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THE FIGHT AGAINST CAFFEINE USE

The fight against caffeine use in sport stepped up a notch on Thursday when officials from the Australian Prohibited Substances Board (APSB) swooped on the betting ring at Royal Canterbury racecourse.

Leviathan punters 'Blue Max', 'Fire-engine' and 'Auntie Gladys' (a well-known ex-NRL player) were subjected to on-the-spot testing just prior to the fourth race. "They wanted to know how many cappuccinos I had had since arriving at the course", explained Max. "I told them that when I got up this morning it was legal". Asked to comment on rumours that his car had been seen parked on the shoulder of the M2 on his way to the course at around 10.30am, Fire-engine said that he was "just having a pick-me-up from the flask the Mrs. gave me."

Prominent Sydney bookie, Roger Evian, confirmed that he had alerted the stewards to possible caffeine abuse. "You should have seen the speed they moved at when my clerk

mistakenly put Daemons up at 33/1", he said; "they have to be on something. It is usually impossible to rouse punters for a mid-week Class 3."

A spokesman for the NSW Lotteries and Racing Authority said that, while it may still be legal to drink coffee on course out of polystyrene cups; "What kind of an example is it setting to the kiddies?" He went on; "The licensing of coffee carts is a bit of a grey area, which we may have to test in the Supreme Court." The President of the NSW Association for the Owners of Thoroughbred Racehorses made it clear that he is extremely worried about the effect on turnover. "Traditional beer drinkers, for example, tend to become less, rather than more, alert as the day wears on", he said.

The CEO of APSB said that what is really needed is out of competition testing, but this is becoming increasingly difficult. "The new 24 hour schedules, with racing from Kazakhstan and Andorra filling the gap left between Hong Kong and New Zealand, means that punters are technically up and running non-stop."

The Commonwealth government has declined to amend the Noxious Substances Act, on the grounds that there is no evidence that the rounding down of TAB dividends increases problem coffee consumption.

AJC ELECTION

As members will be aware an election is shortly to take place to fill the vacancy on the AJC Committee brought about by the retirement of former Chairman Treve Williams. Two of the candidates are members of the Association; Stephen van Eyk and Sharon Skeggs.

The ballot will close on June 22 and all members of the Association who

belong to the AJC are urged to vote and to consider carefully the credentials of all the candidates.

Two NSWROA members are standing and brief details of their involvement with the Association are as follows:

Stephen van Eyk

Stephen has spent 25 years as a financial analyst, the last ten years as MD of the most successful research company in Australia, van Eyk Research. Stephen has the right mix of business skills and an in-depth understanding of the racing industry and he is well placed to sort out not only the current issues, but also contribute to the progressive running of the AJC to ensure it remains financially viable, and delivers the outcomes members want. Stephen is also an owner and a regular race goer.

Proposed: Charles Curran
Seconded: Stephen McShane
Joined NSWROA: 2 Sep 1997
Elected Director of the Association: 6 April 2000
Member BOBS Management Committee.
Chairman Racing's Night of Champions Organising Sub-Committee.

Sharon Skeggs

Sharon Skeggs is a Director of Saatchi & Saatchi, one of the world's most successful marketing and advertising companies and MD of their retail division. Marketing and sponsorship are critical generators of income for the AJC. Sharon will utilise her 24 years' expertise in these areas to maximise revenue for the benefit of AJC members, owners and the racing industry. Sharon is a regular race goer, owner and former equestrian.

Proposed: Reg Inglis
Seconded: Jim O'Mahony
Joined NSWROA: 2 May 2005

40th ANNIVERSARY

The NSW Racehorse Owners Association 40th Anniversary Cocktail Party will be held on Thursday, 9 June 2005 in the City. The event will be free of charge to members only and all members who would like to attend should contact Caroline Fara on 9299 4299 today.

The occasion will also be used to officially launch the 2005 Racing's Night of Champions, and introduce the charity that will be the principal beneficiary of the night, the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children.

NSWROA PRESIDENT

Rob Albon, NSWROA President for the past two years has announced his intention to stand down from the position at the end of June. Speaking at the Association's Annual General Meeting on 17 May 2005, Rob said that he had enjoyed his time as President, which had been at a challenging time for the thoroughbred industry and, particularly, for owners. He thanked fellow Directors, Caroline Fara and the members of the Association for their support during his Presidency.

The Association adopted a convention in 2003 that a President serves for no more than two consecutive annual terms.

Elections for the Association's Executive will take place at the next Board meeting. Rob remains a member of the Board.

HOMES FOR HORSES

Many owners do not have the resources or the facilities to provide a good home for a racehorse at the end of its career. For those horses not destined for a stud career, the future is often bleak.

A new initiative of the Association is to provide the means by which horse owners may be put in contact with

those able to offer a retired racehorse a good home.

This service is available to NSWROA members through the Association's website. Members will be able to post details of their horse including its age, breeding, temperament, and other information, together with contact details. The facility will also enable a photograph of the horse to be displayed.

Board Member Stephen van Eyk, who has long campaigned for humane treatment of retired racehorses promoted this initiative which the Board of the Association has enthusiastically adopted. The philosophy behind this scheme is that all our horses serve us well and deserve good treatment when their racing days are over.

Those with the ability to offer a 'good home to a good horse' will be able to make direct contact with the owner of the horse.

The Owners Association in Victoria has recently introduced this scheme and we in NSW are happy to follow suit.

Members wishing to use this service should submit details using our on-line application form on our website. Please include as much information about your horse as possible to ensure a suitable home.

INCREASED PRIZE-MONEY

The Association's campaign for meaningful prize money to be paid down to tenth place appears to be about to bear fruit. As we go to press the Sydney Turf Club has confirmed that horses finishing between sixth and tenth 'will earn a base payment of around \$500.' It is understood that the payment will be introduced at all metropolitan racecourses from 1 July.

AAP RACING

AAP Racing is offering all NSWROA financial members exclusive deals in

regards to AAP's Online Racing Services as follows:

Horse Search

Price	Subscription	Discount
\$77.00	1 Month	5%
\$660.00	12 Month	15%

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Price	Subscription	Discount
\$49.50	1 Month	5%
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Price	Subscription	Discount
\$99.00	1 Month	5%
\$825.00	12 Month	15%

Pedigree Subscription

Price	Subscription	Discount
\$2,750	12 Months	20%

*For further information on each service visit www.aapracingandsports.com.au.

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FREE ENTRY - JUNE

2 nd	Hawkesbury
3 rd	Taree
4 th	Kembla Grange
5 th	Quirindi
6 th	Wellington
9 th	Gosford
10 th	Canberra, Grafton
11 th	Broadmeadow, Corowa, Tamworth
12 th	Sapphire Coast
13 th	Ballina
14 th	Scone
16 th	Hawkesbury
17 th	Orange
28 th	Kembla Grange
19 th	Tamworth
20 th	Grafton
23 rd	Gosford
24 th	Bathurst
25 th	Albury, Broadmeadow, Grafton,
27 th	Taree
28 th	Muswellbrook
30 th	Wyong

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President



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