

Racing's Night of Champions – Don't miss it!

NEW SOUTH WALES RACING INDUSTRY PARTICIPANTS ARE NO STRANGERS TO THE NSW RACEHORSE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL AWARDS

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Despite 2020 COVID restrictions, the glamorous NSWROA awards evening was held live as usual – albeit with number restrictions – however, with lockdowns last year, the awards were announced online and via social media only with trophies couriered to the winners.

NSW Racehorse Owners Association is delighted to be hosting the awards in their former glory this year, to be held on Thursday, 25 August 2022 in the Royal Randwick Ballroom.

The Association is doubly pleased to again be supporting a charity.

Excitement is mounting as we await the announcements of the award finalists, highlighted by the feature award, the NSW Champion Horse of the Year, sponsored Gow-Gates Insurance.

Other awards to be presented include NSW Two-year-old of the Year, NSW 3yo of the Year, NSW Sprinter of the Year, NSW Miler of the Year, NSW Middle Distance Horse of the Year, NSW Stayer of the Year, Queen of the Autumn, NSW Country Champion Horse of the Year and NSW Provincial Champion Horse of the Year.

"We are very grateful for the continued support of award sponsors for this year's event, Gow-Gates

Insurance, Australian Turf Club, Inglis, Wild Oaks, Arrowfield and Highclere," said NSWROA President, Tony Mitevski.

"We are also delighted to welcome new award sponsors, Sire Custodians and Woppitt Bloodstock."

This year via the ATC Foundation, we are supporting Equine Pathways Australia, a charity which supports athletes getting back into equestrian sports after illness or injury. A Monster Auction will be held to raise funds for an expansion of their NSW program.

Ex-jockey Kate Nipperess is one person benefiting from the Equine Pathways program.

After a trackwork accident in 2016 left her a paraplegic, Kate had not been on a horse. With the aid of Equine Pathways, however, she recently rode a horse for the first time since her accident.

The positive experience inspired her to set her sights on training to ride at the Paris Paralympics in years to come.

Fund raising on the evening is via the auction of some top-class items which have been donated specifically for the event. A live auction and a raffle will be conducted to ensure that there is something which will appeal to all guests and budgets.

While more items are to be confirmed after this article goes to press, just some of the fantastic items on offer are:

RACE SPONSORSHIP AND PRIVATE BOX ON INGLIS MILLENNIUM DAY

Kindly donated by Australian Turf Club Run at Royal Randwick in February 2023, Inglis Millennium Day is a fantastic day to promote your brand via race sponsorship and entertaining 20 of your best clients in first class style.

The package includes:

- Race name prefix
- Branded winning owner's sash



- Branded LED winning post sign for duration of race
- Customised TVC* with corresponding logo on infield super screen
- Full-page colour advert in official ATC racebook
- A VIP guest experience for six people, enabling your guests to mingle with the owners and jockeys, watch your race from the winning post, photo opportunities with the winning connections, and invitations to celebrate with the winning connections in the Winning Owners Room.

In addition, your 20 guests will enjoy:

- Members Reserve entry and access to a Private Suite
 - Grazing canape menu & 5.5-hour ATC Beverage package with full wait service
 - Access to outdoor undercover balcony and seating
 - Private betting facilities & TV monitors within your suite
- This fantastic auction item is valued at up to \$17,500.

PORTRAIT OF SUNLINE BY ALISTER SIMPSON

Kindly donated by Australian Turf Club

Depicted behind the barriers before her win in the 2022 AJC Doncaster Handicap, this classic portrait in

oils celebrates one of our modern-day champions.

It is painted by the renowned equine artist Alister Simpson, whose work graces the homes of many of the most successful owners and trainers.

TWO (2) EVEREST HEALTH ASSESSMENT PACKAGES

Kindly donated by Oracle Healthcare

Oracle Healthcare provides gold standard medical health screening, representing a new frontier in preventative medicine.

Conveniently located within the heart of the North Shore Hospital precinct, Oracle Healthcare integrates state-of-the-art facilities, upscale luxury, clinical expertise and innovative healthcare practices based on scientific evidence and medical research.

The 'Everest' package includes pathology, analysis of clinical history, tailored advice from an exercise physiologist, 3D skin mapping & dermoscopy, a full physical and review of testing.

Two packages have been donated by Oracle and will be auctioned separately. Buy one or buy the second one for your partner! Each package is valued at \$2,750.

TWO NIGHTS FOR FOUR COUPLES AT THE VINERY

Kindly donated by Vinery Stud

Enjoy a leisurely couple of days in the 1828 convict-built Vinery Homestead located on the iconic farm.

With accommodation for four couples, the package includes a tour of the stud and a parade of their top-class stallions.

OWNER EXPERIENCE FOR FOUR WITH GARY PORTELLI IN THE CHAIRMAN'S LOUNGE

Kindly donated by the ATC & Gary Portelli

Spend a day in the luxury of the Chairman's Lounge with dual Golden Slipper-winning trainer, Gary Portelli.

Enjoy a first-class luncheon and beverages and have the full owner experience, visiting the mounting yard, the stables and hopefully, the winner's enclosure with Gary!

Tickets for the event are selling fast.

To secure yours, please call Jane Henning on 0421 353 871, email owners@nswroa.com.au or go to the NSW Racehorse Owners Association's website www.nswroa.com.au for more details. *RNSW*