

# The Carbine Club of NSW



## Gordon Bray AM

**Born:** June, 1949

**Carbine Club Member since:** 1996 (Member)

**Current employment:** Sports Commentator/Journalist/Author/Business Ambassador

Gordon Bray is one of Australia's most celebrated sporting commentators. He began his broadcasting career as a Specialist Trainee with ABC SPORT in Sydney in 1969. After completing his cadetship he was promoted to Hobart for a four year stint where he learnt to call Aussie Rules and everything from wood-chopping and power boats to hockey and hot air ballooning. In his own words, he was a quintessential Jack of all trades and master of none!

Upon returning to Sydney he won selection for the ABC's broadcast team at the Commonwealth Games in Christchurch and has since attended seven summer and winter Olympics.

In 1976 Gordon elected to pay his own way to France with the Wallabies and called both rugby internationals live to Australia on ABC radio. Earlier that year he attended his first Olympics in Montreal as a member of the combined Australian Television team. He covered the yachting regatta for radio and television and also presented the first colour transmission from Montreal at the start of the Games.

When fellow Carbine Club member Norman May retired from ABC TV rugby commentary in 1980 Gordon stepped into the role and over the next three decades became known as Australia's 'voice of rugby'. After 25 years with ABC Sport, 1 year at TEN and 16 years at SEVEN, Gordon is now freelancing as a commentator and journalist.

In 2011 he took on ambassador roles with Concierge Business Travel, SNP Security and Enrizen Insurance Brokers and Financial services. He is also on the national advisory board of the Legends Club hospitality group, has been an ambassador for Sydney Legacy for over 20 years and spent seven years on the school council at Pymble Ladies' College.

Gordon is the recipient of an Order of Australia for services to sports broadcasting, rugby and the community. In 2000 he was awarded a Centenary Sports Medal and is a past recipient of a Penguin Award in the 'sports presenter' category.