

Racing's Night of Champions – a rewarding evening

NEW SOUTH WALES RACING INDUSTRY PARTICIPANTS ARE NO STRANGERS TO THE NSW RACEHORSE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT WORDS: JANE HENNING (CEO – NSWROA)

NSWROA's Racing's Night of Champions is the pinnacle of the season and celebrates the highest achievers both horse and human, from trainers through to strappers, personalities and of course, jockeys.

Excitement is high as we anxiously await the announcements of the award recipients, highlighted 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 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 NSW Racing Writers' Personality of the Year, the BOBS Horse of the Year, the T J Smith Award, the George Moore Award, the Theo Green Award and the Bart Cummings Medal.

While the theme of the evening is celebrating the best, it is also dedicated to raising money for a worthwhile charity. This year it is a new recipient, Spinal Cord Injuries Australia.

They support, amongst other severely injured people, many from the racing industry, including Tye Angland, who will be involved in this year's event.

Spinal Cord Injuries Australia (SCIA) is a 'for purpose' organisation, established over 50 years ago to advance the rights of people living with disability.

SCIA has over 2,000 members, over one third of its staff live with disability, and two thirds of the board have lived experience of spinal cord injury.

Today SCIA provides a range of services to help people lead more independent lives, including Peer Support, Information, Accommodation, Advocacy, NDIS Support, Social Enterprise, Employment and Exercise Rehabilitation. For more information, visit www.scia.org.au.

Fund raising on the evening is via the auction of top-class items which have been donated specifically for the event.

A Monster Auction, Silent Auction and Raffle will be conducted to ensure that there is something which will appeal to all guests and budgets.

A taste of some of the fantastic items on offer are:

BUNDA BESPOKE DIAMOND PENDANT Kindly Donated by BUNDA Fine Jewels



BUNDA Fine Jewels is an internationally renowned fine jewellery house with a reputation for exquisite design and craftsmanship.

Australian designer, Ben Bunda is creating a bespoke piece, especially for Racing's Night of Champions.

Ben's design philosophy is that fine jewels should always present the wearer with an effortless sense of style, and this striking original will be no exception.

Sparkle at the races with a unique BUNDA diamond 'Racehorse & Jockey' pendant, handcrafted in 18ct white gold. The pendant can be converted to a pin or brooch if desired.

BALI PARADISE PACKAGE Kindly Donated by YourTravel-Chapter



A luxury get-away for two on the beautiful island of Bali.

YourTravel-Chapter has curated this 5-star experience at three locations: four nights in Nusa Dua, at The Laguna, where beauty surrounds in perfect harmony with lush tropical gardens and a pristine beach; two nights at The Double Six, in the heart of Seminyak, where personalised service is key and location is prime for uninterrupted ocean views; ending with a weekend at Tony's Villas, where you will find yourself immersed in Balinese culture, hospitality, architecture,

cuisines and wellness.

Includes private transfers between the airport and all resorts, a few bottles of bubbles on the way, breakfast every morning and round-trip Business Class airfares.

A cultural and relaxing chapter for you to embrace.

MCLAREN RACING TRACK EXPERIENCE

Kindly Donated by McLaren



This is an opportunity for two people to join McLaren Automotive for the annual McLaren Owners' Day for the fastest laps of their life!

Experience the incredible track-oriented McLaren 600LT and the game-changing McLaren 720S super-car at full speed, at the side of a professional Pure McLaren racing driver.

Join the McLaren Automotive team and their owners for lunch and experience this rare high-thrills, high-speed track day at Sydney Motorsport Park with some of the best drivers in the world.

CLASSIC COOKING CLASS IN SOUTH WEST FRANCE

Kindly Donated by Heather & David Hayes of Canal du Midi Cooking



French cuisine is arguably the most revered in the world and now you have a once in a lifetime opportunity to learn how to cook like a French chef!

This cooking school is located near the beautiful town of Carcassonne in the South West of France. Here you will spend a day learning timeless techniques and simple tips to create traditional French dishes with a modern twist.

Tour the local markets in the morning to pick up your fresh produce, before returning to transform these ingredients under the guidance of trained French chef, Heather and her husband David.

After your cooking class, relax in the peace of canal side gardens and enjoy the meal that you have prepared accompanied by expertly paired local wines, whilst soaking in the beautiful French countryside.

BANNISTERS BY THE SEA, MOLLYMOOK

Kindly Donated by Bannisters Hotels



This is a picture-perfect coastal getaway, perched on the top of the stunning Mollymook headland, with uninterrupted ocean views.

Just three hours south of Sydney, the romance and serenity of Bannisters by the Sea makes this the perfect weekend escape.

Enjoy a two-night stay in an Ocean Deluxe room, including continental buffet breakfast daily.

Dine at the iconic Australian seafood restaurant, Rick Stein at Bannisters, with a \$100 dining voucher. Sample the incredible local seafood, prepared using only the freshest ingredients.

SERVICE FEE VANCOUVER (WITH FREE RETURN)

Kindly Donated by Tommy Berry and Coolmore Australia



This is an opportunity to obtain a 2019 service fee (with 2020 free return) to this highly sought-after young stallion.

An unbeaten Golden Slipper-winning Champion two-year-old trained by Gai Waterhouse, Vancouver has all the ingredients required for sire success.

He is one of the best sons of top-class sire Medaglia d'Oro and his granddam is the dual Group 1 winning Champion sprinter, Skating.

Ridden by Tommy Berry, Vancouver won the 2015 Golden Slipper from the outside barrier in incredibly fast time.

His first yearlings went to auction in 2019, with 79 selling for an average of approximately \$175,000 and top prices of \$950,000, \$600,000, \$550,000, \$540,000, \$400,000 and \$400,000.

In 2019, Vancouver is set for his fourth season at Coolmore Australia and stands for a fee of \$44,000.

NSW Racehorse Owners Association is very pleased to welcome back as sponsors for this year's event; TAB, Racing NSW, Sky Racing, the Australian Turf Club, New Zealand Bloodstock, Inglis, Carrazzo Consulting, De Bortoli Wines, Wild Oaks, International Animal Health Products and Hall Chadwick.

They also welcome exciting new award sponsors, Coolmore Australia and City Tatts.

Tickets for the event are selling fast. To secure yours, please call Jane Henning on 0421 353 871, email owners@nswroa.com.au or go to the NSW Racehorse Owners Association's website, www.nswroa.com.au for more details. **RNSW**