



## MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Our AGM was held on the evening of Tuesday 14 May. Unfortunately, I was unwell and not able to attend, however our very capable Vice President Tom O'Callaghan stepped in to run the meeting. My warm thanks to Tom.

Included with this newsletter are the AGM Minutes for your information.

We had an increase in the number of members in attendance on recent years, which was very gratifying.

The Board was very pleased to announce that we have commenced sourcing new member benefits to add more value to your membership. We have outlined those already active in this newsletter and will keep you informed of more benefits as they are locked in.

We continue to secure sponsors for this year's Racing's Night of Champions and work in with our new charity, Spinal Cord Injuries Australia, in sourcing some great auction items for the night. The racing fraternity is rallying to support this great cause, with some very interesting items being donated. Keep **15 August** free for an unforgettable night! Tickets will be available soon.

In the meantime, we will be sponsoring a race on the last day of the 2018-19 racing season at Rosehill Gardens on 27 July. As usual, we are planning a members' function and will be updating you on all the details soon.

### Ray McDowell



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## SOCIAL EVENTS



*Planning is underway for our next social event to be held on the last day of the racing season at Rosehill Gardens, when the NSW Racehorse Owners' Association sponsors one of the day's races.*

*It promises to be a very memorable day.*

*Keep 27 July free! More details to come.*

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## NSW RACEHORSE OWNERS ASSOCIATION SPONSORED EVENTS

### NSW Racehorse Owners' Association Trophy Race – Wagga Town Plate Day

On the first day of the two day Murrumbidgee Turf Club's Wagga Cup Carnival in May, the NSW Racehorse Owners' Association sponsors the 1400m maiden race.

This year it was won by We're Off, a horse part-owned by past Illawarra Turf Club administrator, the highly respected John Fletcher, who has only passed away earlier that week.

Ex-NSWROA Board Member Judith Foley kindly presented the trophy on our behalf.



*MTC President Stuart Lamont (left) and Judy Foley (centre) with the connections of We're Off.*

### 2019 Thoroughbred 'Off The Track' Feature Event

Once again, NSWROA was a support sponsor for the 2019 Thoroughbred Off The Track Feature Event at the Southern Cross Show Horse Spectacular, held at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre in April.

Jemma Cutting from Inglis was the guest presenter and did a fabulous job providing interesting commentary regarding the horses' breeding and information on their racing careers, while they were doing their workouts. Jess Bott from Gai Waterhouse & Adrian Bott Racing presented the prize to the winner of the New Stars Class and Antoinette Inglis was there to present to the winner of the All Stars class.

The judges included racing personalities Libby Hopwood and Gary Portelli.

Ten horses competed in the New Stars Class, which was won by a mare who raced as **Tide Up**, now known as Divinity. This horse then won the Supreme Thoroughbred Exhibit at this year's Sydney Royal Easter Show.

The All Stars Class had 17 horses entered and was won by Mikimoto, whose racing name was **Lago Force** (Encosta de Lago - Zabere) who also won the NSW National Champion at this year's Horse of the Year Show. The runner-up was Rolex II, who graced the turf as **Grey Assassin** (Bradbury's Luck -Annunciation NZ) who went on to win the Champion Hack Award at this year's Sydney Royal Easter Show.

It is always gratifying to see our valued Thoroughbreds go through to excel at the top level in other fields.



Shari Smith, Antoinette Inglis, Libby Hopwood & Gary Portelli with the All Stars winner, Mikimoto (aka Lago Force) ridden by Michael Christie

## HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

### It's All in the Timing

By Graham Caves

*(NSWROA member and volunteer at the ATC Heritage Centre)*

In 1910 on Villiers Day at Randwick the AJC unveiled its modern state-of-the-art race-timing device. It was called a chronograph. From that day until somewhere in the late 1940s it did its job and timed the great race performances of horses such as Poitrel, Eurythmic, Heroic, Manfred, Windbag, Phar Lap, Peter Pan, Russia, Flight and Bernborough.

There is no record of when the chronograph ceased to operate, but it was most likely with the advent of the photo finish camera with electronic timing at Randwick in 1947. The chronograph, in a protective wooden box, stayed behind the judge's box until at least 1953 (as per right). Photos tell us that it was gone from there by 1957.

In 2010 the newly formed AJC Heritage Society was tipped off that 'a big clock thing' was decaying in the maintenance sheds and had been there 50 years (below left). Inspected and verified as the 1910 Chronograph, the Heritage Officer and Department Head lobbied the club for finance to have the chronograph restored, and it happened.



Today, in the Heritage Gallery in the old Officials' Stand at Randwick, the artefact, gleaming and proud, is a talking point for all the visitors and passers-through. It is surrounded by a large photograph of it in situ during its working life, an explanatory caption and a pair of old flags. These flags were in use in the area around the chronograph in pre-electronic days to indicate the result of a protest. They were run up a flagpole – red/green for dismissed and white/green for upheld.

Fair to say many a heart was pumping as the official carried the furlled flag (to disguise its colour) across to the flagpole and ran up the result announcing the stewards' decision. A sigh of relief or a burst of tears for those anxiously waiting.



Here (below) is an image of it restored to its former glory, now situated in the Heritage Gallery at Royal Randwick.



## COUNTRY RACING

Wellington Boot Day was held on 7 April, with the time-honoured Wellington Boot for two-year-olds, worth \$150,000, going to the Joe Pride trained **Superium**, a \$1.95 favourite after a first-up win at Bathurst.



The \$100,000 Wellington Showcase Cup (1700m) was won by the Italian import **Goldstream** in a tight finish for the placings. He is trained by Cody Morgan at Tamworth and owned by a large syndicated headed by Australian Bloodstock.

The prizemoney was terrific for the day, with the Wellington Town Plate offering \$50,000 and going to down to El Mo in another tight finish,

trained by Gayna Williams at Mudgee.

While there were several city based trainers represented, country and provincial based trainers won seven of the nine events and ensured that the prizemoney was widely distributed on the day.

## PROVINCIAL RACING

Hawkesbury held its very popular, annual stand alone meeting on April 27. This year it was attended by a crowd of ten thousand spectators!

Hosting three Group 3 events and a Listed race on the nine race card, the Hawkesbury Gold Cup was taken out by **Archedemus** (pictured), trained by Gwenda Markwell and owned by the Superhorse syndicate.

The Hawkesbury Guineas went to **Military Zone**, trained by Peter & Paul Snowden and owned by a large group headed by Triple Crown Syndications.



The Hawkesbury Crown was won by **Irithea**, trained by Bjorn Baker and owned by a syndicate headed by Darby Syndications. The Listed Hawkesbury Rush went to **Intuition**, a James Cummings trained - Godolphin owned gelding.

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## BOBS & BOBS EXTRA UPDATE



By Mark Brassel

(photo: Bradley Photographers)



### Exciting Colt Kubrick Narrowly Averted Being Gelded Prior to His Second Successive Win & a Handy BOBS Bonus

Premier trainer Chris Waller appears to have an outstanding prospect on his hands after **Kubrick** maintained his unbeaten record at Rosehill Gardens.

The colt won on debut at Cranbourne before heading home to score in emphatic fashion and snare a **\$22,500 BOBS Bonus** for his lucky connections.

Kubrick, ridden by Glyn Schofield, was in front of just one runner coming around the home bend before Schofield hooked him out wide.

The chestnut responded to hard riding to wear down Espinola to score by a head, with the favourite Diamond Thunder more than two lengths away in third position.

Waller's stable representative, Charlie Duckworth, revealed they were considering gelding the horse with a memo sent to owners, to which Duckworth quipped: "I think the horse saw the memo."

The Waller stable sent Kubrick south for a change in scenery as he was "very colty".

The move looks to have paid large dividends: "The sky is the limit for this fellow."

In the following race, the Matt Dale-trained **Elm Court** (Robbie Dolan) also scored a BOBS bonus when he fought on tigerishly to take out the TAB Highway Handicap.



## BOBS LEADERBOARD

| Horse             | Sire                 | BOBS Bonus          | Wins |
|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------|
| <b>HORSE</b>      | <b>STALLION WINS</b> | <b>BOBS BONUSES</b> |      |
| FASIKA            | So You Think (NZ)    | \$45,000            | 3    |
| MILITARY ZONE     | Epaulette            | \$45,000            | 2    |
| ROYAL CELEBRATION | Excelebration (Ire)  | \$45,000            | 2    |
| SIGNORE FOX       | Exceed and Excel     | \$45,000            | 2    |
| SO YOU WIN        | So You Think (NZ)    | \$45,000            | 2    |
| SYLVIA'S MOTHER   | Snitzel              | \$45,000            | 4    |
| TIME TO REIGN     | Time for War         | \$45,000            | 2    |
| ZALATTE (NZ)      | Medaglia d'Oro (USA) | \$45,000            | 3    |
| BALLER            | High Chaparral (Ire) | \$39,375            | 3    |
| HANDLE THE TRUTH  | Star Witness         | \$39,375            | 4    |
| DIPLOMATICO       | Snitzel              | \$33,750            | 2    |
| LJUNGBERG         | I Am Invincible      | \$33,750            | 2    |
| NAPOLEON SOLO     | Uncle Mo (USA)       | \$33,750            | 2    |
| PROPHET'S THUMB   | I Am Invincible      | \$33,750            | 3    |
| QUACKERJACK       | Not a Single Doubt   | \$33,750            | 2    |
| ROHERYN           | Lonhro               | \$33,750            | 2    |

## MEMBERS' BLACK TYPE HONOUR ROLL

Following is a list of all black type races won by our members from 1st August 2018 up to 30 April 2019.

Additions to the Honour Roll in April are shown in **Bold**.

|           |                                   |                         |   |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| G1        | ATC Winx Stakes                   | Winx                    | P & Mrs P Tighe, Mrs D Kepitis  |
| G1        | ATC George Main Stakes            | Winx                    | P & Mrs P Tighe, Mrs D Kepitis  |
| G1        | VRC Makybe Diva Stakes            | Grunt (NZ)              | R Legh  |
| G1        | ATC Epsom Handicap                | Hartnell (GB)           | Godolphin   |
| G1        | VRC Turnbull Stakes               | Winx                    | P & Mrs P Tighe, Mrs D Kepitis  |
| G1        | MVRC W S Cox Plate                | Winx                    | P & Mrs P Tighe, Mrs D Kepitis  |
| G1        | VRC Cantala Stakes                | Best of Days (GB)       | Godolphin   |
| G1        | MRC Blue Diamond Stakes           | Lyre                    | Godolphin   |
| G1        | MRC Futurity Stakes               | Alizee                  | Godolphin   |
| G1        | ATC Chipping Norton Stakes        | Winx                    | P & Mrs P Tighe, Mrs D Kepitis  |
| G1        | ATC Golden Slipper Stakes         | Kiamichi                | Godolphin   |
| G1        | ATC George Ryder Stakes           | Winx                    | P & Mrs P Tighe, Mrs D Kepitis  |
| G1        | ATC Ranvet Stakes                 | Avilius (GB)            | Godolphin   |
| G1        | ATC Tancred Stakes                | Avilius (GB)            | Godolphin   |
| <b>G1</b> | <b>ATC Sires Produce Stakes</b>   | <b>Microphone</b>       | <b>Godolphin</b>  |
| <b>G1</b> | <b>ATC Doncaster Hcp</b>          | <b>Brutal</b>           | <b>R &amp; C Legh Racing Pty Ltd</b>  |
| <b>G1</b> | <b>ATC Queen Elizabeth Stakes</b> | <b>Winx</b>             | <b>P &amp; Mrs P Tighe, Mrs D Kepitis</b>   |
| <b>G1</b> | <b>ATC Sydney Cup</b>             | <b>Shraaoh</b>          | <b>Mr D M Ackery, Mrs K Ackery</b>  |
|           |                                   |                         |   |
| G2        | ATC Silver Shadow Stakes          | Fiesta                  | D Henderson   |
| G2        | ATC Chelmsford Stakes             | Unforgotten             | P & Mrs P Tighe   |
| G2        | ATC Theo Marks Stakes             | Home of the Brave (IRE) | Godolphin   |
| G2        | ATC The Shorts                    | Ball of Muscle          | N B Couper  |
| G2        | VRC Danehill Stakes               | Encryption              | Godolphin   |
| G2        | ATC Shannon Stakes                | Noire                   | D & Mrs M McLeish   |
| G2        | ATC Golden Pendant                | Shumookh                | Emirates Park   |
| G2        | ATC Hill Stakes                   | Ace High                | J Cordina   |
| G2        | ATC Roman Consul Stakes           | Sesar                   | J & Mrs A McDonnell   |
| G2        | MRC Schillaci Stakes              | Ball of Muscle          | N B Couper  |
| G2        | MRC Tristarc Stakes               | Shumookh                | Emirates Park   |
| G2        | MVRC Moonee Valley Gold Cup       | Ventura Storm (IRE)     | R Legh  |
| G2        | VRC Linlithgow Stakes             | Osborne Bulls           | Godolphin   |
| G2        | MRC Sandown Guineas               | Ringerdingding          | W & Mrs R Mula, K Maloney   |
| G2        | ATC The Villiers                  | Sky Boy                 | Think Big Stud  |
| G2        | ATC Expressway Stakes             | Alizee                  | Godolphin   |
| G2        | ATC Breeders' Classic             | Champagne Cuddles       | Ramsey Pastoral Co (S & T Ramsey)   |
| G2        | ATC Apollo Stakes                 | Winx                    | P & Mrs P Tighe, Mrs D Kepitis<br>G Bachell, Grant Bloodstock, Whitby<br>Bloodstock |
| G2        | ATC Silver Slipper Stakes         | Time to Reign           | Bloodstock  |
| G2        | MRC Caulfield Autumn Classic      | Global Exchange         | China Horse Club Racing   |
| G2        | MRC Peter Young Stakes            | Avilius                 | Godolphin   |
| G2        | ATC Skyline Stakes                | Microphone              | Godolphin   |
| G2        | ATC Challenge Stakes              | Ball of Muscle          | N B Couper  |
| G2        | MVRC Alister Clark Stakes         | Global Exchange         | China Horse Club Racing   |
| G2        | ATC Skyline Stakes                | Microphone              | Godolphin   |
| G2        | ATC Challenge Stakes              | Ball of Muscle          | Mr N B Couper   |
| G2        | ATC Reisling Stakes               | Tenley                  | Godolphin   |
| G2        | VRC Sires' Produce Stakes         | La Tene                 | Godolphin   |
|           |                                   |                         |   |
| G3        | VRC Aurie's Star Handicap         | Voodoo Lad              | K Maloney   |
| G3        | ATC Show County Quality           | Le Romain               | A Carusi  |
| G3        | SAJC Spring Stakes                | Dollar for Dollar       | R Legh  |

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|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| G3        | MRC The Heath 1100               | Ball of Muscle        | N B Couper                                  |
| G3        | ATC Concorde Stakes              | Redzel                | J N Allen                                   |
| G3        | NJC Spring Stakes                | Aramayo               | Godolphin                                   |
| G3        | NJC Newcastle Gold Cup           | Carzoff (FR)          | N & Mrs A Vass, D & Mrs K Ackery            |
| G3        | ATC Kingston Town Stakes         | Avilius (GB)          | Godolphin                                   |
| G3        | MRC How Now Stakes               | Winter Bride          | K Maloney                                   |
| G3        | ATC Colin Stephen Quality        | Miss Admiration       | K Maloney                                   |
| G3        | VRC The Bart Cummings            | Avilius (GB)          | Godolphin                                   |
| G3        | MRC Northwood Plume Stakes       | Winter Bride          | K Maloney                                   |
| G3        | MRC Coongy Cup                   | Best of Days (GB)     | Godolphin                                   |
| G3        | ATC The Nivison                  | Resin                 | Godolphin                                   |
| G3        | VRC Carbine Club Stakes          | Ranier                | Godolphin                                   |
| G3        | VRC Ottawa Stakes                | Bella Rosa            | K Maloney                                   |
| G3        | VRC Maybe Mahal Stakes           | Cool Passion          | J & Mrs A McDonnell, Ms J Henning, D Balian |
| G3        | MRC Eclipse Stakes               | Tally                 | Godolphin                                   |
| G3        | MRC Kevin Heffernan Stakes       | Cool Passion          | J & Mrs A McDonnell, Ms J Henning, D Balian |
| G3        | Gosford Belle of the Turf Stakes | Sexy Eyes             | P & Mrs P Tighe                             |
| G3        | BRC BT McLachlan Stakes          | Sun City              | Mrs A McDonnell, Mr J S McDonnell           |
| G3        | ATC Widden Stakes                | Amercement            | Godolphin                                   |
| G3        | ATC Canonbury Stakes             | McLaren               | China Horse Club Racing                     |
| G3        | MRC Manfred Stakes               | Tin Hat               | Godolphin                                   |
| G3        | MRC Carlyon Cup                  | Avilius (GB)          | Godolphin                                   |
| G3        | ATC Southern Cross Stakes        | Eckstein              | A M Cardy                                   |
| G3        | CTC Black Opal Stakes            | Pin Sec               | Godolphin                                   |
| G3        | ITC Keith F Nolan Classic        | Pohutukawa            | Godolphin                                   |
| G3        | ATC Sky High Stakes              | Red Cardinal          | A Mitevski                                  |
| G3        | ATC Pago Pago Stakes             | Cosmic Force          | China Horse Club Racing                     |
| G3        | ATC Magic Night Stakes           | Kiamichi              | Godolphin                                   |
| G3        | VRC Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes | Flit                  | Godolphin                                   |
| G3        | ATC Doncaster Prelude            | Mister Sea Wolf       | Magic Bloodstock                            |
| <b>G3</b> | <b>ATC P J Bell Stakes</b>       | <b>Multaja</b>        | <b>Godolphin</b>                            |
| <b>G3</b> | <b>ATC Carbine Club Stakes</b>   | <b>Ringerdingding</b> | <b>Mrs R J Mula</b>                         |
| <b>G3</b> | <b>ATC Kindergarten Stakes</b>   | <b>Bivouac</b>        | <b>Godolphin</b>                            |
| <b>G3</b> | <b>ATC James HB Carr Stakes</b>  | <b>Laburnum</b>       | <b>Godolphin</b>                            |
| <b>G3</b> | <b>ATC Hall Mark Stakes</b>      | <b>Trekking</b>       | <b>Godolphin</b>                            |
| <b>G3</b> | <b>HRC Hawkesbury Guineas</b>    | <b>Military Zone</b>  | <b>Godolphin</b>                            |
| LR        | ATC The Rosebud                  | Sandbar               | N & Mrs A Vass                              |
| LR        | MRC Regal Roller Stakes          | Osborne Bulls         | Godolphin                                   |
| LR        | HRC Rowley Mile                  | Mister Sea Wolf (Ire) | P & Mrs P Tighe                             |
| LR        | MVRC Mitchell McKenzie Stakes    | Brutal (NZ)           | R Legh                                      |
| LR        | ATC Premier's Cup                | Avilius (GB)          | Godolphin                                   |
| LR        | WRC Mona Lisa Stakes             | Savatiano             | Godolphin                                   |
| LR        | WRC Wyong Gold Cup               | Carzoff (FR)          | N & Mrs A Vass, D & Mrs K Ackery            |
| LR        | SAJC Morphettville Guineas       | Fiera Vista           | J Camilleri                                 |
| LR        | VRC Exford Plate                 | Brutal (NZ)           | R Legh                                      |
| LR        | VRC Testa Rossa Stakes           | Trekking              | Godolphin                                   |
| LR        | VRC Poseidon Stakes              | Wild Planet           | R Legh                                      |
| LR        | VRC Paris Lane Stakes            | Eckstein              | A M Cardy                                   |
| LR        | MRC Gothic Stakes                | Ranier                | Godolphin                                   |
| LR        | ATC City Tattersalls Cup         | Exoteric (GB)         | K Pryke, P & Mrs P Tighe, D & Mrs K Ackery  |
| LR        | VRC Jim Beam Stakes              | Pohutukawa            | Godolphin                                   |
| LR        | VRC Springtime Stakes            | Ringerdingding        | W & Mrs R Mula, K Maloney                   |
| LR        | Tatts Qld Legacy Classic         | Stella Victoria       | W & Mrs R Mula                              |
| LR        | BRC Nudgee Quality               | Manicure              | Godolphin                                   |

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|----|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| LR | VRC Bagot Hcp                   | Etymology            | Godolphin                      |
| LR | ATC Australia Day Cup           | Etymology            | Godolphin                      |
| LR | TRC Tasmanian Derby             | Cossetot             | Godolphin                      |
| LR | ATC Lonhro Plate                | Bivouac              | Godolphin                      |
| LR | TRC Strutt Stakes               | Rock Dove            | Godolphin                      |
| LR | MVRC Moonee Valley Night Cup    | Vengeur Masque (ire) | R & C Legh Racing              |
| LR | VRC Talindert Stakes            | Microphone           | Godolphin                      |
| LR | ATC Parramatta Cup              | Red Cardinal (Ire)   | T Mitevski                     |
| LR | <b>TTC Weetwood Handicap</b>    | <b>Sexy Eyes</b>     | <b>Magic Bloodstock Racing</b> |
| LR | <b>BRC Mick Dittman Plate</b>   | <b>Plague Stone</b>  | <b>Godolphin</b>               |
| LR | <b>HRC Hawkesbury Gold Rush</b> | <b>Intuition</b>     | <b>Godolphin</b>               |
| RL | MVRC Inglis Banner              | Espaaniyah           | Emirates Park                  |
| RL | Magic Millions 2yo Classic      | Exhilarates          | Godolphin                      |



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**NSW RACEHORSE OWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF THE 54<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Held on 14 May 2019 at 5.30 pm**  
**in the Boardroom, PKF, Level 8, 1 O'Connell Street, Sydney**

**Present (NSWROA Executive):**

Mr Tom O'Callaghan (Acting President & Secretary), Mr Mitchell Stone (Treasurer), Mr Blake Matthews, Ms Shirley McGrath, Mr Peter Quirk, Mr Antony Surace and Ms Jane Henning (Chief Executive Officer).

**Present (Members):**

Ms Shirley O'Shea, Mr James Critchley, Mr Gareth James, Mr Tony Mitevski, Mr Wolf Sommer, Mr Kingsley Edwards.

**Present by Proxy (Members):**

Ms Sharon Hunt, Ms Judith Foley, Mr Nicholas Vass, Ms Amy Vass.

**Apologies:**

Mr Walter Lanham, Mr Ken Cross, Mr Dennis O'Brien, Ms Judith Foley, Mr Nicholas Vass, Ms Amy Vass.

The Acting President, Mr Tom O'Callaghan, welcomed and thanked members for attending the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Association.

The Acting President advised that the Association had received a number of apologies and proxies for the meeting. He read the apologies and the proxies into the record.

**1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 14 May 2018:**

The President Moved that the minutes of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting be taken as read and accepted.

Proposed by Mitchell Stone, seconded by Ms. Shirley McGrath. Motion carried.

**2. Financial Report:**

The Treasurer stated that he was pleased to present the Financial Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

He advised that copies of the Financial Report were available to members on request and were also available at the meeting.

As shown in the Report, the Association has netted a surplus of \$6,462 for the 2018 year.

In closing, the Treasurer thanked NSWROA's major sponsors Tabcorp and Racing NSW for their continuing sponsorship of both the Association and the Racing's Night of Champions.

The Treasurer then called for any questions regarding the Financial Report. Member Mr Gareth James asked how Racing's Night of Champions obtained revenue. The Treasurer advised that revenue for the event was sourced from ticket sales, sponsorship and the auctioning of prizes. Mr James then asked how the charity income was distributed, to which Mr Stone advised that 40% of the total event funds was returned to NSWROA and 60% went to the charity being supported.

Mr Mitchell Stone moved that the Financial Report be adopted, seconded by Mr Gareth James. Motion carried.

### **3. Acting President's Report**

In opening I would like to express my regret that our President, Ray McDowell is currently unwell. I have of course, stepped in as Acting President in his absence and we all wish Ray a speedy recovery.

It is with great pleasure that I table this report on behalf of the Board at our 54<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Association. The NSWROA Board met regularly throughout the year and continued our commitment to owners' interests and objectives, as well as those of the racing industry in general.

Since the last AGM, the NSWROA Board has welcomed a new director, Mr Peter Quirk, who is proving a valuable and enthusiastic addition to our ranks.

Members of the Board continued to represent owners on various industry groups and bodies during the year, primarily the Racing Industry Consultation Group (RICG) and the Australian Thoroughbred Racehorse Owners Council (ATROC).

The first of these two bodies was set up under Thoroughbred Racing Act and it covers representatives from all aspects of the industry. The Thoroughbred Racehorse Owners Council (ATROC) meets informally twice a year – it includes the various associations around the country.

The Association also continues to conduct regular meetings with Racing NSW and other industry bodies regarding owner-related issues. Peter V'landys is very receptive to meeting with us.

During the past 12 months, the Association has provided input and submissions and lobbied on many issues on behalf of our members and NSW owners in general. The key issues have been increases in prizemoney and horse welfare.

I am very pleased indeed to confirm to members that our partnership with Tabcorp will continue in 2019/2020. This partnership has now been in existence for 11 years and we are delighted that it will continue again this year. Our partnership with the Australian Turf Club (ATC) is also ongoing and underlines our wonderful relationship with the Principal Club.

Sharon Hunt, who had served the Association faithfully as Executive Officer for nearly eleven years, resigned in December and her role was taken up by long term industry participant Jane Henning, who started in the New Year.

On behalf Association I would like to record thanks to Sharon for her service and dedication and Jane Henning for her enthusiastic start to the role.

The three events on our social calendar since the last AGM were the 2018 Racing's Night of Champions, the 2019 Apollo Stakes Day Cocktail Function and the 2019 Autumn Carnival Function.

2018 Racing's Night of Champions held at Royal Randwick was once again a very successful night, with the Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation continuing as our charity of choice for the seventh year running. This changes for the 2019 edition, with Spinal Cord Injuries Australia coming on board as our new, very appropriate beneficiary, given that our sport is one of the most hazardous for its participants.

The 2019 Apollo Stakes Day Cocktail function was the first to be conducted this membership year. An interview with Winx's part owners Debbie Kepitis and Peter Tighe was a highlight of a lively afternoon, not long before Winx made it 30 wins in a row in taking out the main event.

The 2019 Autumn Carnival luncheon on All Aged Stakes Day was slightly affected in numbers by the Easter Long Weekend, but all who attended had a great day with plenty of competitions and top class racing to complement the magnificent lunch.

One of our main goals this year is to increase our membership and therefore our voice in the industry. Larger membership more sponsorship opportunities.

We have always had difficulty in obtaining a list of all owners in NSW. We have recently obtained a list of owners from the ATC which we are treating as 'Associate Members'. From this group we have already had several convert to full membership and also attend our events.

We also now have a broad social media presence through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram

You may have noticed the revamped newsletter format and there is a new website in production through which we aim to increase the industry presence of the Association. We are also working on increasing member benefits to value-add to the membership.

On behalf of Ray, I thank all members for their support over the past twelve months and assure you that we continue to act to further the rights and privileges of racehorse owners in our state.

Motion that the Acting President's Report be adopted, proposed Mr Peter Quirk and seconded by Mr Kingsley Edwards. Motion carried.

#### **4. Election of Auditors for the 2019 Year:**

The Acting President stated that he saw no reason why Accru Felsers should not be appointed as Auditors for the 2019 Year.

Motion that Accru Felsers be appointed as the Association's auditors for the forthcoming year. Proposed by Mr Mitchell Stone, seconded by Mr. Blake Matthews. Motion carried.

#### **5. Election of Committee:**

The Secretary Mr Tom O'Callaghan officiated with the election of Directors advising that:

In accordance with Articles 38 and 44 of the Articles of Association, Mr Mitchell Stone retires and offers himself for re-election.

Mr Antony Surace retires and offers himself for re-election.

Mr Peter Quirk, having been appointed as a Director to fill a casual vacancy, retires and offers himself for re-election.

As there were no further nominations, the Secretary moved that Mr Mitchell Stone, Mr Antony Surace and Mr Peter Quirk be re-elected. All three were unanimously re-elected.

The Secretary congratulated all involved on their re-election.

#### **6. General Business:**

The Acting President then opened the floor to general business.

Mr Kingsley Edwards asked whether via ATROC, there was a good relationship there to gain comparisons of benefits of the different associations. Mr O'Callaghan advised that Mr Peter Quirk had recently analysed all states' benefits and as an example, related details on Western Australia's \$1500 bonus to owners of provincial winning horses 100% owned by WAROA members. Mr Edwards asked how this was funded and Mr Quirk advised it was funded from general membership revenue and that syndicate members pad out their membership numbers.

Mr Quirk explained that Tasmania and South Australia were the cheapest; the most expensive were New South Wales and Western Australia; and that Victoria was funded by Racing Victoria.

He also reported that UK's membership cost was AUD\$465 per year with benefits including VAT refunds and discounts on the registration of racehorses. Mr Quirk advised that NSWROA is currently in the process of building member benefits.

Ms Shirley O'Shea congratulated Mr Peter Quirk and Ms Jane Henning on their work on member benefits.

Mr Gareth James asked how many financial members are in the Association and how many racehorse owners there are in NSW. Ms Jane Henning advised there are currently 259 renewed with 41 new members. Mr Quirk advised that we cannot get access to Racing NSW's database of owner details, as it is mired in privacy laws.

Mr Quirk explained this is the reason why the Association is investigating other states' benefits.

Mr Kingsley Edwards asked if there were any ideas on how the Association can encourage syndicates to join. Mr Quirk advised the Association is considering introducing a syndicate membership category and will possibly sit down with syndicators to work out a viable system.

Mr James Critchley asked if there was a syndication umbrella group, to which he was advised in the negative.

Mr Gareth James asked how many racehorses were trained in NSW and how many owners there were. Mr Antony Surace investigated online and advised that according to a 'NSW Racing Industry Size and Scope Study' produced in 2014, there were 31,400 owners (incl syndicate members) and 10,620 racehorses in training.

***There being no further business, the Acting President thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 6.06 pm.***