



MAY 2007

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2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & OFFICE BEARERS

The NSW Racehorse Owners Association conducted its 42nd Annual General Meeting this week. With the President rotation taking effect, previous Vice-President Stephen Van Eyk was elected as President taking on the mantle from outgoing President Max Whitby. Max Whitby said his 2 year tenure as President had been a fruitful and challenging experience and it was a pleasure to serve the racing community.

Officer Bearers for 2007 are as follows:

President: Stephen Van Eyk
Vice-President: Ray McDowell
Secretary: Michael Yates

The NSWROA also welcomes the appointment of prominent businessman and racing enthusiast **Mr John Vouris** to the Board of Directors for 2007.

NSWROA MEMBER JUDITH FOLEY APPOINTED TO STC BOARD

The NSWROA would like to congratulate member **Judith Foley** in her successful candidacy in joining the STC Board. Judith is the first woman to become a Director of the Sydney Turf Club and will represent not only the Club very well but also the interests of the Racehorse Owner. Judith will attend her first Board Meeting on 28th of May 2007 in her official role as Board Member.



Congratulations NSWROA Member - Judith Foley

NEW MINISTER FOR GAMING & RACING APPOINTED

In recent weeks the new Minister for Racing Mr Graeme West MP has been approached by the NSWROA for a meeting to discuss owner's frustrations and complaints as we would like to know his approach to the future of racing in NSW. This meeting is set down with the NSWROA in late May between parliament sittings and we will report his future strategies and comments in our next newsletter.

RACINGS NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS - 02 AUG 2007

The NSWROA will hold its annual 'Racing's Night of Champions' on Thursday the 2nd of August at the Randwick Pavilion with planning well under way. Exciting entertainment as usual and Book Now.

VALE BOB LOGAN

It is with sadness that the Racing and Insurance Industry lost one of its greats with the sudden death of Bob Logan at age 68.

Bob a long-term member of the NSWROA was greatly respected and loved by his family, staff and by many in the horse and insurance industries.

NSWROA SYDNEY CUP LUNCHEON 2007

The Association's annual Sydney Cup Day Luncheon was held on, Saturday, 14 April. It was an enormously successful day with oversubscribed members and guests enjoying a wonderful day of racing.

Thank you to Richard Davey who did an excellent job as MC and NSWROA Directors, Max Whitby and Chris Keogh. Thanks also to the AJC and their staff for helping make this event so great

Thank you to our Celebrity Judge, Maria Venuti assisted by Don Spencer and Neil Grigg and to our Celebrity Tipsters, Ken Callander, Tony Brassel, Max Presnell and Ashley Johnson. The association continues to have excellent



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support from Henry Noonan Bookmakers who provided prizes for the Tipping Competition and great odds for the punters.

Congratulations to our prize winners on the day. Sharon Lenton - Best Hat, Dennis Pitman - Best Tie, Helen Davey and Rachael Deane - tipping competition, and Michael Crouch, who was the successful bidder of the Emirates business class tickets to New Zealand.

An extra special thanks to our major donor, Tim Harrowell, from Emirates Airline who generously donated two return business class tickets to New Zealand.

Thanks also to our other generous donors, Zac Illioski, Norwest Phones who donated a mobile phone, Vince Maloney Menswear who donated a Silk Tie gift voucher, James Boag, Inside Out Magazine and Rex Newell who donated a beautiful outback 'racing' framed painting for Auction.

Most importantly, many thanks to all our members and their friends who attended the lunch, for their continued support and for helping us make this day so enjoyable.

The NSWROA also plans to conduct a similar luncheon with the STC during the Spring Carnival, see future newsletters or the website for more details.



Neil Grigg & Maria Venuti with Best Tie winner Dennis Pitman

2007 TIPPING COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to **Ron Sullivan & Mario Avellino** (Equal 1st) who won the NSWROA Autumn Carnival Tipping Competition for 2007. Geoff Longhurst ran a close 3rd on 19 points having picked the last 2 out of 3 selections in the last round.

Mario and Ron will split the first prize cheque of \$1,000 care of the NSW Racehorse Owners Association and after a play off for the Stallion nomination to 'Intergaze' Ron Sullivan came out the winner. The Intergaze service is valued at \$5,500 and was kindly donated by NSWROA Vice President Ray McDowell & Widden Stud.

Geoff has won a dinner for two valued at \$200 courtesy of The Republic Hotel and the NSWROA.

The NSWROA intends to have another Spring Carnival tipping competition and it is hoped that all members will be able to participate and get involved later this year.

ATROC CONFERENCE 2007

The Australian Thoroughbred Racehorse Owners Council (ATROC) met in Sydney last month for their annual conference. The conference was hosted by the NSWROA being the national and international secretariat and was held at the Owners Lounge at Randwick Racecourse with delegates represented from each state.

The topics discussed included the enhancement of raceday experience for Owners, Jockey Sponsorship and the National Jockeys Licence and the

Australian Bloodstock Code of Practice.

The Guest speaker at the conference was Andrew Harding (Australian Racing Board CEO and Secretary-General of ARF). Wayne Milner (QLD) was elected Chairman, and Benedict Chan (NSW) elected Secretary of ATROC during the course of the day's proceedings.

It was a good opportunity for the various states to voice their opinions and views with some dynamic initiatives for the good of racing nationally. It is a strong platform to show the strength of racing in NSW.

The conference was the first of three days activities which also included a luncheon hosted by the STC at Rosehill Races and a Cruise on Sydney Harbour. The Races and Harbour Cruise proved to be an excellent social setting for ATROC delegates to mingle and meet with various representatives in the Racing Industry.

PRESIDENTS NOTE

As this is my last newsletter as outgoing President thankyou for your support and I look forward to seeing you at the track.

Yours in Racing

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Max Whitby".

Max Whitby
President

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