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CARBINE CLUB 2024 AGM

(report & pics from CC Secretary Graham Halbish)

Club members heard of a successful 2023 year with two very well attended major events (Grand Final & Derby Eve) & fundraising at a level which allowed donations of \$50,000 each to Disability Sport & Rec and the Vic Institute of Sport.

Honorary membership for many outstanding years of achievement was awarded to Neale Fraser, Geoff Henke, Brian Tobin & Sir Donald Trescowthick. Sadly, it was later learned that Brian Tobin had passed away aged 93, the evening before the AGM.

The nomination for membership of former Australian tennis rep Sam Groth was approved & he was presented with his Club members tie by President, Adam Sangster. Adam, about to enter his 2nd year as CC President continuing, along with Treasurer Fred Bayne & Secretary Graham Halbish.

As is traditional, guests from DSR & VIS attended the lunch following the AGM, with administrators and athletes well represented on the day. We heard from Paralympic Wheelchair Rugby player James McQuillan & the VIS Carbine Club Future Talent Program sponsorship beneficiaries, Kate McDonald (Gymnastics), Ellie Harrison & Willis Droomer (both Surfing), as well as special guest Tess Madgen, captain of the Australian Opals Basketball team, who have qualified for the Paris Olympics.

Thanks to CC member Richard Wilson for conducting the interviews in fine style.

A good day all round, with the Annual Dinner to look forward to on June 5.



VIS Posting on LinkedIn



Following their attendance at the AGM the VIS posted this report on LinkedIn which describes their appreciation of the support given by the Carbine Club:

“Successful athletes make their way with a lot of help. Or put another way: it takes a village to raise a champion.

Over 450 athletes from 50 sports prepare out of the Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS), the home of high-performance sport in Victoria since 1990, and a good number of them will be touching down shortly on the runway to the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris.

The VIS itself is supported in its mission to nurture elite sporting talent by a network of like-minded and valued partners such as the Carbine Club, which last week hosted VIS CEO Anne Marie Harrison, General Manager of the Individual Athlete and Future Talent programs David Madigan, and scholarship holders Kate McDonald, Tess Madgen, Ellie Harrison and Willis Droomer.

Madgen, the Opals captain, is hoping to be in Paris for the Olympics, as is gymnast McDonald. Harrison and Droomer are teenage surfers from the West Coast aspiring to qualify for the World Surf League. Harrison recently reached the quarter-finals of the Rip Curl Pro at Bells Beach and won a qualifying event in Newcastle just prior to that to suggest that a future on the professional tour is near.

The Carbine Club has offered mentoring and financial support to athletes in the VIS Future Talent Program for 14 years, along the way helping the likes of snowboard sensation and Winter Olympic silver medallist Scotty James, triple Commonwealth Games shooting gold medallist Laetisha Scanlan, three-time Olympic diver Anabelle Smith OLY, World Championship Taekwondo bronze medallist Leon Sejranovic and Paris-bound Olympians Tristan Carter (canoe) and Oceana Mackenzie (sport climbing).

Every athlete needs a helping hand. In fact, many helping hands. A reality the Carbine Club thankfully recognises”.

Vale Brian Tobin AM

Carbine Club Senior Member Brian Tobin passed away on 22 April, aged 93.

Brian was renowned in the world of tennis. Born in Perth he represented WA in the interstate junior championships (Linton Cup) and went on to be ranked in the top 10 Australian men in the 1950's and '60's. Later he shone as an administrator including Tennis Australia President (1977-1989) and President of the International Tennis Federation (1990-1999).

Brian was inducted into both the Australian Tennis Hall of Fame and the International Tennis Hall of Fame, and he was also awarded the Order of Australia and the Olympic Order- a true sporting great.



Carbine Club of Papua New Guinea - Sportsman's Luncheon - Paris Olympics 2024.

(Report from Max Beagrie, CCPNG Secretary)

Friday May 3rd.



In front of a sold-out capacity crowd of 402 The Carbine Club of Papua New Guinea (CCPNG) held its first big Sports Luncheon for 2024 for Members and Guests in support of PNG athletes competing at the upcoming Paris 2024 Olympics.

Left to Right - Back Row. Reg Monagi (CCPNG Vice President), Michael Harrison (CCPNG Past President), Mick Meredith (Entertainer), Tony Carbry MBE (CCPNG President), Derek Hunter (CCPNG Treasurer), Brent St Hill (CCPNG Committee and MC for the luncheon), David Ham (CCPNG Committee), Isikeli Taureka (CCPNG Patron), Max Beagrie (CCPNG Secretary). Left to Right - Front Row. Liz Wardley (Guest Speaker), Steven Bradbury (Guest Speaker - The Last Man Standing).

Sponsored by Kumul Petroleum Holdings (KPH) and represented by Tony Carbry MBE in a dual role as CFO for KPH and CCPNG President it was a mixed lunch with lots of glamour in the Hilton Hotels Kutubu Convention Centre in Port Moresby.

Being the perfect setting to host the event the Hilton Hotel again hit the mark with fine fare equally accompanied by a fine selection of wines from CCPNG's own member in Ben Frame, owner of Kumul Consumer Goods and of course PNG's premier and award-winning beer on tap, South Pacific Brewery's SP Lager.

Brent St. Hill (CCPNG Committee) and regular MC for all CCPNG Sports luncheons kept the event running smoothly and on time from midday to 5pm where in typical PNG style the beers & beverages flowed freely. Starting the event off was the toasts to Country, Carbine and the Olympics led by past Presidents Stan Joyce CSM, Peter Aitsi MBE and PNG's own Olympic legend, Commonwealth Gold Medal winner and recently appointed Chef de Mission for Team PNG for the 2024 Paris Games, Ryan Pini MBE (CCPNG Member).



To close out the toasts & speeches, recently elected CCPNG President Tony Carbry MBE delivered his inaugural speech to the gathered guests.

The guest speakers were then introduced, starting with PNG's born and bred international sailor and rower Ms. Liz Wardley who shared her exploits after leaving PNG at the age of 22 to pursue a professional career in sailing international yacht races and which has now led her into Solo Ocean Rowing races. Notably competing in Volvo Around the World Yacht races, Sydney Hobart Yacht Races including the 1998 race and more recently The Worlds Toughest Row, rowing solo across the Atlantic Ocean setting a new women's race record time of 44 days.

The afternoons main act was Steven Bradbury OAM with his "The Last Man Standing" presentation where he held the spotlight entertaining the crowd including crowd participation on stage to be the last one standing. With the exceptional adversity he had to overcome in his early career to be able to place him in that Winter Olympic Speed Skating Final and raise his arms in victory for that iconic moment in Australian Olympic history. A master storyteller from humble beginnings in Brisbane, Qld Australia, to GOLD and coining the Aussie saying, "doing a Bradbury."

Finally, well known comedian, singer and guitarist Mick Meredith took the stage, with hard acts to follow, the comedic genius had the audience singing along to classics with a twist. With over 20 years' experience, a professional act.

CCPNG would like to thank all sponsors and through exceptional donations for the raffle CCPNG President Tony was able to present a cheque dedicated to every PNG Athlete competing at the 2024 Paris Olympics in receiving a tidy little sum each to assist in their Paris expenses.

Till the very end the room stayed full and engaged.



Top L - Carbine Club of Papua New Guinea, President - Mr. Tony Carby MBE presents sponsorship funds to The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee Secretary General - Mr. Desmond Kaviagu, for each PNG Athlete competing at the Paris Olympic Games 2024.

Top - centre-Tony Carby MBE (CCPNG President) and Steven Bradbury (Guest Speaker - The Last Man Standing).

Top R -Liz Wardley addressing the Carbine Club Members and Guests.

Bottom L -Steven Bradbury with Carbine Members and Guests on stage.

Bottom R -Left to Right. Ed Weggemans (CCPNG Member), Michael Harrison (CCPNG Past President), Tony Carby MBE (CCPNG President) sampling The Last Man Standing beer.



Steven Bradbury (Guest Speaker - The Last Man Standing) showing Carbine Members and Guests the Speed Skating body position.

Calendar of Events - 2024

The Carbine Club



Saturday 18th May – VRC Committee Room Invitation
Wednesday 5th June- Annual Dinner at The Australian Club preceded by CC Delegates Meeting at the RACV at Noon.
 Tuesday 24th September – AFL Grand Final Luncheon at Crown Palladium
 Friday 1st November – VRC Derby Eve Luncheon at Crown Palladium

Australian Capital Territory



Hong Kong



17 May – AGM
 14 June – Eric Liddell Olympic Dinner
 28 June – New Members Dinner
 27 Sept – International Cricket Lunch
 24 Oct – CCHK Member Golf Day
 6 Dec – International Racing Lunch

London



23 May - Brigadier Gerard race night dinner, Royal Box at Sandown Park
 24 May -Golf Day and curry supper, Royal Mid-Surrey GC
 1 July- Lord's luncheon in the Long Room
 4 November – AGM and Sam Vestey Memorial Dinner, Bluebird Café, Chelsea

New South Wales



23 May- AGM + Olympics and Paralympics Dinner, Royal Randwick
 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)

 <p>APEC Haus</p>	<p>Papua New Guinea</p> <p>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</p>
	<p>Queensland</p> <p>21 June- State of Origin Lunch, Tattersalls 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 Singapore 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>Vanuatu</p>
	<p>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>

The Delegates Meeting and Annual Dinner to be held in Melbourne on 5 June is a highlight event where representatives from around the Clubs gather to review Club activities, share ideas and then enjoy fellowship in The Carbine Club bar at the RACV and at the dinner that evening at the Australia Club. Always keenly anticipated by attendees - see you in Melbourne! ~ Ed.