



# The Carbiner

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB

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## Tasmania- Racing Luncheon

The big event for the year for CCTAS is the annual racing luncheon which is held at Ladbroke's Park, Elwick Racecourse in association with the Tasmanian Racing Club (TRC).

Friday 9 Feb saw the running of the Tasmanian Derby at the TRC's twilight race meeting and the special race day was preceded by the Carbine Club's luncheon. Following the luncheon members and guests were invited to retain their table in the wonderful surrounds of the Committee area of the grandstand, and to enjoy the great racing on offer.

Special guest recently retired champion jockey Damien Oliver gave the gathering a great insight into his career, helped along by skilful interviewer and recent addition to CCTAS membership ranks Brent Crawford. Brent is also Deputy Chair of the Launceston based Tasmanian Turf Club (TTC) and in further involvement of the TTC in CCTAS, later in the day the Club was thrilled to induct another new member in Alison Archer who has a long and deep involvement in thoroughbred racing and is currently the Chair of the TTC.



Damien Oliver talks with Brent Crawford



CCTAS President Steve Adermann with new member Alison Archer

*(Photos courtesy of Wendy Kennedy, Vice President CCTAS)*

## CCNSW- Honours Awards for Members

The Carbine Club of NSW was delighted to see the awards made to Club members in this year's Australia Day Honours:

Michael Bushell AM - For significant service to sports administration through a range of roles.

David Hynes AM - For significant service to sports administration, and to baseball.

Sandra Sully AM – For significant service to the media, to charitable organisations, and to the community.

Robert Hirst OAM - For service to oenology, and to industry associations.



From top left clockwise – Mike Bushell, Sandra Sully, David Hynes and Rob Hirst

## CCQLD FOSTERING TALENT



Carbine Club of Queensland 2017 Bill Brown Medal Winner Xavier Bartlett has put in some outstanding cricketing performances recently.

Born in Adelaide, Xavier's family moved to Queensland when he was a child. He came through the age-groups ranks with Queensland and made his first XI Premier Cricket debut for Gold Coast Dolphins as a 17-year-old.

Recently, Xavier made his Australia ODI debut against the West Indies and took 4 wickets for 17 runs. In his second match took 4 wickets for 21 runs winning man of the match for both games and topping it off with Man of the Series award.

CCQ members extend congratulations to Xavier.

(Picture courtesy cricket.com.au)

### Vale Geoff Druce

Members from Carbine Clubs worldwide will be saddened by the death in Melbourne of RACV Club Carbine Bar manager Geoff Druce at the age of 71. Geoff joined the RACV Club in his twenties and clocked up nearly 50 years' service to that Club. The great majority of that time was bar supervisor or manager of the at the RACV Club at 123 Queen St and since 2005 at the Club's Carbine Bar at 501 Bourke St.

Geoff knew many Carbine Club members and greeted them by name. Always courteous and considerate, it was always a great pleasure to see Geoff's smiling face behind the bar after the annual delegates' meetings at the RACV Club, or before the annual dinner. Or both!

He will be greatly missed by many members.

Geoffrey Francis Druce, Carbine Bar Manager, born 15/02/1952, died 3/10/2023



## Calendar of Events - 2024



### *The Carbine Club*

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April- Annual Meeting & Members Lunch, Crown Towers  
May/June (date tbc) – VRC Committee Room Invitation

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June- Annual Dinner at The Australian Club preceded By CC Delegates Meeting at the RACV at Noon.**

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



### *Australian Capital Territory*

8 March – Black Opal Racing Luncheon, National Press Club



### *Hong Kong*

Hong Kong Rugby Sevens Luncheon - Hong Kong Football Club - 5th April 2024



### *London*

5 March – Cheltenham Festival Preview Dinner, OXO Tower Restaurant

23 May - Brigadier Gerard race night dinner, Royal Box at Sandown Park

24 May - Golf Day and curry supper, Royal Mid-Surrey GC

2 July- Lord's luncheon in the Long Room

4 November – AGM and Sam Vestey Memorial Dinner, Bluebird Café, Chelsea



### *New South Wales*

11 April – Racing Lunch

xx May- AGM

xx July – Olympics & Paralympics Lunch

xx August – NRL Lunch

xx Sept - AFL Lunch

xx Dec Christmas Lunch



### *New Zealand*



### *Northern Territory*

**28 June-2 July International Congress, Darwin**



### *Papua New Guinea*



### ***Queensland***

Carbine Club Gold Coast Stakes Jewel Race Day on Saturday, March 9.

22 March – AGM, Georges Sorrento

21 June- State of Origin Lunch, Tattersalls

10 October – Cricket Lunch, Cricketers Club



### ***Singapore***



### ***South Australia***

13 Feb -AGM, Arkaba Hotel

24 April – LIV Golf with Greg Norman

**10 May** – Goodwood Race Luncheon, Morphettville (**Revised date-event rescheduled**)

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)



### ***Tasmania***



### ***Tokyo***



### ***Vanuatu***



### ***Western Australia***

I think this one is sold out!



**CARBINE CLUB GOLD COAST STAKES**

QUEENSLAND LEVEL 21

**JEWEL**

**RACEDAY**

**CARBINE CLUB GOLD COAST STAKES**

**SATURDAY, 9 MARCH 2024**

BE ONE OF THE FIRST TO ATTEND THE BRAND-NEW SKY RACING LOUNGE

Entry to the racecourse • Reserved seating on tables of ten  
6hr Premium Beverage Package • Seafood buffet including dessert • Racebook

**TICKETS \$200**

**AQUIS PARK**  
WINE ON THE GOLD COAST



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