

NSWROA welcomes two new Board members

NSWROA HAS INTRODUCED TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND PASSIONATE OWNERS, DR KARIN ATTEBO AND BRAD MCDONNELL

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NSW Racehorse Owners' Association is building on its strength for 2021, recruiting two new Board members, both of whom contribute valuable business experience coupled with passion and enthusiasm for horse racing.

They are Dr Karin Attebo and Brad McDonnell.

"We are thrilled to welcome Karin and Brad as Directors," said NSWROA President, Tony Mitevski. "The Association is keen to make a firmer footprint on the NSW racing industry and these appointments will strengthen and add value to our Board.

"Protecting and furthering the rights and status of owners – the life blood of racing – is our main objective.

"Racing's Night of Champions is, of course, our flagship event and we also hold various other racing related functions per year.

"Our aim is to have as many NSW racehorse owners, no matter how big or small, join the Association to fortify our position in the industry."

DR KARIN ATTEBO

"My introduction to horse racing was via an invitation to watch a beautiful filly named Black Caviar race at Randwick in 2011," said Karin.

She bought into her first racehorse the following year.

"I've been lucky enough to have raced several city winners and beyond, and my dressing room is now decorated with Group 2 and Group 3 trophies," she added.

While Karin is a part-owner in current star Anders, Grey Lion has been a particular favourite, running in the Melbourne Cup in 2016 and still racing with success at the age of nine years.

"I love all aspects of owning a racehorse," Karin explained.

"Apart from attending racedays, I enjoy trackwork (even if it means getting up at 4am), visiting my horses at the stables or when spelling, talking to the trainers and pre-trainers and watching the miracle of foals being born from my broodmares."

Karin's medical training as an ophthalmologist is helping her to understand the veterinary side of horse racing.

"I've joined the NSWROA Board as I'm keen to help provide a better experience for owners. I'm also passionate about horse welfare during and after racing."

Karin currently owns a retired Thoroughbred for pleasure riding, who is living his best life at her property south of Sydney.



Dr Karin Attebo with her galloper Grey Lion

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MR BRAD MCDONNELL

Brad is a member of Team McDonnell, a family syndicate heavily involved in breeding and racing. "Our family has enjoyed great success, including Sebring's Golden Slipper and Sires' Produce wins in 2008, and Fiorente's Melbourne Cup in 2013 and Australian Cup in 2014," Brad explained.

Other successes include Glencadam Gold who won The Metropolitan at Royal Randwick in 2012.

Each of these horses was honoured at NSWROA's Racing's Night of Champions in their respective years.

More recently the brilliant mare Cool Passion carried the family colours to multiple Group successes in three states.

"I look forward to working with the Board to develop and expand the membership by delivering exciting opportunities for NSWROA members," Brad enthused.

For the last 14 years, Brad has been an owner and CEO of Entire Travel Group, an Australian-based travel business with experiences across the world.

Brad is a Board Member of the Australian Council of Tour Operators (CATO) and an Ambassador for the ASX Refinitiv Charity Foundation, which runs Australia's largest charity raceday event, most recently run at Rosehill Gardens in 2019.

Prior to the travel industry, Brad was a Management Consultant at Accenture, a leading global professional services company.

For more information on the NSW Racehorse Owners' Association, please visit www.nswroa.com.au or call Jane Henning on 0421 353 871. **RNSW**



Mr Brad McDonnell at the races in his Team McDonnell tie