

Celebrating the best in our State

IT'S NOW AUGUST, WHICH MEANS IT IS TIME TO START 'CELEBRATING THE BEST' AT THE RACING INDUSTRY'S NIGHT OF NIGHTS, RACING'S NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS

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NSWROA's gala event, the 2018 Racing's Night of Champions, will take place at the home of racing, Royal Randwick, and be beamed live to an international audience on Sky Thoroughbred Central for the RNOC Award Presentation on Thursday 16 August 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 Professor Kerri-Anne Rye, Deputy Head of the School of Medical Services, Dr Sze-Yuan Ooi, Medical Director of the Coronary Care Unit and Cardiac Rehabilitation and Associate Professor Shane Thomas, also of the School of Medical Sciences.

Their research project title is 'Reducing Future Events in Acute Coronary Syndrome Patients by Improving HDL Function'.

The aim is to define the time frame for restoration of the cardioprotective functions of HDLs in ACS patients, and how this relates to changes in the interactions of HDLs with MPO.

Excitement is high as we anxiously await the results of the awards being presented on the night, highlighted, of course, by the feature award the TAB 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 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, Sydney Strapper of the Year, the NSW Racing Writers' Personality of the Year, BOBS Horse of the Year, TJ Smith Award, George Moore Award, Theo Green Award and the Bart Cummings Medal.

Guests at Racing's Night of Champions will be treated to a feature performance by one of Australia's most talented young singers, Harrison Craig. A former winner of The Voice Australia, Harrison's unique tone and crooning style sets him apart in his genre.

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

Luxury All The Way (kindly donated by Emirates):

This exceptional prize is for two people flying Business Class

on the magnificent A380 to Europe, on Emirates, the multi award-winning airline, internationally acclaimed for its superb level of inflight service.

Experience unrivalled comfort with fully-flat seat beds, socialise in the onboard bar and lounge, the world's most spacious and stylish bar at 40,000ft available on all A380 aircraft.

Lose yourself in the Emirates ice entertainment system with up to 3,500 channels of on-demand entertainment including over 200 movies from around the world, 100 TV channels, live sport, and free wi-fi, dine on multi-course gourmet cuisine and enjoy a generous baggage allowance, with a chauffeured limousine drive included.

Be sure that you don't miss out on the opportunity to fly in luxury from Sydney to one of Emirates 41 European destinations of your choice. T&Cs apply and not valid for travel between 10 December 2018 to 15 January 2019.



A Sparkling Affair (donated by Australian Jewellery Liquidators): Glitz, Glamour, Gatsby! This matching art deco 18ct white diamond set exudes elegance.

The ring featuring 14 baguette cut diamonds and 30 brilliant cut diamonds, totals 1.1 Carats.

This stunning piece is accompanied by matching 18ct white gold earrings, featuring 24 baguette cut diamonds and 28 brilliant cut diamonds with a total of 1.04 Carats.

This spectacular art deco diamond set is a great way to spoil that special lady in your life. Stamped and certified with certification supplied (valued at \$10,000).

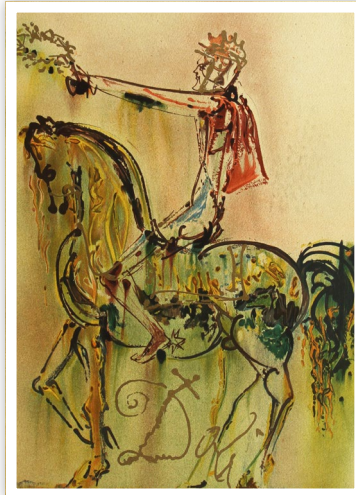
Matisse’s Muse (donated by Chase Gallery): This stunning black and white etching from Matisse’s ‘Cinquante Dessins’ portfolio is called The Portrait of a Woman and signed in the plate from a limited edition of 1,000.

This piece is almost a century old and in pristine condition. The portfolio, containing 50 portraits of women, was a study of the female form and spirit.

Henri Matisse was a French artist, known for both his use of colour and his fluid and original draughtsmanship (approx. 60 x 50cm framed, valued at \$7,000).

The Roman Horse by Salvador Dali (on the right, donated by Chase Gallery):

Salvador Dali’s striking 1983 colour lithograph from his famous ‘Les Chevaux de Dali’ portfolio is a must-have for any avid equine lover. Dali returned time and again to the horse theme throughout his long career.



Their beauty of line and form, and the natural symbolism of raw animal power and elegance were natural attractions for him.

Dali considered this unique animal a perfect launching point for his prodigious imagination. This spectacular masterpiece awaits a place to call home! (approx. 70 x 50cm framed, valued at 6,600).

Aussie Glamping (on right, donated by Paperbark Camp): Relax, revive, rejuvenate! Explore the beautiful white sand beaches and pristine waters of Jervis Bay with this two-night midweek escape at Paperbark Camp, a peaceful bush retreat just 2.5 hrs south of Sydney.

Renowned for its simple, pared-back style, the tented accommodation, food and natural surrounds of Paperbark Camp are a welcome antidote for a hectic modern life. Treat yourself – you deserve it! (valued at \$1290).



The Ultimate Little Black Bag (donated by Salvatore Ferragamo): The must-have accessory for the 2018/19 racing season, this Salvatore Ferragamo masterpiece is the ultimate little black bag.

The Sofia black leather bag with woven silver leather detail, is a classic Italian, stylish piece which is the perfect accoutrement for all occasions. Spoil her this winter – give her a gift to treasure a lifetime! (valued at \$3,990).

This is just naming a few of the items. A raffle with exceptional prizes will also be conducted on the night and a lucky door prize awarded.

NSWROA is very pleased to welcome back as sponsors for this year’s event, TAB, Racing NSW, Sky Racing, Emirates, Australian Turf Club, International Animal Health Products, New Zealand Bloodstock, Inglis, Carrazzo Consulting and De Bortoli Wines, as well as welcoming Wild Oaks and Hall Chadwick.

And lastly, and by no means in the 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 price of \$240 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 2018 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**

