



BRISBANE  
RACING CLUB

# NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The feedback from BRC Members has been very positive on changes initiated in the area under the John Power Stand and the spill-out to the open space between the stand and the parade ring.

Well, get ready for some further enhancements in this precinct. It is planned the changes will be fully in place within the next six months.

Central to the works is the demolition of the Central Tote. On a wall in this area, on the reverse side of the Champagne Bar, will be a major screen similar to the one at the western end of the Members' ground floor.

The BRC was to the fore at the recent Property Council of Australia Awards Night. Racecourse Village, anchored by the successful Woolworths outlet, was a finalist in the Retail Property of the Year Category.

Racecourse Village also won the Best Presented Centre Award. In the first year of operation the retail centre on Nudgee Rd has saved 192 tonnes of carbon emissions through innovative planning particularly a large solar panel on the roof.

The saving is the equivalent of the emissions which would be produced by driving a Land Cruiser 1 million kilometres!

Don't forget the AGM is on Wednesday October 23. I look forward to seeing a big turnout for this meeting.

I hope you all enjoy the Channel 7 Spring Racing Carnival presented by Lexus which is going to be exciting. Your board will soon announce some initiatives to promote the spring meetings at Eagle Farm.

Included in this newsletter is a profile on our new CEO Tony Partridge who has settled in quickly to his role. Say hello if you see him around the tracks.

**Neville Bell**  
BRC Chairman

"...will further enhance the value of BRC Membership."

The current Call To Action overhead screens will be removed and relocated to various destinations in the Members' Stand.

The TAB outlets will be moved to a 45 degree angle spot between the western screen and the rails bookmakers' stands.

All this refurbishment will further enhance the value of BRC Membership. I thank TAB for their valued assistance with this project.

In a further statement of confidence in Eagle Farm, TAB also will enhance their private box in the John Power Stand with a viewing deck extension.

Building of the Learn To Swim Pool is well advanced and should be operational by early in the New Year. The Miller's Swim Group have signed an agreement with the BRC to run the pool in the area fronting Lancaster Rd on the Eastern side of the main gates at the top of Racecourse Rd.

The new infield track lighting for morning trackwork has been hailed the best of its type in Australia. Riders say the lighting has alleviated totally any "black spots" around all training circuits.

The cost of this project was \$500,000 and was partly funded by the Racing Infrastructure Fund.

**DATE CLAIMER**  
**ANNUAL**  
**GENERAL**  
**MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER**  
10am - Satchel Room, Doomben

For further details visit  
[brc.com.au/membership/agm](http://brc.com.au/membership/agm)



# RACING NEWS

The record of six-year-old Kubis makes an illuminating exhibit of patience being a key factor in racehorses.

When Kubis won at Eagle Farm on September 7 it was his fourth success from his most recent five starts. The only defeat was a second in the Toowoomba Cup in early April which earned connections \$27,000.

remarkable durability and consistency. From his first 31 starts the Love Conquers All gelding earned a cheque 28 times. Only three times did he finish further back than fifth.

The benefits of time – and maturity – have become apparent in the past 12 months. In August last year, just after Kubis officially turned five his form has taken a big upward swing.

## “Kubis’ remarkable durability and consistency”

His career statistics currently are: 41 starts for eight wins, ten 2nds and two 3rds. Prizemoney \$433,500.

All the pointers from those statistics suggest it’s been all plain sailing for Kubis’ owners who include BRC Director Curt Schatz and board colleague Steve Gagel’s wife, Sam.

But a breakdown of Kubis’ racing career raises some quirky figures.

His first start was in a Doomben two-year-old event on November 28. He finished fifth and earned \$1300.

His first win came at his seventh start in a Sunshine Coast Maiden on September 25 the following year. He started at \$2 and won by a nose. He did not win again until Boxing Day 2017 when he scored again by a nose at the same track in a Benchmark 75.

Hardly an inspiring strike rate especially as Kubis was prominent in the market in most races.

But for connections and trainer Rob Heathcote whose wife Vicky also is a part-owner there was one very attractive sideline to this apparent poor conversion rate – Kubis’

Since a win at the Gold Coast on August 2018 Kubis’ record has been 13 starts for six wins and stake earnings of \$267,250.

Heathcote had the benefit of seeing his former stable star Buffering follow a similar late blooming career.

Buffering was a consistently good sprinter for four racing seasons but he didn’t win his first Group 1 until he turned six, taking out the Manikato Stakes in October 2013. He then won a further six Group 1’s before retirement as an early nine-year-old in the spring of 2016.

The message to owners from these records is simple. If your horse is showing ability as a young horse and earning enough to cover expenses sometimes it’s best to persevere if he or she is sound.

Patience can be a wonderful ally with racehorses. Remember, time to allow the horse to fully mature can reap handsome rewards. Just ask the owners of Kubis.

**Bart Sinclair**

BRC Racing Manager

CLAYFIELD COLLEGE

# FAMILY RACEDAY

SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER  
EAGLE FARM RACECOURSE

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# CITY MEETS COUNTRY

The racegoers old enough to recall the decades of the sixties and seventies always speak fondly of the big crowds and great racing over the three-day Exhibition Carnival at Eagle Farm.

It opened on the first Saturday of the Ekka at Bowen Hills with the Ascot Handicap over 1400 metres and the weight-for-age J H S Barnes Stakes over 2200 metres.

On the following Wednesday - People's Day with the Grand Parade at the Ekka - was the Exhibition Handicap (2100m) and a sprint for the new season three-year-olds. The Saturday racing main event was the Metropolitan Handicap (2200m).

Apart from the QTC Winter Carnival featuring The Stradbroke and Brisbane Cup, the Ekka Carnival was the next highest rated Carnival on the Eagle Farm calendar.

Particularly on the opening day it was highlighted by the number of country folk who combined daily trips to the Show with a must-do afternoon at Eagle Farm.

At many of the Ekka race meetings some of the big name interstate trainers ran horses in the Barnes Stakes to give them an early base to launch spring campaigns in Sydney and Melbourne. Tommy Smith, Tommy Hughes and Geoff Murphy were trainers who often featured at these meetings.

Four years ago BRC Chairman, Neville Bell enlisted the help of well known Club Member, Russell Reed who had a powerful network of rural contacts to reinvigorate the first day of the Exhibition meetings and bring the bushies back to the track.

"Bush people had been doing it really tough for some years mainly through drought conditions and the number of country visitors to the race meeting in August had significantly declined.

The first year we linked with Riding For The Disabled and I called on an old friend John Warlters to get a bit of publicity in The Country Life and contact names for invitations," Reed recalled.

From that first meeting Reed and Warlters, the Head of Agricultural Publishing at Fairfax Media, have steadily built the City Meets Country raceday function to the degree this August saw over 270 attending the event.

This year, Reed and his racing partner Chas Clifford, a former Queensland racing steward, offered a five percent share in a Golden Archer filly as a raffle prize. The raffle raised \$5000 which was channeled into the Country Women's Association Fund, assisting rural folk seriously affected by drought and in many cases, flooding in North Western Queensland.

"Russell deserves great credit for the way he has rejuvenated the City Meets Country spirit at the BRC Exhibition meeting," Bell said.

"We know many of our country cousins have had a shocking time during a prolonged drought in large areas of our state. It was heartening to see a smile on the faces of the bushies at Doomben this year.

"The challenge for us now is to get behind Russell and his small team to get even more people from the country to the track next Ekka carnival."



# RACING WHAT'S ON

## OCTOBER

### SATURDAY 5TH

Saturday Raceday  
Eagle Farm Racecourse

### MONDAY 7TH

Monday Raceday  
Doomben Racecourse

### SATURDAY 12TH



Clayfield College  
Family Raceday  
Member & Friends Raceday  
Eagle Farm Racecourse

### WEDNESDAY 16TH

AICLA Raceday  
Doomben Racecourse

### SATURDAY 19TH

St Rita's College  
Caulfield Cup Ladies' Day  
Eagle Farm Racecourse

### WEDNESDAY 23RD

Wednesday Raceday  
Doomben Racecourse

### SATURDAY 26TH

SUEZ Cox Plate Day  
Eagle Farm Racecourse

## NOVEMBER

### SATURDAY 2ND

Padua College Derby Day  
Eagle Farm Racecourse

### TUESDAY 5TH



Canadian Club  
Melbourne Cup Day  
Eagle Farm Racecourse

## NOVEMBER

### SATURDAY 9TH

Saturday Raceday  
Doomben Racecourse

### SATURDAY 23RD

Tattersall's Raceday  
Doomben Racecourse

### SATURDAY 30TH



Saturday Raceday  
Doomben Racecourse

## DECEMBER

### SATURDAY 7TH

Saturday Raceday  
Doomben Racecourse

### FRIDAY 13TH

Origin Jockey Series  
Twilight Raceday  
Doomben Racecourse

### SATURDAY 14TH

Origin Jockey Series  
Saturday Raceday  
Doomben Racecourse

### SATURDAY 21ST

Saturday Raceday  
Eagle Farm Racecourse

### SATURDAY 28TH



**ROAD TO MAGIC MILLIONS**  
—MEMBERS AND FRIENDS RACEDAY—

Road to Magic Millions  
Member and Friend's  
Raceday  
Eagle Farm Racecourse



# WELCOME TO TONY PARTRIDGE BRC'S NEW CEO



Recently appointed BRC Chief Executive Tony Partridge has a varied professional background which will be a valuable asset in what has evolved into a diverse role.

After a childhood based in Sydney's inner western suburbs Tony completed a dual degree in law and commerce at Sydney University.

From 1999 to 2001 Tony worked for a company now known as Metcash. He then took on a legal role with the Sydney Olympic Stadium where he was a central part of a team which grew the event calendar from nine to over 50 events.

"We staged big ticket events like the State Of Origin and Bledisloe Cup matches plus the NRL grand finals. And we hosted the 2003 Rugby World Cup," he said.

"The only downside was watching Queensland dominate the Origin series most of my time there."

He did concede he will be reassessing his NSW Origin allegiance now he has moved to Queensland!

After 12 years at ANZ Stadium Tony's love of racing led him to take on a job of Chief Operating Officer (Commercial and Operations) at the Australian Turf Club.

In that position which he held from 2013-17 Tony was involved in the redevelopment of Rosehill Gardens, the

introduction of The Championships in the autumn and the boost of the Spring Champion Raceday in the spring.

For the past two years Tony has worked for Deloitte, a multinational professional services network. His area of expertise included providing advice on how to generate revenue from stadiums and arenas.

That was a rewarding position but Tony jumped at the chance to take a position back in racing with the BRC where the club's profitability is directly linked to major non-racing initiatives such as Gallopers and Souths Sports Club, Racecourse Village and the Ascot Child Care Centre.

As a younger man he played rugby union for the Drummoyne Club in Sydney but now follows rugby league more closely as an avid supporter of Canterbury Bulldogs.

"I've always had a passion for racing. I've had shares in half a dozen horses but sadly none achieved great heights. I'm thrilled to take on the CEO role at a club steeped in history and recognized as one of the leading race clubs in Australia," he said.

Tony, wife Marika and daughter Alexandra, 4, have settled in Clayfield within walking distance of Eagle Farm.



## SOCIAL WHAT'S ON

### SEPTEMBER

#### FRIDAY 27TH

Big Screen on the Green - Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone  
Eagle Farm Racecourse

#### SATURDAY 28TH



Brewtiful Espresso Martini Brunch  
Eagle Farm Racecourse

### OCTOBER

#### FRIDAY 11TH



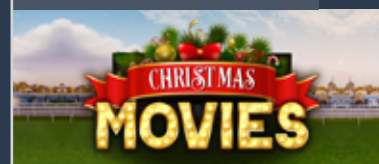
Bernborough Ascot  
Spring Racing Carnival High Tea  
Eagle Farm Racecourse

#### SATURDAY 31ST

Big Screen on the Green - The Shining Halloween Fright Night  
Eagle Farm Racecourse

### DECEMBER

#### MOND 16TH - THURS 19TH



Big Screen on the Green - Christmas Movies  
Eagle Farm Racecourse

# MEMBER & FRIENDS RACEDAYS

## MEMBER & FRIENDS DAY



**SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2019**  
**EAGLE FARM RACECOURSE**

- Watch the Caulfield Guineas on the Big screen
- Four complimentary tickets to the Members Reserve for your guests
- Prizes to be won on the Spin & Win wheel every hour
- Bonus visitation points
- Entertainment after the last
- Nickelodeon Kids entertainment

## ROAD TO MAGIC MILLIONS



**SATURDAY 28 DECEMBER 2019**  
**EAGLE FARM RACECOURSE**

- \$1,000 Member cash jackpot
- Prizes to be won on the Spin & Win wheel every hour
- Black Type racing
- Four complimentary tickets to the Members Reserve for your guests
- Bonus visitation points
- Entertainment after the last

## OTHER MEMBER EVENTS

### GIDDY UP CLUB - FAMILY RACEDAY



**SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2019**  
**EAGLE FARM RACECOURSE**

- Giddy Up Club Members receive two complimentary adult General Admission tickets (tickets will be posted out approximately four weeks prior to the event)
- Option to upgrade for only \$5 per child & \$10 per adult into The Giddy Up Club Marquee
- Nickelodeon characters including Paw Patrol and Dora The Explorer perform on the main stage
- Fun kids workshops, character meet & greets, FREE rides & activities to enjoy
- Watch the Caulfield Guineas on the Big screen

### YOUNG MEMBERS FUNCTION



**SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 2019**  
**THE PERCH MARQUEE**  
**EAGLE FARM RACECOURSE**

This function is only open to Young Members (30 years and under) and Guests. Tickets: \$135pp

- Entry into The Perch Marquee (entry to the racecourse, The Perch Marquee and Members' Reserve is included in Members' Guest price).
- Five hour beverage package
- Cocktail style lunch
- Tote facilities located within space
- Entertainment after the last race





Members can expect an action packed 5 days of Spring Racing. More information to come on the surprise and delights we have in store for Members!

## KEY MEMBER EVENTS



**CAULFIELD CUP  
SPRING RACING LUNCHEON**

**SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2019**  
**VICE REGAL ROOM, EAGLE FARM RACECOURSE**

Full Members: \$95pp  
Non-Members: \$115pp

- Reserved table in the Vice Regal Room (entry to the Racecourse and Member's Reserve is included for non-members)
- 2 course plated menu (entrée and main)
- 3 Hour Beverage Package
- Tote facilities located within the space
- Televisions for interstate race viewing



**BERNBOROUGH ASCOT  
SPRING HIGH TEA**

**FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER 2019**  
**THE TOTE ROOM, EAGLE FARM RACECOURSE**

Full Members: \$99pp  
Non-Members: \$109pp

- Indulgent sit-down high tea
- Free flowing sparkling wine
- Exclusive spring fashion parade by Joli Boutique with guest speakers
- Pop-up millinery stalls
- Gift bag valued over \$100

## THE **TAB** Summer RACING CARNIVAL

**30 NOVEMBER - 28 DECEMBER**

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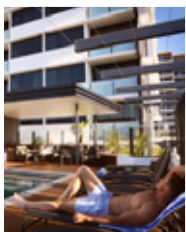
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