

Racing's night of champions

NSWROA'S 'RACING'S NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS' IS A FUNCTION NOT TO BE MISSED WITH AUSTRALIA'S 'WORKING CLASS MAN' JIMMY BARNES THE HEADLINE ACT

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NSW Racehorse Owners Association (NSWROA) is proud to announce that its flagship event, and the NSW Racing Industry's Night of Nights 'Racing's Night of Champions', will be held in The Randwick Pavilion at Royal Randwick Racecourse on Thursday, 11 August 2011.

With the theme of 'The New Era in Racing' this prestigious event will pay homage to the best New South Wales racing has to offer in recognising the achievements of both horses and their humans.

This year, NSWROA is proud to be supporting the Vincentian House KEEP Program, a Special Work of the St Vincent de Paul Society NSW as our charity of choice at Racing's Night of Champions.

KEEP (Kids Engaged in Education Program) is underpinned by seven strategies that aim to break intergenerational cycle of poverty and disadvantage and offer a range of targeted support for children and young people who are staying at Vincentian House – a crisis accommodation and case management service for homeless families.

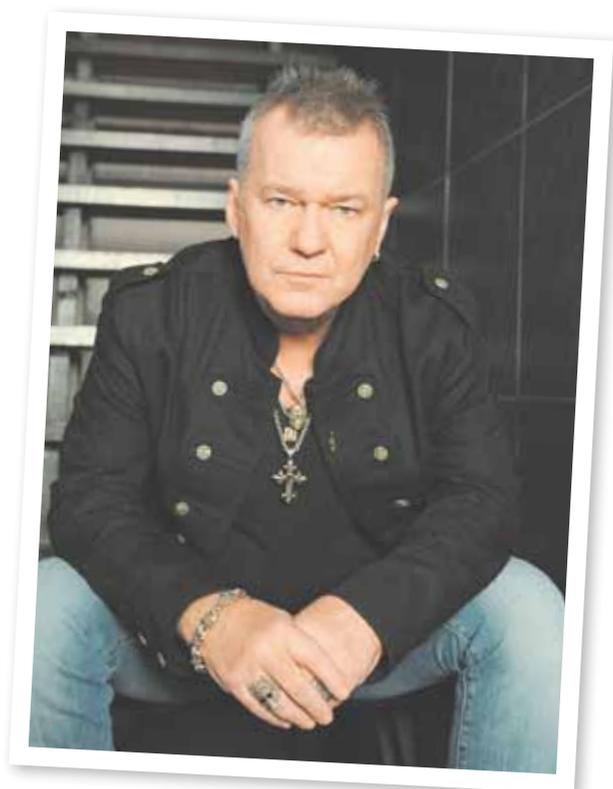
When it came to choosing the feature artist for this wonderful function, the RNOC Organising Committee had no hesitation – Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Inductee, Jimmy Barnes.

What can be said about Jimmy Barnes that hasn't been said before?

Regarded as the elder statesman of Australian rock 'n' roll, Jimmy Barnes has carved out the most successful solo career of any performer in Australian rock history, producing nine number 1 albums.

Jimmy works tirelessly for various charities, particularly those caring for children and disadvantaged people in the community.

He continues to tour internationally and throughout Australia; his current album is 'Rage and Ruin' recorded in the USA. Jimmy Barnes is a multi-platinum, multi-ARIA



Award-winning Artist and a bona fide Australian icon.

In a first for our flagship event and indeed for Australian racing award nights, the pairing with our exclusive media partner Sky Racing, will see this year's Racing's Night of Champions televised live to an international audience on Sky Racing World. Highlights of the night will also been shown on Sky Racing 1 and Sky Racing 2.

As readers would be aware, the awards presented at Racing's Night of Champions are to honour NSW's racing industry.

The feature award of the night is the NSW Champion Horse of the Year which will be sponsored for the third year by Luxbet.com, the Association's exclusive wagering partner.

This prestigious award has been taken out by some incredible horses in recent years including Lonhro (2004), Grand Armee (2005), Takeover Target (2006), Desert War (2007), Tuesday Joy (2008), Theseo (2009) and Melito last year.

Other awards to be presented on the night include:-

- NSW Two-Year-Old of the Year
- NSW Three-Year-Old of the Year



ABOVE: Last year's awards dinner OPPOSITE: Rock 'n' roll legend Jimmy Barnes will be appearing at NSWROA's 'Racing's Night of Champions'
BELOW: DJ Scott Pullen of Groove Academy performs at the 2010 awards night





LEFT: The girls dancing away at last year's awards night

- NSW Sprinter/Miler of the Year
 - NSW Middle-Distance Horse of the Year
 - NSW Stayer of the Year
 - NSW Country Champion Horse of the Year
 - NSW Provincial Champion Horse of the Year
- Additional awards which will be presented are:-
- Sydney Strapper of the Year Award
 - TJ Smith Award
 - George Moore Award
 - Theo Green Award; and
 - the Bart Cummings Medal

The success of this awards dinner relies predominantly on sponsorship monies, the monster auction and the silent auction.

We are indebted to our wonderful sponsors and on behalf of Vincentian House we thank them for their continued support of Racing's Night of Champions.

NSWROA is very pleased to welcome back as sponsors for this year's event, Luxbet.com, Racing NSW, Patinack Farm, Emirates, Australian Turf Club, Gow Gates Insurance Brokers, New Zealand Bloodstock, Ambassador Travel Services, Inglis, Carrazzo Consulting, International Animal Health Products and Tooheys.

We are also delighted to welcome Sky Racing and De Bortoli Wines as sponsors to the function this year. In addition, NSWROA would like to thank those companies and individuals who have kindly donated prizes to the

Monster Auction and the Silent Auction.

NSWROA is also conscious of the importance of the attendees of this fantastic event – so to those of you who have attended this event previously, a big thank you and we look forward to seeing you again this year.

For those of you interested in attending Racing's Night of Champions for the first time, may I assure you that it will be an experience you will not forget.

The RNOC committee chairman and NSWROA president, Ray McDowell, said: "I can't begin to tell you how excited we are about this night.

"With international television coverage of the event via Sky Racing World, Racing's Night of Champions has escalated to yet another level of excellence. NSWROA looks forward to welcoming new attendees to the function and also greeting our regular attendees."

So if you would like to see some of the best live entertainment in the land, enjoy dining at its finest whilst savouring fine wines and beverages as well as raising much-needed funds for the Vincentian House KEEP Program, look no further than the best value night out you can have – Racing's Night of Champions.

In order to assist guests travelling to the function, NSWROA has arranged for a return bus service to the event. The bus will travel between Rosehill and Randwick.

Bookings for this service are essential.

Sounds too good to resist, doesn't it!! Take my tip, reserve your place now to avoid disappointment.

For more information regarding the 2011 Racing's Night of Champions, contact the NSWROA office on telephone (02) 9299-4299, by email – nswroa1@ozemail.com.au – or visit the NSWROA website – www.nswroa.com.au **RNSW**