NSWROA's All Aged Stakes day luncheon

A FULL ROOM OF 113 GUESTS ACROSS A WIDE AGE RANGE ATTENDED OUR SYDNEY AUTUMN CARNIVAL EVENT FOR A SIT-DOWN LUNCH OVERLOOKING THE ROYAL RANDWICK COURSE ON ALL AGES STAKES DAY WORDS: **JANE HENNING (CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – NSWROA)**

The glamourous NZ Bloodstock table

LEFT: Jane Pitman Best Hat trophy winner Andrea Rollo with Dennis Pitman
RIGHT: NSWROA President Tony Mitevski welcomes guests

The Shared Atelier's models and management post-hat parade

NSW Racehorse Owners Association's president, Tony Mitevski, as well as the ATC's Executive General Manager Racing Services, James Ross, welcomed the crowd to All Aged Stakes Day which was bolstered by a number of owners with Randwick runners on the day.

Up-and-coming trainer Annabel Neasham came along for an interview and shared her thoughts on the stable's Saturday runners.

Her French import Olmedo duly saluted in a Listed race at Doomben at $6, much to the delight of some of our guests.

A parade of millinery featuring 10 models and over 20 creations was held by The Shared Atelier, a new business which not only retails racing headwear, but also rents pieces to customers.

The Jane Pitman Best Hat Trophy was won by Andrea Rollo and presented by the late Jane Pitman's husband, Dennis. The Best Tie Award with a prize of a $40 bet was won by Andy Hills, who sported a matching pocket square.

Well-known bookmaker Henry Noonan, a great supporter of the NSWROA, supplied three staff to field for guests, so along with the presence of a TAB operator, there was no shortage of 'investment opportunities' in the room!

For those who didn't enjoy much luck on the punt, there was a Losing Ticket Competition, with the prize being a $80 bet with Henry Noonan.

The Shared Atelier provided a Lucky Door Prize of a bottle of Moët & Chandon and a free hat rental.

The function was deemed a great success, with some already asking about next year's edition!

All photos can be viewed online at – myalbum.com/album/UmfaLVbEjMmz

NSWROA BOARD MEMBER RESIGNS

Valued Director, Antony Surace has resigned from the NSWROA Board due to heavy work commitments. Mr Surace submitted his resignation letter, effective from the NSWROA's Board meeting on 9 April.

NSWROA's secretary, Tom O'Callaghan commented: "Antony Surace joined the Board four and a half years ago and became a great contributor.

"Each year he volunteered to perform the computation of points for Racing's Night of Champions winners, which is close and detailed work.

"Antony and more recently fellow Board member Blake Matthews with him, rolled his sleeves up to do a fabulous job. Mr Surace also ran the tipping competition which was traditionally held on All Aged Stakes Day."

Mr O'Callaghan added: "More substantially for NSWROA members, Antony Surace has been a fount of good ideas.

"He came up with the proposal that a horse that was scratched at the barrier should be treated as a runner and thereby receive money for participating.

"This was a win for owners when presented to and implemented by Racing NSW."

Antony responded by commenting that: "The current Board is now very strong, and it has been a pleasure working alongside all the Board members. I wish the NSWROA the best of luck for the future."

A keen Provincial horse owner, we all wish Antony the very best and look forward to bumping into him at the races!

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