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RACING NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS 2007

This years Racing Night of Champions was held again at The Pavilion, Royal Randwick Racecourse on Thursday the 9th of August and was attended by over 650 guests. Guests on the night included Minister for Gaming & Racing Mr. Graham West MP amongst high profile racing personalities. With proceeds on the night going to the Redkite Foundation it was pleasing to see the monies raised from the Auctions and Raffles exceeded last years totals.

The entertainment was first class, with popular band 'Evermore' playing all their hits and the party kept on going into the early hours with the dance band 'The After Party Band'.

The Categories were highly competitive and it was the Gai Waterhouse stable that were the

stars of the evening taking out 5 of the 9 Awards on the night. The Awards were hosted by Caroline Searcy from TVN and the Awards Night will be re-televised on TVN over the next few weeks.

The NSWROA greatly appreciated the generous support again this year from all the sponsors, prize donors and people involved with the evening. The NSWROA would like to especially thank Emirates, RacingNSW, Count Charitable Foundation, the AJC & STC, Sydney City Lexus, Macquarie Funds Management, BT Financial Group, Tabcorp, Network 10, Deutsche Asset Management and Alister & Mary Simpson.

2007 Award Winners

**Best NSW
2 Year Old**
MEURICE

**Best NSW
3 Year Old**
MENTALITY

**Best NSW
Sprinter/Miler**
BENTLEY BISCUIT

**Best NSW
Middle Distance Runner**
DESERT WAR

Best NSW Stayer
TAWQEET

**NSW Country Champion
Horse of the Year**
TAKEOVER TARGET

**NSW Provincial Champion
Horse of the Year**
COURT COMMAND

Queen of the Autumn
TUESDAY JOY

**NSW Champion
Horse of the Year**
DESERT WAR

2008 PAPAL VISIT - UPDATE

The NSWROA will be meeting in the near future with AJC representative's who are formulating a compensation package with Government. The AJC is seeking consultation from a number of groups affected by the visit and we will keep you informed of any developments associated with the issue.

RACING MINISTERS PROPOSED STRUCTURAL CHANGES TO NSW RACING

The Vice President of the NSWROA Mr Ray McDowell, together with fellow director, Michael Yates, met with the Director of the Office of Gaming and Racing, Mr John Whelan, and Mr Ken Brown on Thursday the 16th of August to receive further detail on the Minister's initiatives for the thoroughbred racing industry.

The Government recognised as part of the review, the financial contribution of Owners to the racing industry and the desirability of Owners having their own right to nominate a representative to the new Racing Industry Consultation Group ("RICG"). The NSWROA was pleased that after many years of seeking this right, the importance of the Owner to the industry has been recognised.



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The RICG is to meet the Board of Racing NSW at least once every two months for the purposes of consultation and to provide advice to the Racing NSW Board. By legislating for compulsory consultation, industry participants will have the opportunity of regular and direct consultation through the RICG in significant industry matters with a decision making role.

It was made clear at the meeting that the areas the RICG will have ultimate decision making power over are going to be specifically limited to the three issues set out by the Minister. The proposed new structure does not materially reduce the importance or role of the new independent Racing NSW Board. This Board will have ultimate control of the commercial and regulatory issues coming before Racing NSW, other than these limited areas. At a practical level, the NSWROA see the Racing NSW Board still being able to bring influence to the areas left with the RICG for ultimate decision, as it will influence the proposals on these issues brought to the RICG by Racing NSW.

After hearing the further detail from the Government on the initiatives, the NSWROA dismissed concerns that the structure would not attract high quality candidates to the Racing NSW Board. The potential for Racing NSW Board members to be personally liable for courses of conduct taken by Racing NSW as a result of RICG decisions is remote at best. The Government intends to deal with any potential personnel liability issues in these circumstances in the new legislation. The NSWROA does not believe the structure will impede the attraction of interested and highly qualified

personnel to the Racing NSW Board.

NSWROA APPLAUDES GOSFORD RACE CLUB'S OWNER INITIATIVES

The Gosford Race Club has set a new benchmark for provincial and country owner benefits across the state following a recent review of Owner benefits.

From the 26th of July the Club will introduce several new or improved owners' benefits for those racing at Gosford Race Club.

Of particular note is Gosford's initiative to introduce a bi-monthly complimentary Owners' Breakfast BBQ to assist trainers in providing a greater level of hospitality to their owners. The first of these BBQ's was held on Saturday the 4th of August and was well attended by existing and prospective owners by inviting the general public.

The NSWROA applauds the recent initiatives made by Gosford Race Club which also includes an increase in prize money for the 2007/08 season by over \$600,000 as well as ensuring that the \$299,000 prize money allocated to this year's abandoned Cup meeting will not be lost to owners.

RESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR BENEDICT CHAN

It is with great regret we received Benedict Chan's resignation as a Director of your association after serving 13 years. Benedict is a life member of the association and was Vice President for more than 10 years. Benedict introduced the Racing Night of Champions and was primarily

responsible for developing the night to what it is today.

Benedict was the Owners representative on the Racing Industry Participants Advisory Council from 1996 to 2004 and NSW Owners' representative on the Australian Racehorse Owners Council (2006/7). Benedict has also served on the Australia Horse Racing Industry Council, National Racehorse Owners Association and International Racehorse Owners' Association (IROA) during his tenure at the NSWROA.

It has been Benedict's efforts as a Director on the IROA that are of most note in more recent times delivering papers and insight into Racehorse Ownership on a global scale.

The NSWROA thank Benedict for his long service and dedication, he will be sorely missed and we wish him all the best in the future.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

I would personally like to thank all those who attended the Racing Night of Champions, and the RNOC organising committee for their tireless efforts.

To all my friends in both the Racing & Financial Industries your efforts in supporting the Redkite Foundation and the NSWROA are very much appreciated.

Yours in Racing



Stephen Van Eyk
President

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