

NSW racing's night of nights

THE WAIT IS ALMOST OVER FOR 'RACING'S NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS' – THE FLAGSHIP EVENT OF NSWROA AND THE RACING INDUSTRY'S NIGHT OF NIGHTS WORDS: SHARON HUNT (EXECUTIVE OFFICER – NSWROA)

Racing's Night of Champions, which this year is themed 'Where the Stars Align' will be held in the Grand Pavilion at Rosehill Gardens on Thursday, 16 August 2012.

As readers may be aware, this prestigious event pays homage to the best New South Wales racing has to offer in recognising the achievements of both horses and their humans.

When looking for a great night out with value for money – this is the event for you. At the great value price of less than \$200 per head you will receive:-

- ◆ **Sumptuous food & beverages** – Three courses of great food and fine wine and beer
- ◆ **Great entertainment** – features entertainment by the immensely talented Damien Leith as we honour the best racing talent in NSW including the Luxbet.com NSW Champion Horse of the Year and the Bart Cummings Medallist whilst supporting the Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation; our charity of choice at this year's event.

Did I mention great entertainment?

This year, Australian Idol winner and one of the best-selling Australian artists of the modern era, Damien Leith, will tantalise our eardrums with a repertoire that will leave us begging for more.

His first five albums – The Winner's Journey, Where We Land, Catch the Wind, Remember June and last year's ROY – A Tribute to Roy Orbison – have sales nudging the one million mark.

His latest release NOW & THEN, is an album in two parts with the "Now" representing a wonderful new selection of Damien's self-penned songs whilst "Then" sees Damien pick up where the ROY project left off.

And let's not forget about the awards being presented on the night with the feature award being the Luxbet.com NSW Champion Horse of the Year.

Other awards to be presented include NSW Two-year-old of the Year, NSW Three-year-old of the Year, NSW Sprinter/Miler of the Year, NSW Middle-Distance Horse of the Year, NSW Stayer of the Year, Queen of the Autumn, NSW Country Champion Horse of the Year and the NSW Provincial Champion Horse of the Year.

Racing NSW awards, which are also presented on the night, include the Sydney Strapper of the Year Award, the T J Smith Award, the George Moore Award, the Theo Green Award and the prestigious Bart Cummings Medal.

During the evening both a Monster Auction and a



The talented Damien Leith will perform at this year's Racing's Night of Champions

Silent Auction will be conducted.

Without giving too much away about the items available on the night, here is a sneak peak at some of the marvellous items that will feature in the Monster and Silent Auctions:

- **'The World is Your Oyster' – An Ultimate Trip for the Racing Enthusiast**

Kindly donated by Ambassador Travel in association with Emirates Airlines

In what can only be described as the "ultimate" for racing enthusiasts, this incredible prize provided by Ambassador Travel in association with Emirates Airlines is for two people travelling Business Class with the multi award-winning airline, Emirates, internationally acclaimed for its superb level of inflight service, to a choice of one of three great destinations in 2013 - the Dubai World Cup (Dubai), Royal Ascot (London) or the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (Paris). The prize is inclusive of all travel arrangements and accommodation.

- **A 'Timeless Treasure'**

Kindly donated by Claire Aristides Fine Jewels



Three great destinations – Dubai, Royal Ascot and Paris – feature in the 'The World is your Oyster' auction item



Have you ever wanted to create a wonderful dress ring for yourself to compliment a special occasion? Well now is your chance! The extraordinarily talented Claire Aristides will allow you to delve into her gem vault to pick just the right size and shaped gem for you and she will create the 'Timeless Treasure' you so richly deserve.

● **Your Advertising Needs – It's as simple as 1, 2, 3**
Kindly donated by Sky Racing

What better way to "get your message out there" than take this opportunity to advertise with the leading racing broadcaster SKY Racing? The airtime package, which is valued at \$10,000 (plus GST) is available across the Sky Racing television platform and Sky Sports Radio, and is ideally targeted to the thoroughbred industry market.*

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● **Old World Charm in New Age Format**
Kindly donated by Racecourse Motors

Old meets new with the Daelim Besbi, an iconic retro scooter with a powerful 125cc engine, fully automatic CVT Twist and Go transmission with electric

start. The Daelim Besbi is the perfect scooter for the daily commute with the traditional looks from an old Hollywood movie whilst holding the technical confidence of the 21st century.

● **Sun, Sea and Relaxation**
Kindly donated by Shoal Bay Resort & Spa

Get away from it all with a two night stay for two adults at the award winning Shoal Bay Resort & Spa. Situated just 2.5hrs drive north of Sydney and 35mins from Newcastle, your stay in a Poolview Room includes access to the exclusive Aqua Spa wellbeing sanctuary for adults with three unique Thalassotherapy mineral spa pools, 25m lap pool & gym.*

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The above is just to name but a few. A raffle with exceptional prizes will also be conducted on the night and a lucky door prize awarded.

I'm sure the above items have well and truly attracted your attention and have you racing to book your seat for the night.

NSWROA is delighted to welcome back our sponsors

to this year's event: Luxbet.com, Racing NSW, Patinack Farm, the Australian Turf Club, Gow Gates Insurance Brokers, New Zealand Bloodstock, Emirates, Ambassador Travel, Inglis, Carrazzo Consulting, International Animal Health Products, De Bortoli Wines, Lion and SKY Racing, our exclusive media partner.

And lastly, and by no means in the least, our thanks to those companies and individuals who kindly donated prizes to the Monster Auction and the Silent Auction.

It goes without saying that we are indebted to our wonderful sponsors and on behalf of the Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation we thank them for their continued support of Racing's Night of Champions.

Racing's Night of Champions will be beamed live to an international audience on SKY Racing World and highlights of the night will also been shown on SKY Racing 1 and SKY Racing 2.

To assist guests attending the event, NSWROA has arranged for a return bus service between Randwick and Rosehill – bookings are essential.

There is also an accommodation event offer available from Rydges Parramatta – just quote "Racing's Night of Champions" and Rydges can also provide transfers



Sun, sea and relaxation at Shoal Bay Resort & Spa, Port Stephens

to Rosehill Gardens – simply mention when booking accommodation.

If you haven't already done so, reserve your place now at a truly fantastic night.

For more information regarding the 2012 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**