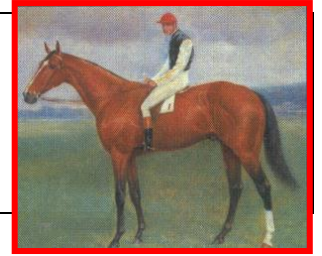




The Carbiner

"For sport and for good fellowship"



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WA AGM

Letter from the Patron of the Carbine Club

The Carbine Club of Western Australia AGM

The Carbine Club of WA held their AGM in the iconic Matilda Bay Restaurant in Perth on Friday 17 Feb, 2017 where Club stalwarts received their 25 year membership badges – proud recipients pictured at the lunch (left to right) Graeme Moss, John McGrath, Lin Ryan, Tony Brennan, Keith Biggs and John Andreou.

After receiving his badge from President Leith Putland Founding President Lin Ryan went on to make the further presentations. Another Founding Member and 25 year recipient, John Chapman, was unable to make it on the day due to illness.



President Leith reported on another successful year for the Club including the outstanding Congress and Congress Chairman Lloyd Meredith gave a rundown on the next Congress to be held in PNG.

An outstanding lunch day (I can vouch for it! Thanks to CCWA for your hospitality, great to catch up with old friends).

The Carbine Club – Letter from the Patron, the Hon Linda Dessau AM

The Carbine Club recently received a very welcome letter from the Patron, the Governor of Victoria Her Excellency the Hon. Linda Dessau AM. The letter is relevant to the Carbine Club in its entirety and is reproduced below:



GOVERNOR OF VICTORIA

25 January 2017

Mr Graeme Johnson OAM
President The Carbine Club Inc,
30 Broadway
CAMBERWELL VIC 3124

Dear Mr Johnson

I wanted just to write you a quick note to thank you and The Carbine Club Inc, your volunteers and your members for all the work you do to strengthen our Victorian community.

Like many Victorians, I have been reflecting a great deal on the tragic events that occurred in the centre of Melbourne last Friday.

All of us ache for those who were so needlessly lost and for those injured, both physically and emotionally. Our thoughts and prayers remain with their loved ones, their families, friends, colleagues and schoolmates, whose grief must feel unbearable.

That terrible event did not take heed of gender, age, cultural background or religion. But neither did the response. Our entire community responded regardless of gender, age, cultural background or religion.

Since that moment, the Victorian community has wrapped its collective arms around those who have been impacted. Strangers have offered support to strangers. In that support, people have shown the innate goodness that sits within our Victorian community and makes our community what it is.

As we prepare for Australia Day, I keep coming back to that goodness and how an event that has shown our vulnerability has also reflected the strength of our community and the decency and care we show to each other.

The Hon. Linda Dessau AM
Government House
Melbourne Victoria 3004 Australia

And when I think of that decency and care, I think of how lucky we are to have so many community organisations that are vital in building that strength and sense of care for each other and who magnify that decency.

So, thank you. Thank you for everything that you and The Carbine Club Inc, do to strengthen our community and to create the unity and the generosity of spirit that ensure the goodness of our community shines brightest, even on our darkest days.

I would be grateful if you could please pass on my sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone at The Carbine Club Inc, and my best wishes for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely



In other news from Victoria:

Secretary Graham Halbish has advised that long term member Ken Ryan AM has been appointed as Agent General to the UK and Commissioner to Europe for Victoria and will be based in London for 3 years. Ken is looking forward to the challenge of this prestigious role and also to meeting up with Carbine Club members in London.

Coming Events:

London Cheltenham Festival Dinner on 7 March

NZ Auckland Cup Luncheon on 10 March

WA Rottneest Day on 10 March

NSW Racing Luncheon on 17 March

QLD Carbine Club Raceday on 18 March

PNG Members Lunch on 24 March

QLD AFL Lunch- Harry Gordon Medal on 24 March

VIC Members & Guest Luncheon & New Member Intro on April 5

HK Rugby 7s on 7 April

PNG Carbine Sportsman's Lunch (Racing) on 12 May

VIC AGM and Members Lunch, May 16 at Garden Rooms, Crown

The Annual Dinner of the Carbine Club is on [Wednesday June 14](#), The Australian Club