

Celebrating the best

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR NSWROA'S FLAGSHIP EVENT AND THE NSW RACING INDUSTRY'S NIGHT OF NIGHTS, RACING'S NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS

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NSW Racehorse Owners Association cordially invites you to join us in 'Celebrating the Best' that New South Wales racing has to offer at the Event Centre at The Star.

This year the Association is proud to again be supporting the Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation (POWHF) as our charity of choice at Racing's Night of Champions. POWHF is an established charitable organisation supporting and promoting research, education, health promotion and patient care for and at the Prince of Wales Hospital Randwick.

To tie in with the event theme of "Celebrating the Best" the feature entertainment for the evening will be by none other than The Chantoozies.

I am sure it will be a trip down memory lane for most of us as we relive those wonderful moments from the late 1980s when The Chantoozies seemed to be everywhere.

The Chantoozies aka Angie La Bozzetta, Eve von Bibra, Ally Fowler and Tottie Goldsmith enjoyed success with pop hits He's Gonna Step on You Again, Witch Queen, Wanna Be Up and Love The One You're With. The group formed in 1986 and released two albums before splitting up in 1991.

Throughout the 80s and 90s they shared the stage with many of Australia's biggest acts including John Farnham, Mondo Rock, James Reyne, Daryl Braithwaite, Noiseworks, Choir Boys, Jo Jo Zep, Hoodoo Gurus as well as supporting Billy Joel for an Australia-wide 38 show tour.

The girls reunited for the '25 Years of Mushroom Music' at the MCG and then followed with Molly Meldrum and Michael Gudinski's national 'Countdown Spectacular' tour.

In the last few years The Chantoozies have toured Australia extensively with



The Chantoozies will be performing at Racing's Night of Champions. Picture by Chris Budgeon

highlights including playing with Leo Sayer at the Clipsal 500 in Adelaide and with Rick Astley on his Australian tour.

For those of the 'lucky' readers who are too young to remember such things, no doubt you would have seen the recent video on Youtube of their first single in almost two decades, a cover of the 1979 hit, Baby It's You.

The video features some of their great mates and very familiar faces i.e. Hugh

Jackman (air guitar), Eric Bana (drums) and Anthony Lapaglia (piano).

The new single was a result of the amount of wonderful feedback received from touring and new material is also on the agenda as is a full national tour.

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

The criteria for the awards were

changed for the 2012-13 season onwards to include a new awards category – NSW Miler of the Year and a new points system.

The awards criteria encompass the following distance parameters:-

- Sprinter – up to 1499m
- Miler – 1500m to 1700m
- Middle-Distance – 1701m to 2299m
- Stayer – 2300m and longer.

The points system was also revised to widen the gap between Group One and the other levels so that there is greater relative reward for Group One racing.

The points system for the Awards is as follows:-

PLACE:	1st	2nd	3rd
Group 1 Race	36	18	9
Group 2 Race	20	10	5
Group 3 Race	12	6	3
Listed/Restricted Listed Race	8	4	2

And so to the awards themselves and the feature award of the night is, of course, the NSW Champion Horse of the Year which this year will be sponsored by Tabcorp following a four-year stint by Luxbet.com, the Association’s Exclusive Wagering Partner.

This esteemed award has been taken out by some remarkable horses in recent times including Lonhro (2004), Grand Armee (2005), Takeover Target (2006), Desert War (2007), Tuesday Joy (2008), Theseo (2009), Melito (2010), More Joyous (NZ) (2011), Streama (2012) and It’s A Dundee (NZ) 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
- NSW Sprinter of the Year
- NSW 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
- NSW Provincial Champion Horse of the Year

The 2014 Racing’s Night of Champions Awards will again be televised live to an international audience on Sky Racing World by our Exclusive Media Partner Sky Racing, with highlights of the night also being



Connections of the 2013 Luxbet.com NSW Champion Horse of the Year, It’s a Dundee. Far right is former Minister for Racing, the Hon George Souris MP

shown on Sky Racing 1 and Sky Racing 2.

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 the Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation, we thank them for their support of Racing’s Night of Champions.

NSWROA is pleased to welcome back as sponsors for this year’s event, Sky Racing, Emirates, Australian Turf Club, Gow Gates Insurance Brokers, New Zealand Bloodstock, Vinery Stud, Ambassador Travel Services, The Star, Inglis, Carrazzo Consulting, International Animal Health Products and De Bortoli Wines.

The Association also has great pleasure in welcoming Wild Oaks and Tabcorp as first-time sponsors to Racing’s Night of Champions with Tabcorp being the major sponsor for the event.

In addition, NSWROA would like to thank those companies and individuals who have kindly donated prizes to the Monster and Silent Auctions.

And let’s not forget the fantastic attendees to this event! A very big thank you to those of you who have attended this event previously and we look forward to seeing you again this year.

To those of you interested in attending

Racing’s Night of Champions for the first time, book now so you do not miss out – it’s an experience you will not forget.

So if you would like to have the best value night out you can have whilst at the same time assisting to raise much needed funds for the Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation, look no further than Racing’s Night of Champions.

In order to assist guests travelling to the function, NSWROA has arranged for a free return bus service to the event. The bus will travel between Rosehill/ The Star/Rosehill and bookings for this service will be essential.

For those looking for accommodation close to the venue, I’m pleased to advise that The Star has an accommodation event offer available to our guests at either The Astral Tower & Residences or The Darling.

Simply call 1800 700 700 or logon onto the website www.star.com.au (selecting “Promotional” as the special rate type) and quote “RACE2014” to gain access to this Event offer.

Remember the earlier you book – the cheaper the rate as rates change daily.

For more information regarding the 2014 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

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