

# Countdown is almost over

THE COUNTDOWN IS ALMOST OVER SO LET'S START 'CELEBRATING THE BEST' AT THE NSW RACING INDUSTRY'S NIGHT OF NIGHTS, RACING'S NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS WORDS: SHARON HUNT (EXECUTIVE OFFICER – NSWROA)



**N**SWROA's gala event – NSW Racing's Night of Champions – will be beamed live to an international audience on SKY Thoroughbred Central on Thursday August 18 by our exclusive media partner Sky/Racing.

Racing's Night of Champions will once again support the Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation (POWHF) as our charity of choice for the event, where proceeds are used to promote research, education, health promotion and patient care for and at the Prince of Wales Hospital at Randwick.

Readers will be interested to know that a major portion of the funds raised from last year's event were granted to a team led by Professor David Goldstein for research into the role of exercise in the management of inflammation in cancer patients.

This year Racing's Night of Champions returns again to the home of racing, Royal Randwick, where the industry will be united once again for this fabulous event.

The excitement and anticipation is building as we anxiously await the results of the awards being presented on the night, highlighted of course by the feature award the TAB.com.au 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 of the Year, NSW Miller 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, Sydney Strapper of the Year, the Theo Green Award, the George Moore Award, the T J Smith Award and the Bart Cummings Medal.

Guests are in for a real treat with Australia's premier party band Jellybean Jam the entertainment for the night. Having been part of the party scene since 1993, Jellybean Jam has performed over 3,500 shows.

Get out those dancing shoes and sail across the floor as Jellybean Jam

transforms the music arena from Disco to Swing, Motown to Latin, Funk, Rock to Pop.

Whatever your style in music Jellybean Jam has it covered! This will be one of the great highlights on the night.

During the evening both a Monster and Silent Auction will be conducted. Without giving too much away about the items available on the night, hereunder is a 'sneak peek' at just some of the marvellous items that will feature in the auctions:

- **EXPERIENCE ROYALTY:** Kindly donated by Ambassador Travel in association with Emirates Airlines. This exceptional prize provided by Ambassador Travel in association with Emirates Airlines is for two people flying Business Class with the multi award-winning airline, Emirates in the giant 486-seat A380 aircraft to Royal Ascot in June 2017. The prize is inclusive of all travel arrangements and accommodation.

- **EQUUS SCULPTURE:** Kindly donated by Joanna Rhodes. This



ABOVE: The luxurious Maharani Milky Aqua Quartz Bangle

OPPOSITE: The EQUUS sculpture is an exclusive piece of equine art that features in the Olsen Iwrin Gallery, Woollahra

RIGHT: Salvatore Ferragamo's mini ultra-sleek 'Ginny' shoulder bag is a must have for this year's spring fashion



exclusive piece of equine art is perfect to upstyle any work or living space. Featured in the Olsen Iwrin Gallery, Woollahra, this stunning 'Equus' Black Ribbon steel horse head sculpture stands alone on a grey stone base. This timeless piece awaits a new home!! Valued at \$10,000 [size including stone base is 75cm (H) x 80cm (W)].

• **A GIRL'S BEST FRIEND:** Kindly donated by Salvatore Ferragamo. Salvatore Ferragamo's mini ultra-sleek 'Ginny' shoulder bag is coated in textured navy leather with the brand's signature grosgrain bow the only accent. Featuring a snapped front and gold-tone shoulder chain, this is a must have for this year's spring fashion. Carry next to your most timeless cocktail dress or wear to enhance your casual chic couture. Every woman needs a little luxury in their wardrobe!

• **MAHARANI BLUE:** Kindly donated by Duraflex Group Australia. Treat yourself to a little sparkle. These luxurious Maharani Milky Aqua Quartz Oval Earrings and Maharani Milky Aqua

Quartz Bangle are timeless feminine pieces and given that 'Maharani' means Queen in Hindi, they will make you feel truly Royal for every occasion. One can never have too much sparkle in their life!

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 very pleased to welcome back as sponsors for this year's event, TAB.com.au, Racing NSW, Sky Racing, Emirates, Australian Turf Club, Gow Gates Insurance Brokers, New Zealand Bloodstock, Ambassador Travel Services, Inglis, Carrazzo Consulting, International Animal Health Products and De Bortoli Wines.**

We also warmly welcome our two new sponsors, Whitby Bloodstock and Jirsch Sutherland.

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

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.

At the great value price of \$220 per head Racing's Night of Champions is the best value night out you can have. So if you haven't already done so, reserve your place now at a truly fantastic night.

FOR MORE INFORMATION regarding 2016 Racing's Night of Champions or to make a booking, 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**