

Time to socialise – it's carnival time!

THE BMW SYDNEY CARNIVAL REPRESENTS THE PINNACLE OF NSW RACING AND NSWROA WILL HOST A COUPLE OF EXCELLENT EVENTS TO CELEBRATE THE CARNIVAL WORDS: SHARON HUNT (EXECUTIVE OFFICER – NSWROA)

April is always a very exciting time for the New South Wales racing industry. There is nothing that can match the excitement in Sydney at that time – it is our very special time – it's Carnival Time.

It is when the best of the best in the equine world gather for our major carnival of the year, when the most prestigious yearling sale in Australia takes place and also when the Royal Easter Show is held. Simply fabulous!

The 2012 BMW Sydney Carnival, which runs from 24 March to 28 April, is a veritable Group One smorgasbord of 18 races including (in date order) the Coolmore Classic, the Ranvet Stakes, the Rosehill Guineas, The BMW, the Golden Slipper, the George Ryder Stakes, the Queen of the Turf Stakes, the Storm Queen Stakes, the ATC Australian Derby, the ATC Sires' Produce Stakes, the TJ Smith Stakes, the Doncaster Mile, the ATC Oaks, the Galaxy, the Sydney Cup, the Champagne Stakes, the All Aged Stakes and the Queen Elizabeth Stakes.

During this time the Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale – the most prestigious yearling sale in Australia – is held at the time-honoured Newmarket complex.

We expect only the best from Easter and that is certainly what we have with the 579 lots on offer this year.

NSW Racehorse Owners Association (NSWROA) will also be conducting two wonderful events for members and guests in April.

It is with great pleasure that the Association, in conjunction with Sharon Lenton Events, invites you to celebrate the official BMW Doncaster Mile Barrier Draw at a cocktail function at The Loft on King Street Wharf.

Join in the excitement of the BMW Sydney Carnival at this wonderful event on Tuesday 17 April with Sky Racing's Greg Radley our host for the day (see advertisement on the inside back cover of this magazine for further details).

The very popular Sydney Cup Day Luncheon, our second event for the month, will take place at Royal



Legendary racing journalist Ken Callander and MC Frank Coletta (right) at one of NSWROA's Sydney Cup luncheons

Randwick on Saturday 28 April.

This event is one of our very favourite events with members and guests enjoying fine wining and dining whilst the equine elite battle it out for honours on the final day of the BMW Sydney Carnival.

Whilst the abovementioned events are too good to miss, the big one for NSWROA is 'Racing's Night of Champions' our flagship event and the NSW Racing Industry's Night of Nights, which is held in August each year.

The feature award at this function is the Luxbet.com NSW Champion Horse of the Year whose recent honour roll includes Theseo (2009), Melito (2010) and More Joyous (2011).

At this stage I cannot disclose details of the extraordinary event currently being arranged for 2012, but I can say it will definitely be an event not to be missed. Stay tuned for further details.

For more information regarding NSWROA events in 2012, contact the office on telephone (02) 9299-4299, email - nswroa1@ozemail.com.au - or visit the website - www.nswroa.com.au **RNSW**