



The Carbine Club of NSW

David Morrow OAM

Born: 1953

Carbine Club Member since: 2007

David Morrow is one of Australia's most experienced and diversified radio and television sports commentators.

David has been part of the ABC's coverage of television and radio rugby league since 1980, was the ABC's Sydney racecaller during the 1990s and has been an integral member of the award winning ABC Olympic and Commonwealth games broadcast team since 1984.

He started his broadcasting career at Kempsey in 1971 as a general announcer with 2KM (now 2MC), but soon became the local sport's broadcaster for the area which stretched from Port Macquarie in the south to Coffs Harbour in the north.

His first big break arose at the local greyhounds when the regular caller failed to show one night and being young and keen, he climbed up the then broadcast tower (a ladder leaning against a telegraph pole).

David's rugby league broadcasting career began at Verge Street Oval in Kempsey in 1972 when he covered the Group Two versus Group Three representative match.

After attending Sydney University through the mid-70s he ventured west to Bathurst to become an accountant where he continued with his broadcasting career on a casual and part-time basis with 2BS. He landed a job with the ABC in 1980 and immediately became part of its radio rugby league team.

The following year he began as the station's Sydney harness racing caller, doing the popular Friday night program from Harold Park, which he did until it finished in April 1987. During 1983 he began occasionally broadcasting the Saturday rugby league matches on radio and in 1984 he began doing it full-time, before in 1985 taking up the role as the station's number one radio caller.

In 1986 he covered the first of two Kangaroos tours with the memory of Wally Lewis' try at Wigan in the third Test and the incredible performance in the rain at Leeds in the second Test two of the many highlights.

He returned from England to anchor and broadcast the Saturday afternoon national television rugby league program, which he did from 1987-1989 before joining Channel Ten for the 1990 season, which included the 1990 Kangaroos tour where he produced his patriotic call of Mal Meninga's match-winning try in the second Test at Old Trafford.

Since 1990 David has called rugby league Test matches for New Zealand television, recorded a weekly television program for New Zealand television and broadcast rugby league matches on ABC Radio.

In 1995 and 1996 he broadcast all the Perth-based Western Reds matches for Channel Nine, while still broadcasting the races on the ABC

Since the early 1980s he has been part of ABC television and radio's award-winning cricket commentary team, as well as doing most of the major track and field meetings in and around Australia, including Commonwealth and Olympic Games.

In Seoul, Atlanta, Athens and Beijing David also covered most of the soccer competitions, including the first ever women's final between United States and China.

David covered his first Olympic Games in 1984 and his first Commonwealth Games in 1986.

He teamed up with Warren Ryan and Craig Hamilton in 2001 to form the current radio rugby league broadcast team.

David was awarded an OAM in 2005 for services to the community, sport and sports broadcasting.