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Tony Gollan



Jeff Lloyd



Jag Guthman-Chester

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Racing in Queensland has been afforded a much-needed confidence boost on two fronts - prizemoney and the imminent return to racing at Eagle Farm.

It's been well recorded the State Government responded positively to the desperate pleas for assistance from all sections of the industry in a momentous decision to inject a total of \$26 million in two tranches to prizemoney across the board throughout Queensland.

years while Eagle Farm has been sidelined or limited due to work on the course proper.

But Eagle Farm is the premier racetrack according to the punters. The turnover is highest on our No 1 track by a big margin.

Current thinking at Racing Queensland, through its Eagle Farm track project manager Mick Goodie, is to conduct limited gallops on the course proper on December 4.

For Guthman-Chester it was a career-boosting effort to take out the junior title in his first full season riding against the vastly experienced senior jockeys at metro meetings.

For evergreen Lloyd it was his third successive title. His wins came at a strike rate of 22.8 percent.

Gollan has dominated the Brisbane training leaderboard in recent times. He has now won the premiership in five successive seasons.

The BRC presented each of the title holders with a memento for their splendid efforts in season 2017-18.

On a sad note the racing community last month mourned the tragic loss of BRC Member Basil Nolan Jnr in an accident on the family's historic Raheen Stud near Warwick. He is survived by wife Natalie and four children.

The BRC board and staff have extended deepest condolences to all the Nolan family including his parents Basil and Diane who have been major contributors to the racing and breeding industries.

On behalf of the board I'd like to wish all Members a Merry Christmas and hope the New Year brings good health and plenty of winners.

I look forward to seeing you at Doomben and Eagle Farm in the coming weeks.

 **Neville Bell**
BRC Chairman

"The injection of money will bolster the quality of racing throughout the year"

It was apparent ownership numbers were dwindling and the rate of decrease was set to escalate in the state if the Queensland Government had not acted.

The lift in stakes should translate to the buying market. Queensland buyers at yearling sales early next year can now bid with some confidence.

From a BRC perspective the injection of money will bolster the quality of racing throughout the year with good field sizes and also ensure our summer and winter carnivals continue to be popular destinations for interstate trainers.

Furthermore, the return to racing at Eagle Farm will also enhance the BRC racing product.

Doomben, under Jim Roberts and his team, has outperformed to an astonishing level over the past four

Once all our key track personnel assess feedback from riders and the way the track has coped with horse traffic, the BRC, in conjunction with RQ, will be in a position to set a date for racing to return at Eagle Farm.

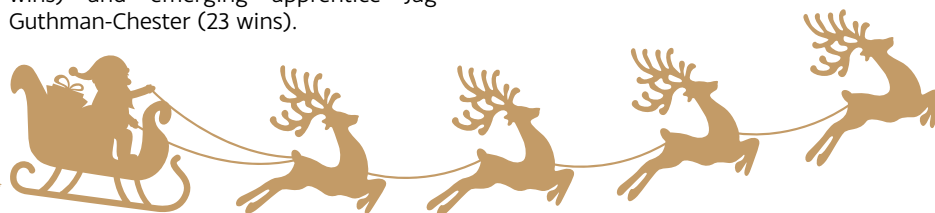
If it is to be December 22 - or a later date - the BRC will have packages on sale for Members to celebrate the comeback of our No 1 track.

The BRC is working hard to get the Eagle Farm Members and public facilities back in good shape. As you would be aware when older buildings have been dormant for 18 months there is a need for some serious work to get things ship-shape again.

Each year, the BRC recognises the feats of the metropolitan premiership-winning trainer, jockey and apprentice jockey. In season 2017-18 Queensland metro racing again had three very worthy titleholders - Tony Gollan (90 wins), Jeff Lloyd (108 wins) and emerging apprentice Jag Guthman-Chester (23 wins).

**Christmas
member
drinks**

4-5pm Sat 15 Dec
Bernborough Bar
Doomben Racecourse



RACING NEWS

The performances of Sunlight and Pierata over the past year have been a tremendous advertisement for the Queensland Summer Racing Carnival.

Throw in the underrated mares Viddora and Invincibella another two winners from the 2017-18 summer and the exposure for the Queensland carnival has been tremendous through subsequent form.

While everyone around Australia with even the slightest interest in racing is excited about getting racing back to Eagle Farm, the summer meetings at Doomben will provide great performances and undoubtedly a few young stars will emerge.

And with the State Of Origin series bringing 10 of the leading riders in Australia to compete with local stars

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Magic Millions Classic winner Sunlight put the icing on the cake by winning the Group 1 Coolmore Stud Stakes at Flemington on Derby Day.

Pierata picked up the three-year-old Summer Triple Crown last year and has since won the Missile Stakes and The Everest Consolation and been placed in the Group 1 VRC Sprint Classic at the Flemington carnival.

Invincibella won the Magic Millions Fillies and Mares last January and backed up in the winter to take out the Dane Ripper at Doomben on Stradbroke Day.

This spring, the Chris Waller-trained Invincibella won the Sheraco Stakes at Rosehill and the Blazer Stakes at Flemington, both at Group 2 level.

Viddora was also a winner at the Magic Millions meeting last year and this spring was successful in the Group 1 Moir Stakes at Moonee Valley.

Jim Byrne and Matt McGillivray the betting turnover should soar on the weekend 7-8 December.

Despite the vastly improved status of the summer carnival in recent years the winter meetings still make up our flagship carnival.

Chris Waller has openly declared the winter is an ideal development base to progress his younger horses into the spring as underlined in 2018 by The Autumn Sun, Zousain, Lean Mean Machine, Invincibella, Comin' Through and Youngstar.

Other winter graduates to perform well in the spring included Fundamentalist, Sesar, Perast, Noire, Peaceful State, Rising Red the list goes on.

Then there was Stradbroke winner Santa Ana Lane (VRC Sprint Classic) and Redzel (The Everest).

| **Bart Sinclair**, BRC Racing Manager

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- Members' BBQ

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THE VICTORY CUP MEETING OF 1946

The return to racing at Eagle Farm this summer is probably as much anticipated as was the resumption of racing at the track after World War II.

On that occasion the track was closed to racing for four and a half years, as was neighbouring Doomben, while the two racecourses were turned into huge military staging camps for the US forces.

Military authorities took control of the racetracks within two weeks of the attack on Pearl Harbour in December 1941 after identifying the strategic value of facilities close to the port and railway with water, power and sewerage already laid on.

Eagle Farm became known as Camp Ascot and Doomben became Camp Doomben.

Racing and training was confined to the sand track at Albion Park ("the Creek") for the duration of the war, and because of austerity measures imposed by the Government racing for some time was limited to three Saturdays each month.

Peace was declared in August 1945, but the racecourses remained a hive of military activity until November as troops returning from the war waited to embark on homeward bound ships for the US.

When the clubs finally were given access, they found that remedial work needed to be done to the tracks. Gravel crossings had been laid down for vehicle access to the infield camps, and these were removed and the turf surface restored.

Buildings that had been constructed on the flat were sold for removal, and the Queensland Turf Club reported that much reconditioning work was required in the Paddock enclosure.

Doomben had lost its straight six, which had been built on similar lines to the famous straight six at Flemington. The Americans had built an aerodrome on the site, and eventually the Federal Government compensated the Brisbane Amateur Turf Club for the loss of that land.

By early 1946 owners and trainers were anxious for racing to return to the grass tracks, and the Breeders', Owners' and Trainers' Association petitioned for an early re-opening.

At the time neither club could see racing resuming at Ascot or Doomben before Easter, and it was not until March that trackwork was allowed to be resumed.

Eagle Farm eventually re-opened on the May Day long weekend, when it conducted the Stradbroke and Brisbane Cup meeting with the Brisbane Cup renamed to the Victory Cup for that year.

Doomben reopened on the first two Saturdays in June, with its sprint and Cup double. The sprint, now known as the 10,000, was named the T.M.Ahern Memorial in honour of the BATC's

late Chairman Terry Ahern who had died during the previous year. The club allocated 10,000 pounds prizemoney for the race, making it the richest sprint on the Australian calendar.

Eagle Farm's re-opening was massive. The city council ran 150 trams to the course on each day – one running on the Ascot line every 40 seconds. Seven special trains also ran to carry the crowds. The trains left at five minute intervals after the last race. It was estimated that 45,000 people turned up on the first day.

Report courtesy of the Thoroughbred Racing History Association and the Racing Museum





WHAT'S ON

RACING SOCIAL

LOCATIONS LISTED BELOW

EAGLE FARM RACECOURSE

DECEMBER

SATURDAY 1ST

Brisbane Broncos Raceday
Doomben Racecourse

FRIDAY 7TH

Bernborough Ascot
Twilight Raceday
Doomben Racecourse

SATURDAY 8TH

Cascade Raceday
Doomben Racecourse

SATURDAY 15TH

Saturday Raceday
Doomben Racecourse

SATURDAY 22ND

Saturday Raceday
Eagle Farm Racecourse

SATURDAY 29TH

Magic Millions
Member & Friends Raceday
Member Cash Draw
Doomben Racecourse

JANUARY

SATURDAY 19TH

Saturday Raceday
Member Rewards Day
Member Cash Draw
Eagle Farm Racecourse

FEBRUARY

SATURDAY 2ND

Racing to Cure Race Day,
Supporting Tour de Cure
Eagle Farm Racecourse

SATURDAY 9TH

Cascade Race Day
Doomben Racecourse

SATURDAY 16TH

Lunar New Year Raceday
Doomben Racecourse

SATURDAY 23RD

Priceline Ascot Girls Day Out
Member Cash Draw
Eagle Farm Racecourse

DECEMBER

SATURDAY 1ST

That's Amore Italian Dinner

SATURDAY 1ST, 8TH, 15TH & 22ND

The Society Summer Series

MONDAY 17TH

Christmas Movie - Elf
Big Screen on the Green

TUESDAY 18TH

Christmas Movie - Home Alone
Big Screen on the Green

WEDNESDAY 19TH

Christmas Movie - Santa Clause
Big Screen on the Green

THURSDAY 20TH

Christmas Movie - The Muppet
Christmas Carol
Big Screen on the Green

FRIDAY 21ST

Christmas Movie - Polar Express
Big Screen on the Green

MONDAY 31ST

The Society New Years Eve Party!

JANUARY

FRIDAY 18TH

Lord of the Rings: Two Towers
Big Screen on the Green

SUNDAY 27TH

Australian Open
Tennis Men's Final
Big Screen on the Green

FEBRUARY

MONDAY 4TH

Superbowl
Big Screen on the Green

THURSDAY 14TH

Valentine's Day
How To Lose A Guy In 10 Days
Big Screen on the Green



MEMBER PROFILE

WALLY & JOHN RIDGWAY

The passion for racing and the punt glows strongly in BRC Member Wally Ridgway and his son John.

The pair rarely miss a Saturday BRC meeting and have thoroughly enjoyed the benefits from their club membership over the past 10 years.

Wally Ridgway, 93, was born in Gayndah and grew up on a dairy farm in Monto in an era when the horse reigned supreme in outback areas. Several of his family were very keen racing followers.

"Dad's cousin was Jim Griffiths and his father who was a carpenter did a lot of maintenance work at Jim's stables in Brisbane," John Ridgway, 58, said.

"The family had shares in a few horses trained by Jim but they were only moderately successful."

The late Jim Griffiths was one of the best trainers in Queensland over many years. In 1975 he won the Stradbroke - Doomben 10,000 double with Spedito and the Doomben Cup with Golden Khan.

Wally held a bookmaker's clerk licence in the 1950s and 1960s.

Aside from racing both the Ridgways had a love of tennis which provided a solid income through coaching.

John Ridgway spent several years overseas playing and coaching.

They have lived in the Manly area for many years and have coached privately and in schools in the bayside precinct.

"Dad spends a lot of time studying the form and still loves to have a bet each week. We both have developed a good relationship with a lot of the BRC raceday staff and enjoy the excellent food on offer," John said.

"I'd recommend a BRC membership to anyone who enjoys a great day at the track."



DOOMBEN RACECOURSE

ROAD TO MAGIC MILLIONS

— MEMBERS AND FRIENDS RACEDAY —

SATURDAY 29 DECEMBER 2018



END OF YEAR CELEBRATION



Full Members & Guests Badge Holders: \$45pp
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BLACK TYPE RACING LUNCH



Full Members & Guests Badge Holders: \$85pp
Non-Members: \$105pp

- Reserved table in the 10,000 Dining Room
- 3hr beverage package of Selected Australian red and white wines, sparkling, local beers, soft drinks & orange juice
- 2 course plated menu (entree and main)
- Tote facilities and bookmakers nearby
- Cash bar available for purchases
- Fantastic views of the Winning Post
- Plasma screens throughout area for interstate race viewing

STANLEY ROOM

The BRC has gained a prized asset with a room in the Doomben public grandstand showcasing the personal racing trophies and memorabilia associated with horses owned by Bill and Evelyn Stanley.

The Stanley Room was launched at a cocktail party jointly hosted by the BRC and the Thoroughbred Racing History Association on October 9. Over 100 BRC Members and the Stanley family and friends attended the function.

The late Bill Stanley was a Member of the Queensland Turf Club committee for many years and he and Evelyn raced a total of 99 horses whose racing records have been dutifully maintained by Mrs Stanley.

Included in the Stanley-owned racehorses are topline Rajah Sahib, Cyron, Mr Cromwell, High Sail and Native Son. Included in their feature race wins were the Stradbroke, Cox Plate, Doncaster, Australian Cup and Queensland Derby.

The Stanley Collection which is housed in the Doomben Racing Library and Archive can be viewed by appointment with the TRHA president Peter Howard.

Mrs Stanley, a sprightly 94 and still a regular racegoer at BRC meetings, was in great form at the launch.

"Bill and I had so many wonderful moments with our horses. I'm thrilled to have passed on all these trophies, photographs and memorabilia for the enjoyment of all racing fans," Mrs Stanley said.



Photo by: Ross Stanley



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MEMBERS' RESERVE DRESS CODE UPDATE

The Summer Dress code is effective from 1 December until 31 March. The Dress Code is as follows:

GENTLEMEN

Short-sleeved collared business shirt tucked in with tailored fashion trousers and covered dress shoes.

LADIES

Neat dress in keeping with contemporary standards.
No bare midriffs.

MID WEEK

The Members' Reserves are open to all, with patrons requested to dress in a neat and tidy manner.

** Denim, joggers, thongs and shorts are not permitted in Members' Reserve areas.*

Please note, racedays are subject to change.