheon it seems like it is only a very short and quick step to Christmas, and then it's off to another year!

Members may be contemplating a holiday trip to the Philippines and taking in the inaugural Carbine Club Luncheon there on 1 March- adding to the holiday atmosphere and with such a wonderful climate, opportunities abound for a memorable holiday.

Foundation President Chris Moriarty previously told us that Tara would be happy to advise visiting members on options: Tara has told us here at The Carbiner that one great spot is Borocay Island, described as follows:

- Philippines most famous holiday island
- Not dissimilar to Bali (*the good bits!*)
- From back packers' hostels to six-star hotels
- 3 – 4 kilometres long beach where you can walk and see many cafés, restaurants and bars. High end at one end of the beach and hostels at the other.

- Famous Italian restaurant located in station 2 – Aria Cucina Italiana
- Famous Spanish restaurant located in station 3 - Dos Mestizos
- Famous breakfast place located in station 2 - Real Coffee

Accommodation:

Shangri-La Boracay

- Private boat from Caticlan Jetty port
- The resort is situated on the northwestern tip of the island in Punta Bunga Cove & Bunyagan Beach and is not part of Boracay stations 1, 2, and 3 in the White Beach area

The Lind Boracay

Discovery Primea

- Located in station 1 of the 4 kilometres long beach
- Need to endure local transport options (ex. Tricycle)
- Beautiful sunsets

More info is available on request to:

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Calendar of Events

	<p>The Carbine Club www.thecarbineclub.org.au</p> <p>Friday 1st November – VRC Derby Eve Luncheon at Crown Palladium</p>
	<p>Australian Capital Territory</p> <p>Mon 2 December – 12th Carbine Club Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day - Royal Canberra Golf Club (Members Only)</p> <p>Mon 2 December – Members and Partners Christmas Cocktail Function – Royal Canberra GC</p> <p>Friday 13 December – Carbine Club AGM / Christmas Lunch – National Press Club of Australia (Members Only)</p>
	<p>Hong Kong</p> <p>www.carbineclubhk.com</p> <p>Thu 24 Oct – CCHK Member Golf Day, Clearwater Bay Country Club</p> <p>Fri 6 Dec – International Racing Lunch, Grand Hyatt</p>
	<p>London</p> <p>www.carbineclublondon.org.uk</p> <p>4 November – AGM and Sam Vestey Memorial Dinner, Bluebird Café, Chelsea</p>
<p>Manila</p> <p>www.carbineclubmanila.org</p> <p>28 Feb 2025-Manila Golf Day</p> <p>1 March 2025 Inaugural Lunch – The Penthouse, 70th floor at the Grand Hyatt</p>	
	<p>New South Wales</p> <p>www.carbineclubnsw.com.au</p> <p>6 Dec-Christmas Lunch</p>
	<p>New Zealand</p> <p>www.carbineclubnz.org.nz</p>
	<p>Northern Territory</p> <p>www.carbineclubnt.org.au</p> <p>December TBC – Christmas Dinner (M& P)</p>

 <p>APEC Haus</p>	<p>Papua New Guinea</p> <p>28 Oct – Cox Plate Day – Aviat Club 22 Nov – Members Xmas Cocktail Party, Grand Papua Hotel</p>
	<p>Queensland</p> <p>www.carbineclubqueensland.com.au</p> <p>29 Nov – Members Only Christmas Lunch, Georges Sorrento 6 January 2025 – Magic Millions Lunch, Star Casino Broadbeach</p>
	<p>Singapore</p> <p>www.carbineclub.com.sg</p> <p>6 Dec – Christmas Lunch (Grand Hyatt)</p>
	<p>South Australia</p> <p>www.carbineclubsa.com.au</p> <p>5 Dec – Test Cricket Luncheon, Adelaide Oval 12 Feb 2024 – LIV Golf Luncheon</p>
	<p>Tasmania</p> <p>www.carbineclubtasmania.com.au</p>
	<p>Tokyo</p> <p>www.carbineclubtokyo.com</p> <p>5 November – Melbourne Cup Luncheon, Grand Hyatt Tokyo</p>
	<p>Vanuatu</p> <p>Friday 29 Nov- Members Luncheon Monday 27 Jan – New Year Function @ Tamanu</p>
	<p>Western Australia</p> <p>www.carbineclubwa.com.au</p> <p>22 Nov – Racing Luncheon, Frasers Restaurant, Kings Park</p>

Some of the CCPNG members were discovered in Tasmania recently on a visit to the races – the members of the Travelling Club can be found almost anywhere!

They have a lot of options for the remainder of the year, as per the schedule above, and we look forward to seeing them wherever they may turn up.

Remember this one Brent?

