



# JULY 2007

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## TICKETS SELLING FAST - RACING NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS 2007



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Tickets for this year's Racing Night of Champions have been selling fast with the appearance of popular band 'Evermore', it is likely to be the biggest Awards night in the history of the Association. With less than 200 tickets remaining for the night, those who would like to attend this prestigious event are urged to **book now to avoid disappointment.**

Tickets are discounted for NSWROA members at \$175 per head, which includes your meal, drinks, entertainment plus the ever popular monster auction, silent auction and various raffles. The evening is a black tie event and is again at The Pavilion, Randwick Racecourse on the 9th of August 2007 with proceeds to go to the Red kite Foundation.

For all booking enquiries please visit the website: [www.nswroa.com.au](http://www.nswroa.com.au) or phone David in the office on 02 9299 4299.

## RACING NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS - NOMINATIONS FOR 2006/7 ANNOUNCED

### Best NSW 2 Year Old

*CAMARILLA  
MEURICE  
FORENSICS*

### Best NSW 3 Year Old

*MENTALITY  
GOLD EDITION  
TUESDAY JOY*

### Best NSW Sprinter/Miler

*TAKEOVER TARGET  
RACING TO WIN  
BENTLEY BISCUIT*

### Best NSW Middle Distance Runner

*DESERT WAR  
COALESCE  
RAILINGS*

### Best NSW Stayer

*GALLIC  
TAWQEET  
BLUTIGEROO*

### NSW Country Champion Horse of the Year

*TAKEOVER TARGET  
SNIPERS BULLET  
NATURAL DESTINY*

### NSW Provincial Champion Horse of the Year

*BISCAYNE BAY  
NEWPORT  
COURT COMMAND*

### Queen of the Autumn

*TUESDAY JOY*

### NSW Champion Horse of the Year

*BENTLEY BISCUIT  
MENTALITY  
DESERT WAR*



Thursday 9th August 2007  
6.30pm for 7.00pm

**Ticket Prices:**  
**\$195 per person**  
**\$175 per person**  
[NSWROA members]  
**\$1950 Table of 10**

**Black Tie Gala Dinner**  
 Dinner, drinks and band

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## 2008 PAPAL VISIT

I am sure as Racehorse Owners you are aware of the recent media hype and debate relating to the 2008 Papal Visit. At a recent board meeting the issue was discussed at length and after consulting the World Youth Act 2006, any legal action to prevent the event being held at Randwick appears frivolous. The NSWROA is now focused on assisting with the delivery of a fair compensation package to Owners forced to relocate their horses in preparation of the Catholic Church's World Youth Day festivities at Randwick Racecourse.

The Association believes a fund should be set aside by the NSW Government to compensate Owners for transportation costs and any injuries incurred as a result of the move. The Association believes that the costs to Owners from the event could be very high.

The lack of consultation with the horse industry by the NSW Government so far has been disappointing to say the least.

The task that Owners and trainers face in relocating hundreds of staff around NSW or even interstate is a logistical nightmare. It will be extremely costly and disruptive for workers and their families.

Many of these costs incurred by Trainers and their staff will be directly passed onto horse Owners.

According to recent figures it is estimated that 600 horses currently housed at Randwick could be harmed by the move.

Horses are not machines and they thrive on routine, many horses will lose form over this move. Over-crowding, particularly in a new environment, will inevitably lead to accidents.

Another concern is the restoration of Randwick racecourse after the event, maintenance of training tracks and associated costs will have to rise appreciably due to the size of the event – estimated at around 400,000 people. The Association seeks confirmation from the NSW government it will ensure the racecourse is returned to its former state after the event. If this does not occur, there will be added costs to the industry which may be forced to relocate the Spring Carnival to Warwick Farm. Warwick Farm has traditionally 40 per cent lower betting turnover than Randwick racecourse.

### **'CHECK MY HORSE' SERVICE – INFORMATION FOR RACEHORSE OWNERS & TRAINERS**

We would like to ask members to provide feedback and comment on a recently presented 'Check My Horse' Information Service for Owners. The objective of the business is to offer a service to the racehorse owner by informative updates of the status of their horse and its performance. The following is a brief introduction to the service.

The establishment of a service centre which makes available to the horse owner updated information about their horse and its status. The service centre collects information from the racehorse trainer and avails it to the owners. The service as a facilitator system is offered on

two media: The telephone system and an internet website.

Current research indicates that the majority of racehorse owners are kept informed about their horse through two avenues: Telephoning the trainer direct to enquire about their horse and/or an email service provided by the Trainers to their Owners. These services are cumbersome since for the telephone, the trainer may not be available to speak to the owner and for a horse with several syndicated ownership (very common), several calls regarding a single horse may come at random during the week. The email service requires enormous support and maintenance and the service needs enhancement with interaction between the trainer and the owner.

The proposed service centre will enable the trainer to record a message regularly or whenever necessary to inform the owners on the status of their horse and its performance. The message is automatically available on an Internet website. These options give the owner a personal touch through the message of the trainer at the will of the owners. The Internet site besides offering the telephony message, could also offer detailed status or statistics relating to the performance of the racehorse. The success of this plan is dependant on the cooperation of the Trainer. The proposed monthly fee for this service will be \$33 per horse (inc. GST).

If you have any comments regarding the service or experience with a similar service please contact the NSWROA on 9299 4299 or by email: [nswroa1@ozemail.com.au](mailto:nswroa1@ozemail.com.au)



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**NSWROA MEETING WITH  
MICHAEL KENNY (CEO STC)**

The Directors of the NSWROA had the pleasure of discussing current industry issues with STC CEO Michael Kenny at our latest committee meeting.

The relationship between the STC and the NSWROA continues to grow and develop as we aim to cooperate and deliver better owner benefits and experiences at STC venues.

In his discussions Michael mentioned the STC's exciting renovation plans including the Grandstand re-development to expand their functions and hospitality trade to patrons, which will also include a new Owners Room. It was also interesting to note that the STC has a pitch and put Golf Facility on the agenda for the infield of the Canterbury Racecourse which will bring additional revenue streams to the Club.

**Below:** Nominees for the NSW Champion Racehorse of the Year for 2007

**Bentley Biscuit**



**STOP PRESS – MEDIA  
RELEASE 12.7.07**

**'Direct Compensation for  
Racehorse Owners – World Youth  
Day'**

The NSW Racehorse Owners' Association again called to be involved in direct compensation negotiations with the NSW Government over the use of Randwick Racecourse for the 2008 Papal visit.

NSWROA believes that owners, not just trainers, have a right to compensation in relation to expenses incurred as part of the relocation of racehorses from Randwick. The NSWROA should therefore, be directly included in any negotiations with the NSW government.

It has so far been proposed that around 100 horses will go to Rosehill, 40 to Canterbury, 120 to Gosford and 400 to Warwick Farm. This will require additional expenditure by owners and they should be compensated for the extra cost.

**Desert War**



The NSWROA believes that an independent body, such as Racing NSW, or an accounting firm should be used to negotiate the compensation claim with the NSW government and disburse any funds. This would be preferable to the Australian Jockey Club which, although a capable body, is perceived to be representing the interest of trainers and the racecourse.

"The AJC itself may be subject to potential claims against it arising out of the Papal visit," said NSWROA Director John Vouris.

"We believe that if the AJC administers the fund, this could be a conflict of interest. The NSWROA would like any compensation fund to have criteria for disbursement and not be handled by any one body with a direct interest in the fund."

Yours in Racing

**Stephen Van Eyk**  
**President**

13 July 2007

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