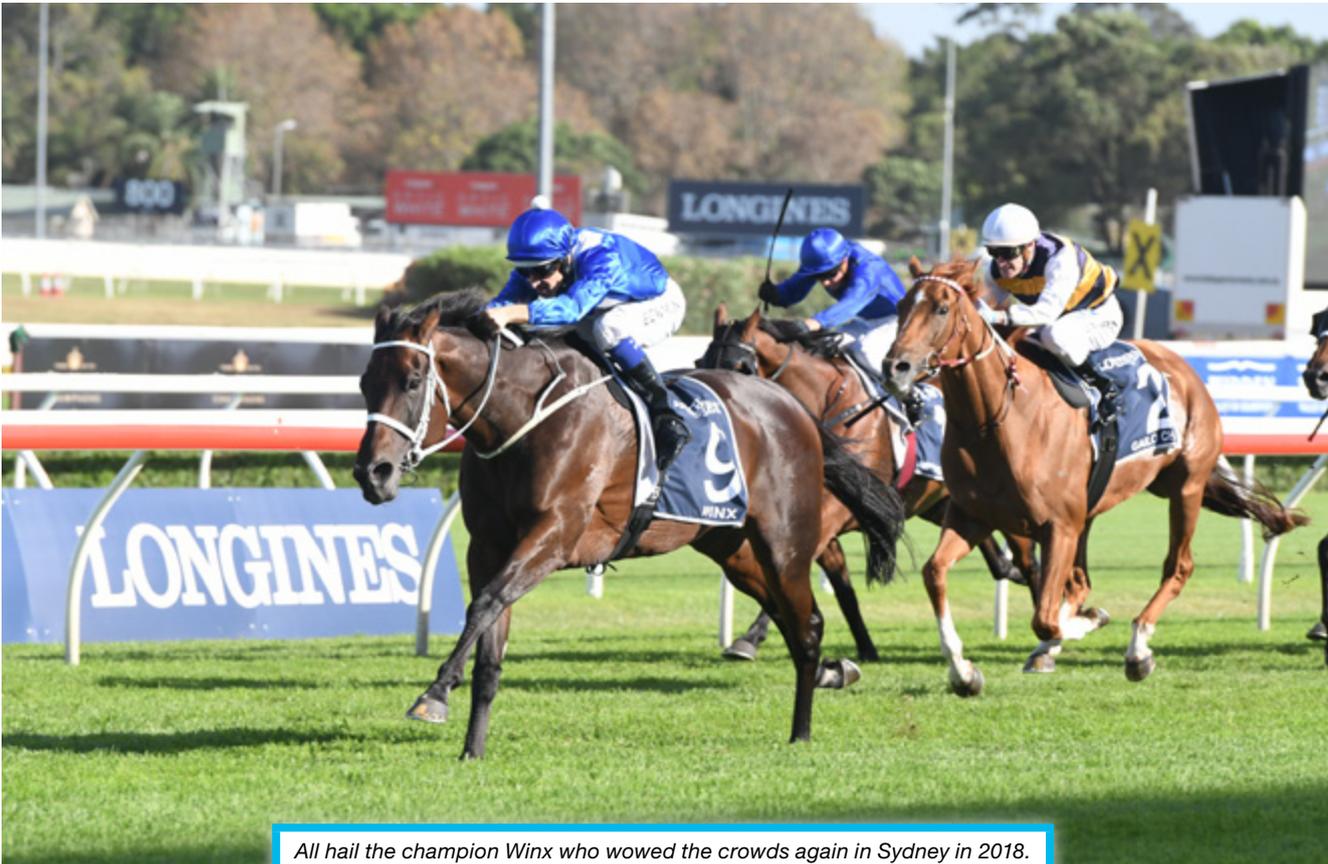




Redzel makes it back to back wins in The Everest, Australia's richest race.

Farewell to 2018 – and what a year it was!



All hail the champion Winx who wowed the crowds again in Sydney in 2018.

INCREDIBLY AS WE COME TO THE END OF ANOTHER YEAR WE ONCE AGAIN QUESTION WHERE THE YEAR HAS GONE!

WORDS: **SHARON HUNT** (EXECUTIVE OFFICER – NSWROA)

In a year full of memorable events and many highlights, it is hard, in some respects, to mention only a few.

It doesn't seem all that long ago that the Golden Slipper was run and we saw the all the way win of Estijaab after starting from barrier 14 – how good was that!

The Championships once again highlighted the best the Autumn had to offer with:-

- Happy Clapper's success in the Group 1 Doncaster Handicap;
- the Group 1 double of Trapeze Artist in the T J Smith Stakes and the All Aged Stakes;
- the "fairytale" success of El Dorado Dreaming in the Group 1 Sires Produce Stakes; and
- Who Shot Thebarman (NZ) saluting in the Group 1 Sydney Cup.

The TAB Everest, in only its second year, has reinforced to our Victorian neighbours that the Spring Carnival takes place in Sydney as well as Melbourne. The euphoria surrounding Redzel following his back to back victories was truly memorable.

Then, of course, there was Winx! Awesome as always, continually setting new benchmarks and records which finally culminated in her fourth successive Cox Plate victory. I, like most I am sure, am in complete awe of this Champion of the Turf.



Peter Quirk

PETER QUIRK WAS APPOINTED A DIRECTOR IN JUNE 2018

On the Association front, the NSWROA Committee had a "new arrival" during the year and I am very pleased to introduce Mr Peter Quirk to the readership. A shipbroker by trade who trained in both Australia and England, he is currently a Director for both Australia and New Zealand at Affinity Shipbrokers Australia Pty Limited.

As with the vast majority of participants in our industry, Peter's introduction to the industry was via his family with his father a rails bookmaker on the city tracks.

He is a lifelong racing enthusiast and regular racegoer with memberships to the Australian Turf Club, the Victoria Racing Club, the Scone Race Club as well as the NSW Racehorse Owners Association.

Peter joins Ray McDowell (President), Tom O'Callaghan (Vice President & Secretary), Mitchell Stone (Treasurer), Blake Matthews, Shirley McGrath and Antony Surace in voluntarily giving their time to serve on the NSWROA Committee.

In other news, I am leaving the Association after ten and a half years in the role of Executive Officer and it has been an honour to serve our Members in this role.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have assisted me in my role – such assistance was greatly appreciated.

I would also like to encourage those owners who are not as yet members of NSWROA to be more than an owner – be a member and join the Association in 2019. Applications will be opening soon for the 2019 membership year.

By way of background I advise that for over 50 years NSWROA has both served and promoted the interests of all racehorse owners in New South Wales.

Under the Thoroughbred Racing Act, NSWROA is determined to be "the eligible industry body" under Clause 31 (2) of the Act representing racehorse owners at regulatory level and associated industry consultation groups.

The Association represents owners at industry stakeholder level both at state level via the Racing Industry Consultation Group (RICG) (consultant to Racing NSW) and at the national level at the Australian Thoroughbred Racehorse Owners Council (ATROC) as well as in other circumstances where owners' interests need to be represented.

NSWROA works to have a more influential voice in the racing industry, on behalf of all owners, and seeks to improve every aspect of the ownership experience.

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As this is the last issue of Racing NSW Magazine for the year, may I take this opportunity, on behalf of the President and NSWROA Committee, to wish all readers the compliments of the season and a happy, healthy and prosperous 2019. **RNSW**