



# The Carbiner

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB



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### **Celebrating Rugby with the Carbine Club of Hong Kong: A Historic Lunch at The Kerry Hotel**

On March 28, 2025, the Carbine Club of Hong Kong hosted a remarkable rugby lunch at its new venue, The Kerry Hotel. This special event, attended by 520 guests, was particularly significant this year because the Hong Kong Rugby Sevens were being held at the newly inaugurated Kai Tak Stadium. With the electrifying atmosphere of rugby in the air, attendees gathered to celebrate the sport, network with fellow enthusiasts, and hear from some of the biggest names in rugby history.



*MC – Andrew Macintosh*



*President – Peter Glanville*



As the lunch commenced, MC Andrew Macintosh welcomed everyone with an infectious enthusiasm that set the tone of the day. His charisma was well received by the crowd, which included rugby players, fans, and members of the local community. Andrew introduced the President of the Carbine Club, Peter Glanville, who took to the stage to extend his warm greetings to all attendees. Glanville expressed heartfelt appreciation for the club's enduring partnership with Cathay Pacific, highlighting their unwavering support over the years. He also thanked The Kerry Hotel for their flexibility and exceptional service in accommodating the club's varied requests.

Following his opening remarks, Glanville introduced the head table, featuring two renowned guest speakers: Brian Moore and Andrew Mehrrens. Each of these rugby icons brought their own rich experiences and stories from their illustrious careers to the gathering.



The first to speak was Brian Moore, affectionately known as "The Pitbull." A fierce competitor on the field, Moore captivated the audience with tales from his early days in Halifax and his subsequent career playing as an amateur for Nottingham. He recounted a particularly vivid story from his playing days in Wellington, New Zealand, where he famously responded to a fan who threw a full can of beer at him. In an act of defiance and humour, he picked up the can, opened it, and proceeded to skull its contents, engaging the crowd. Moore's anecdotes blended humour with rivalrous rivalry, beautifully reflecting the essence of rugby as a sport that thrives on passion and solidarity.



### *Auctioneer George Lacey*

Following Moore's entertaining and nostalgic reminiscences, the attention turned to the auction segment of the event. Auctioneer George Lacey took the stage to facilitate bidding on a highly coveted four-ball experience at the esteemed Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club. The auction was a resounding success, culminating in a winning bid of HKD 31,000 (approximately AUD 6,250), with the fortunate winner being Lars Asgard.

The final speaker of the day was Andrew Mehrtens, a name synonymous with New Zealand rugby. Recognized as one of the most influential first five-eighths in the history of the All Blacks, Mehrtens spoke with heartfelt humility about his storied career. He recounted unforgettable moments spent alongside rugby legends, particularly highlighting his camaraderie with the late Jonah Lomu. With passion in his voice, Mehrtens explored the cultural significance of the Haka, the traditional war dance of the Māori. He eloquently recited the words of the Haka, detailing its origins and the pride it instils in the All Blacks players. In a moment that will be etched in the memories of all present, he invited the audience to rise and join him in performing the Haka. With over 500 attendees standing together in unity, it was a majestic sight, a tribute to the power of rugby to forge connections among people from diverse backgrounds.



### *Andrew Mehrtens had the full ballroom performing the Haka!*



As the afternoon drew to a close, the excitement shifted towards a lucky draw for a prestigious bottle of Macallan 18, generously donated by Progeny.

With the conclusion of the lively lunch, guests were energized and eager to head over to the nearby Kai Tak Stadium, where the thrilling Hong Kong Rugby Sevens awaited. The transition from the intimate gathering to the grand event was seamless, as attendees carried the spirit of the Carbine Club with them into the stadium to witness world-class rugby in action.



The Carbine Club of Hong Kong's Lunch at The Kerry Hotel was not just a celebration of rugby; it was a reflection of the community's love for the sport and its commitment to fostering connections among fans and players alike. Moments like these remind us of the power of sports to bring people together, to share stories, and to create lasting memories. As attendees shared laughs, stories, and the exhilarating experience of performing the Haka, it was clear that this gathering would resonate for years to come.

*Lucky Draw Prize winner Thanks again to Parshid for the report from CCHK*

## Tokyo Golf Day

The Carbine Club of Tokyo held another successful golf day with 72 members and guests enjoying a great day out -



## Calendar of Events



### **The Carbine Club**

[www.thecarbineclub.org.au](http://www.thecarbineclub.org.au)

Wed 7th May- Annual Meeting and Members Lunch, Garden Rooms, Crown Towers 12 noon  
 Saturday 17th May -VRC Committee Room Invitation – Andrew Ramsden Race Day  
 Thu 24th July- Annual Dinner at 6:30pm, preceded by CC Delegates meeting, RACV 12 noon  
 Tuesday 23rd September -AFL Grand Final Luncheon at Crown Palladium from 12 noon  
 Friday 31st October -VRC Derby Eve Luncheon at Crown Palladium from 12 noon



### **Australian Capital Territory**



### **Hong Kong**

[www.carbineclubhk.com](http://www.carbineclubhk.com)

22 May – AGM  
 31 Oct – Cricket Luncheon  
 12 Dec – Racing Luncheon



### **London**

[www.carbineclublondon.org.uk](http://www.carbineclublondon.org.uk)

The Royal Box for the Brigadier Gerard Meeting at Sandown Park on Thursday 29th May 2025 from 5pm  
 CCL golf day at Royal Mid Surrey Golf Club – 12 September  
 Lord's Luncheon on Thursday 3rd July 2025 from 12 noon  
 AGM, Sam Vestey and Melbourne Cup Eve dinner, Bluebird Café in Chelsea on Monday 3rd November 2025

### **Manila**

[www.carbineclubmanila.org](http://www.carbineclubmanila.org)



### **New South Wales**

[www.carbineclubnsw.com.au](http://www.carbineclubnsw.com.au)

26 June – AGM & Dinner



### **New Zealand**

[www.carbineclubnz.org.nz](http://www.carbineclubnz.org.nz)



### **Northern Territory**

[www.carbineclubnt.org.au](http://www.carbineclubnt.org.au)



### ***Papua New Guinea***

16 May – Sportsmans Lunch-State of Origin- Hilton Hotel  
 20 Jun – MO Gantry Lunch, RPYC PMGFC Gantry  
 15 Aug – MO Italian Lunch, Lamana  
 5 Sep – Sportsmans Lunch – 50<sup>th</sup> Independence, Hilton Hotel  
 25 Oct – Cox Plate Day, Aviat Club  
 Nov/Dec - Members Xmas Cocktail Party TBC



### ***Queensland***

[www.carbineclubqueensland.com.au](http://www.carbineclubqueensland.com.au)

16 May- Members Lunch TBC  
 13 June-June State of Origin Lunch  
 15 August- Members Lunch TBC  
 2 December - Cricket Lunch Cricketers Club



### ***Singapore***

[www.carbineclub.com.sg](http://www.carbineclub.com.sg)

Friday 25th July – Crabs and Cans Locked Door Lunch  
 Friday 12th December – Christmas Lunch



### ***South Australia***

[www.carbineclubsa.com.au](http://www.carbineclubsa.com.au)

SAJC Luncheon Friday 9th May 2025 Celebrating the Goodwood, Venue Morphetville “Wolf Blass “The Man” Function Centre”.  
 Members Anniversary Luncheon Late July 2025 date and Venue TBC  
 SANFL Grand Final Late Sept 2025 Magarey Room Adelaide Oval Date TBC  
 Ashes Test Tuesday 16th December 2025 Magarey Room Adelaide Oval



### ***Tasmania***

[www.carbineclubtasmania.com.au](http://www.carbineclubtasmania.com.au)

8 May – Members Get Together, Customs House Hotel  
 22 June – Raceday at Elwick



### ***Tokyo***

[www.carbineclubtokyo.com](http://www.carbineclubtokyo.com)



### ***Vanuatu***



### ***Western Australia***

[www.carbineclubwa.com.au](http://www.carbineclubwa.com.au)

Fri 22 or 27 Jun (TBC)- Legends of Sport Event, Frasers  
 Fri 19 Sep- WAFL Grand Final Luncheon, Optus Stadium  
 Fi 28 Nov- Racing Luncheon, Optus Stadium



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The Carbine Club  
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# Sportsman's Luncheon

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NRL Legend  
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**Hilton Hotel**  
Friday, 16th of May 2025, 12 Noon for 12:30 start  
K6,600 per table of 10 Mixed Event - Ladies Welcome.  
Long sleeved shirt and tie please gentlemen. Carbine Club tie for members



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