



NSW RACEHORSE OWNERS  
ASSOCIATION

## JULY 2005

### NSWROA DIRECTORS

**Max Whitby** – President  
**Stephen van Eyk** – Vice President  
**Rob Albon** – Secretary  
**John Leslie** – Treasurer  
**Noel Bracks**  
**Benedict Chan**  
**Chris Keogh**  
**Paul Manning**  
**Ray McDowell**  
**Caroline Fara** – Executive Officer

### NEW BOARD

Max Whitby was elected President of the Association at the Board meeting held on 21 June 2005. Max has been a member of the Board since 1994 and has served as Secretary to the Association for 11 years. He is passionately committed to the promotion of the interests of racehorse owners and is well-known in the industry, most latterly as an owner of Group 1 winners Savabeel and Econsul.

Stephen van Eyk was elected Vice-President, replacing Benedict Chan who stepped down after 10 years at NSWROA Vice-President.

John Leslie was re-elected as Treasurer.

Outgoing President Rob Albon was elected Secretary, and will continue to play an important role in the administration of the Association.

### RACING'S NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS

The NSW Racehorse Owners Association is, once again, proud to be hosting the **Racing's Night of Champions** on Thursday, 11th August, 2005, at the Pavilion at Royal Randwick Racecourse. This event is the most prestigious award's night in Australian racing, acknowledging the major achievements of the preceding season by NSW thoroughbreds.

This year, the event is also helping to raise money for the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, who provide practical, financial, and emotional assistance for children, and their families, to help alleviate the pressure.

The spectacular entertainment for this year's event features **Danielle Everett** and **Michael Falzon** supported by **String Diva** and Sydney's top party band, **Jellybean Jam**

Tickets are on sale now priced at **\$175.00** for members and **\$195.00** for non-members.

**Call the Association's office TODAY to book your table or visit our website [www.nswroa.com.au](http://www.nswroa.com.au) and download a booking form.**

**Numbers are limited and will be filling up fast.**

### NEW SPONSOR FOR RNOA

The **Count Charitable Foundation** has joined with the Association as a major sponsor for '**Racing's Night of Champions**'.

The **Count Charitable Foundation** is the charitable arm of financial

planning network, **Count Financial Limited** - Australia's largest independently owned network of financial planning accountants and advisers. With around 500 firms Australia-wide, **Count** advisers offer a complete range of financial services including investment advice and reviews, personal insurance, home and investment loans, business loans and equipment finance.

### ASIAN RACING CONFERENCE

Vice-President **Benedict Chan** attended the 30<sup>th</sup> Asian Racing Conference Seoul in May, representing Australian Racehorse Owners. **Benedict** was invited to chair the Operational Session - Ownership Workshop of the 30<sup>th</sup> Asian Racing Conference after his advocacy of ownership issues at the 29<sup>th</sup> Conference in New Zealand two years ago, and **Benedict's** chairing of the Ownership Workshop reflects the recognition increasingly afforded to NSWROA on Ownership issues.

**Benedict** presented a keynote paper to the Conference - "Role of Owners Associations". Other speakers at the Ownership Workshop included **Peter V'Landys** (Racing NSW), **Bernard Saundry** (Racing Victoria), **William Morgan** (UK Thoroughbred Breeders' Association), **Julia Naismith** (NZ Thoroughbred Marketing) and **Mark Player** (HK Jockey Club).

**Benedict** also spoke as a panelist on the topic of "Buyer education /confidence for new owners" in the Breeding & Bloodstock Sales Session of the Conference.

The text of Benedict's speech (as delivered in slightly modified form at the 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday cocktail party) may be read on the association's website.

### **IROA**

In Seoul, a meeting took place of the International Racehorse Owners Association (IROA), with elections for the new executive. Dr. Vijay Mallya (Indian Racehorse Owners Federation) was elected President, with NSWROA's Benedict Chan and Dan Metzger (Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association) from the USA, elected as Vice-Presidents.

Benedict was also elected Treasurer of IROA.

The IROA Executive Committee is composed of Australia (NSWROA), India (Indian Racehorse Owners Federation), Turkey (Turkish Race Horse Breeders & Owners Association), UK (Racehorse Owners Association) and the USA (Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association).

IROA President Dr Vijay Mallya controls the world's second largest liquor group, and the Australian Financial Review recently reported his Kingfisher Airlines' Airbus order tab at the Paris Air Show to be \$US4.9 billion "privately funded". Described as India's version of Richard Branson, Dr Vijay Mallya has promised to push IROA and Ownership issues with the same vigour and commitment that he exercises in his business undertakings.

### **40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Initiated by Director Chris Keogh, the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cocktail party of the Association which was held on 9 June was a great success and was well attended by members of the Association, representatives of the racing industry and sponsors of our annual awards night, Racing's Night of Champions, as well as representatives of the principal beneficiary, Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children.

The occasion was used to launch this year's awards night. A set of four prints by internationally acclaimed artist, Alister Simpson, was auctioned on the night and, after spirited competition from leading Bookmaker Henry Noonan, was eventually secured by STC Supremo Michael Kenny to grace its boardroom.

In his speech, Benedict Chan quoted from the AJC Strategic Plan 2005-2010 - Support to Racehorse Owners, "the AJC seeks to develop its good relationship with Racehorse Owners such that it becomes generally regarded by owners as being the leading club in Australia in terms of its support for them." He issued a challenge on behalf of Racehorse Owners to STC's Michael Kenny to make a liar of the AJC on this matter. For a voluntary Association to thrive in the volatile environment of the racing industry is quite an achievement and we look forward to the next 40 years.

### **VALE BILL AITKENHEAD**

Bill Aitkenhead who died on 28 May at the age of 93 was a founder member of the Association in 1965 and rarely, if ever, missed a function,

an AGM nor an EGM during the succeeding 40 years.

At one time Bill, who rose from humble beginnings in Launceston, owned or had shares in over 80 horses. He was an enthusiastic owner who always had something to say for the good of the industry.

His funeral, which was a celebration of his life, was attended by the President, Vice-President and other members of the Board.

We will miss Bill's contribution to the Association.

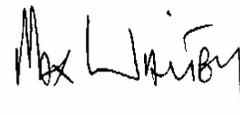
### **AJC ELECTION**

Congratulations from the Association to Sharon Skeggs, who was successful in the AJC Committee election. It is good to have another member of the NSWROA on the AJC Committee.

### **FREE ENTRY - JULY**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Tamworth
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kembla Grange
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Canberra
4 <sup>th</sup>	Moruya
7 <sup>th</sup>	Hawkesbury, Grafton
8 <sup>th</sup>	Moree, Nowra
9 <sup>th</sup>	Broadmeadow
10 <sup>th</sup>	Grafton
11 <sup>th</sup>	Quirindi
15 <sup>th</sup>	Bathurst, Canberra
16 <sup>th</sup>	Kembla Grange, Tamworth
17 <sup>th</sup>	Grafton
18 <sup>th</sup>	Albury
19 <sup>th</sup>	Taree
21 <sup>st</sup>	Wyong
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Muswellbrook
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Broadmeadow, Narrandera
24 <sup>th</sup>	Hawkesbury
26 <sup>th</sup>	Ballina
28 <sup>th</sup>	Gosford
29 <sup>th</sup>	Canberra, Tamworth
30 <sup>th</sup>	Kembla Grange
31 <sup>st</sup>	Scone

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