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Trekking, TAB Stradbroke Handicap 2019 Winner

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Another successful Channel Seven Brisbane Racing Carnival presented by TAB has been completed, leaving us with stirring memories of Queensland's elite racing showpiece.

The sight of Trekking and jockey Kerrin McEvoy, in the blue colours of Godolphin, surging down the Eagle Farm straight to claim the TAB Stradbroke Handicap was one of the highlights of the Carnival. But there were so many moments to reflect on from five exciting days of racing that brought more than 40,000 people to Eagle Farm and Doomben.

We celebrated a Queensland victory with Winning Ways in the Treasury Brisbane Queensland Oaks while The Candy Man's win for popular Eagle Farm trainer Barry Baldwin in the EVA Air Premier's Cup showcased what we love about this sport – a hometown horse, nursed back from the brink of death after a terrible accident triumphs against some of the nation's largest stables.

And this was all shared with a national television audience thanks to Channel Seven, who delivered superb free-to-air coverage.

Thanks to our many Members who attended Eagle Farm and Doomben across the Carnival. It was wonderful

to have Eagle Farm back in action and racing so well.

The feedback on the expanded Members' footprint at Eagle Farm has been positive. The upgrades to the Champions Bar, Group 1 Lounge and the Guineas Room were welcomed by Members.

We were also thrilled with the support of our corporate partners who helped to create a buzz across our tracks.

"The Candy Man's win showcased what we love about this sport."

The BRC board has budgeted for some large remedial work on the lifts in both the Members' Reserve and public Stand at Doomben in the coming months.

There also are plans to install a lift at Eagle Farm when future renovations are carried out.

It is timely to note raceday parking in the now vacant space along Lancaster Rd from the Eagle Farm main gates down to the Child Care Centre will soon cease.

The BRC has reached an agreement with Miller's Swim School to soon commence works on a swimming centre. It should be ready to open early in the New Year.

Lendlease has work underway on the first stage of the Retirement Living precinct named Bernborough Ascot at the top of the straight at Doomben. The first tenants should be in by mid-2020.

So our Master Plan for the BRC Racing Precinct continues but I am equally thrilled our infield training program will be completed with an upgrade of the equine swimming pool area. We

continue to be proud of the efforts of our Eagle Farm trainers both here and interstate.

I would like to pay tribute to the contribution our outgoing chief executive Dave Whimpey has made to the club over the past five years.

For most of his tenure Dave has been faced with the daunting task of operating without the club's greatest racing asset the Eagle Farm course proper.

Dave leaves with the board's best wishes for his future.

Neville Bell
BRC Chairman

RACING NEWS

The importance of having Eagle Farm back as a prime venue for the BRC Winter Carnival is underlined in the number of interstate and New Zealand stables represented at the five feature race days.

The two Eagle Farm meetings – KIRIN Stakes on May 25 and TAB Stradbroke on June 8 – boasted big field sizes and a huge number of trainers and jockeys from outside Queensland.

Each year the BRC carnival unearths a budding star or two.

In 2019 there should be several young horses go on to post big race victories in the interstate spring and autumn carnivals.

The Ascot Green Queensland Guineas and Magic Millions J J Atkins appear to have been very strong spring form races.

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On TAB Stradbroke day there were 75 trainers involved including 46 from interstate and New Zealand. Jockey numbers were 39 and 23 non-Queenslanders.

The big name trainers again targeted the BRC carnival. Kiwi Tony Pike was the leading Group 1 trainer with the victories to The Bostonian (TAB Doomben 10,000 and TAB Kingsford-Smith Cup).

James Cummings (TAB Stradbroke), Ciaron Maher and David Eustace (Hardy Brothers Doomben Cup), Phillip Stokes (Channel 7 Queensland Derby), Anthony Cummings (Magic Millions J J Atkins) and Garry Newham (Treasury Brisbane Queensland Oaks) also hauled in Group 1 success.

Chris Waller, Team Snowden, Kris Lees and Tony McEvoy all had a large number of horses campaigning in Brisbane.

In the riding ranks, Kerrin McEvoy (TAB Stradbroke and Magic Millions J J Atkins), Michael Cahill (TAB Doomben 10,000 and TAB Kingsford Smith Cup) and John Allen (Hardy Brothers Doomben Cup and Channel 7 Queensland Derby) were all dual Group 1 winners.

Small wonder McEvoy loves the winter carnival in Brisbane. He has now ridden 75 Group 1 winners in his career and 15 have been at Eagle Farm and Doomben.

In the Ascot Green Queensland Guineas, the first three placegetters – Kolding, Baccarat Baby and Pohutukawa – all appear to have big prospects in the racing season ahead.

The lightly-raced Kolding raced wide throughout but still was able to show the acceleration of a top horse in the home straight.

The Magic Millions J J Atkins placegetters are an exciting trio. Winner Price Fawaz was having his fifth race start in his first racing preparation. He is a very well bred colt who already is being discussed as a future stallion prospect.

Runner-up Kubrick covered extra ground but was strong to the line at the end of 1600 metres despite just two lead-up runs at 1000 and 1200 metres.

Special mention to trainer Garry Newham and rider Matt McGillivray on their success with Winning Ways in the Treasury Brisbane Queensland Oaks to keep the Queensland flag flying.

That success might be the springboard for McGillivray to become a premiership contender in the seasons ahead.

Bart Sinclair

BRC Racing Manager



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SATURDAY 14 SEP

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FAREWELL RICKY LEISFIELD

FORMER jockey Ricky Leisfield may have closed the book on his long tenure as one of the BRC's race day "Red Coats" but he is happy to continue his long association with the club.

Leisfield, 68 but looking much younger, is one of the most popular racing industry insiders.

Originally from Longreach, Leisfield came to Brisbane when he was 14 to try for an apprenticeship with respected Eagle Farm trainer Tom Dawson.

"I was thought to be too small to get my licence straight away. I was 4 stone seven (28.5kg) and four feet six (137cms). It took me 18 months to get my first ride," Ricky recalled.

He served his full apprenticeship with Dawson coming out of his time when he turned 21 which was the official end time in 1972. He rates riding the stable's great sprinter Charlton Boy to win an open sprint as a three-year-old as a career highlight.

While he was still riding Leisfield picked up part-time work around the Albion Park track before he shifted to Doomben when the "Creek" closed in 1981.

He started full time work at Doomben in 1995 and after a few months was invited to also do clerk of the course duties on race days.

In recent years Leisfield's work day at Eagle Farm starts at 2.45am with trackwork and finishes at 10am after cleaning up around the tie up stalls.

"I still feel fit and healthy and for the moment see no reason why I can't keep working. But it's time for a younger person to wear the red coat on raceday. It's been a lot of fun," he said.



RACING WHAT'S ON

JULY

SATURDAY 6TH

Cascade Raceday
Doomben Racecourse

WEDNESDAY 10TH

Wednesday Raceday
Doomben Racecourse

SATURDAY 13TH

Saturday Raceday
Doomben Racecourse

SATURDAY 20TH

Triple M Rocks
Tattersall's Raceday
Eagle Farm Racecourse

WEDNESDAY 24TH

Wednesday Raceday
Doomben Racecourse

SATURDAY 27TH



Astro Jump Teddy Bear's
Picnic at the Races
Eagle Farm Racecourse

AUGUST

SATURDAY 3RD

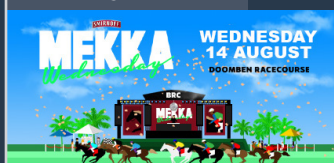
National Jockey Trust &
Multicultural Raceday
Doomben Racecourse

SATURDAY 10TH

Old Country Life Raceday
Doomben Racecourse

AUGUST

WEDNESDAY 14TH



Smirnoff Mekka Wednesday
Doomben Racecourse

SATURDAY 17TH

Saturday Raceday
Eagle Farm Racecourse

SATURDAY 31ST

Saturday Raceday
Eagle Farm Racecourse

SEPTEMBER

SATURDAY 7TH

Saturday Raceday
Eagle Farm Racecourse

SATURDAY 14TH



Country Music Raceday
Doomben Racecourse

WEDNESDAY 18TH

Wednesday Raceday
Doomben Racecourse

WEDNESDAY 25TH

Wednesday Raceday
Eagle Farm Racecourse

SATURDAY 28TH

Saturday Raceday
Doomben Racecourse



MEMBER PROFILE

BRIAN HIRSCHFELD

A self-described "bad punter" Brian Hirschfeld has enjoyed racing from his teens to his nineties.

As a youngster he was often told by distinguished citizens a racecourse education was essential to development.

Dr Hirschfeld who will celebrate his 93rd birthday on September 28 has been a member of the Brisbane Racing Club for over 62 years through his prior membership of both the Queensland Turf Club and Brisbane Amateur Turf Club.

"I was a close friend of Jim Killen's and was proud to be a pall bearer at his funeral. I have a photo of the occasion and the gentleman next to me as a pall bearer was Alan Jones," Dr Hirschfeld recalled.

"I went to the races with my father when I was at school. He backed a 33-1 winner on the day he collapsed while playing in the Johnsonian Club when playing poker in 1957. He died four days later," Dr Hirschfeld said.

Dr Hirschfeld attended Brisbane Grammar School and after he completed secondary education joined the Navy in 1946. He lived on a sloop called Warrego for a year.

"It was basically a survey ship. We did a lot of hydrographic work," he said.

In 1947 when he left the Navy Dr Hirschfeld took up an offer to study medicine at the University of Queensland. He graduated in 1952 and practised at the Royal Brisbane Hospital until mid-1957 when he began practice in Diabetes Mellitus at Ballow Chambers.

He was forced to relinquish his work in diabetes in the Princess Alexandra Hospital Clinic at the then compulsory retirement age of 60 in 1986 but was called back into duty in 1994 until he did retire in 2007.

Dr Hirschfeld is proud of his time spent as a medical advisor to the electrical industry from 1958-89.

Earlier this year the BRC board recognised the feat of 18 members with over 50 years continuous membership of the race club with a race day function at Eagle Farm. With his 62 years Dr Hirschfeld had the longest association of those who could attend.

Please note, raceday information may be subject to change.

KEY MEMBER EVENTS

MEMBER REWARDS DAY - SATURDAY 17 AUGUST 2019



Full Members receive:

- 2 complimentary tickets to the Members Reserve for your guests
- Members' only prize draws
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- Members BBQ

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- 2 complimentary general admission tickets for your guests
- A drink voucher

CAULFIELD CUP YOUNG MEMBER FUNCTION - SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 2019



THE PERCH MARQUEE, EAGLE FARM

Young Members & Guest Card Holders: \$135pp

Non-Member: \$155pp

- Racecourse admission, Members' Reserve ticketing and access to The Perch Marquee
- 5hr beverage package including basic spirits, Australian red & white wines, sparkling, beer, soft drinks & orange juice
- Cocktail style Lunch
- Tote facilities located within space
- Fantastic views of the Winning Post

CAULFIELD CUP SOCIETY FUNCTION - SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 2019



Free admission for current 19/20 Society Members. Please rsvp your attendance to membership@brc.com.au

Full BRC Members: \$20pp | Non-Member: \$120pp

- Racecourse admission and access to The Society Rooftop and air-conditioned lounge
- Two glasses of sparkling on arrival
- Live DJ beats
- Private bar within space
- Tote (TAB) facilities located within the space
- Plasma screens for interstate race viewing

2019-2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Renew your Membership before 31 July 2019 to secure your Early Bird rate. Prices will increase after this time as shown below.

MEMBERSHIP	PRICE IF RENEWING BY 31 JULY 2019	PRICE FROM 1 AUGUST 2019
Full Member	\$280	\$295
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Guest Badge	\$200	\$210
Chairman's Individual	\$2999	\$3300
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Giddy-Up	\$20	\$25
The Society	\$120	\$120
General Admission	\$99	\$105

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ONLINE

Visit www.brc.com.au/renewal and enter the email address and password affiliated with your membership account. If you cannot remember your password, simply click "send password to my email" to retrieve.



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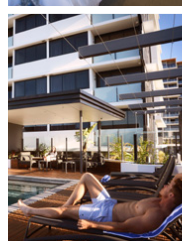


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