

# NSW racing's 'Night of Champions'

**ONE OF NSW RACING'S BIGGEST NIGHTS BRINGS TOGETHER OUTSTANDING ENTERTAINMENT, FINE FOOD & WINES, AS WELL AS AWARDS CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE DURING THE SEASON**

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ABOVE: The full house sign was up at last year's Racing's Night of Champions  
BELOW: Presentation of the 2016 TAB.com.au NSW Champion Horse of the Year (Winx)



Readers are cordially invited to join NSW Racehorse Owners Association (NSWROA) for the flagship event of the Association, and the NSW Racing Industry's night of nights, Racing's Night of Champions.

The industry will come together once again at Royal Randwick on Thursday 17 August where we will be 'Celebrating the Best' that New South Wales Racing has to offer.

The Association is proudly supporting the Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation (POWHF) again 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.

Continuing from celebrating the best in our industry, guests will also be celebrating the best in entertainment when The Beatels take to the stage.

The internationally acclaimed tribute band to The Beatles was formed in 1996 and have played to packed out audiences around the world since.

The Beatels are so close to the real thing that you won't believe your eyes or your ears as they recreate those wonderful songs from what was undoubtedly the best band of all time.

It will be very hard indeed to resist the urge to put on your dancing shoes and sail across the floor once the music starts!

The 2017 Racing's Night of Champions Awards will again be televised live to an international audience on Sky Thoroughbred Central by our Exclusive Media Partner, Sky Racing, with highlights of the night also being shown across the Sky Racing Platform.

Readers would be aware the awards presented at Racing's Night of Champions are to honour the New South Wales Racing Industry.

The feature award of the night is the TAB.com.au NSW Champion Horse of the Year. This esteemed award has a long list of illustrious winners 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), It's A Dundee



Guest artists *The Beatels* performing

(NZ) (2013), Boban (2014), First Seal (2015) and Winx 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

Racing NSW returns once again as a sponsor to Racing's Night of Champions and will present the following additional awards:

- Sydney Strapper of the Year Award
- T J Smith Award
- George Moore Award
- Theo Green Award
- NSW Racing Writers' Personality of the Year
- BOBS Horse of the Year Award; and
- Bart Cummings Medal

The success of this event relies predominantly on sponsorship monies, the monster auction and the silent auction. We are indebted to our fantastic sponsors and, on behalf of the Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation, we thank them for their wonderful support of Racing's Night of Champions.

NSWROA is pleased to welcome back as sponsors for this year's event, Tab.com.au – the major sponsor for the event, Racing NSW, Sky Racing, Emirates, Australian Turf Club, New Zealand Bloodstock, Ambassador Travel Services, Inglis, Carrazzo

Consulting, Jirsch Sutherland, International Animal Health Products and De Bortoli Wines.

We would also like to acknowledge the increased sponsorship this year by International Animal Health Products as the new sponsor of the NSW Three-Year-Old of the Year Award in addition to the sponsorship of the IAHP Raffle.

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 those fabulous 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.

Mr Ray McDowell, NSWROA President, said: "It is with great pride that I invite all in our industry to the Association's flagship event – there is no other night like this in our industry."

So, if you would like to enjoy fine food, savour great wines and beverages whilst assisting in raising much-needed funds for the Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation, then Racing's Night of Champions is the event for you.

For more information regarding the 2017 Racing's Night of Champions, contact the NSWROA office on telephone (02) 9299 4299, by email [nswroa1@ozemail.com.au](mailto:nswroa1@ozemail.com.au) or visit the NSWROA website [www.nswroa.com.au](http://www.nswroa.com.au) **RNSW**