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COVER PHOTO OF BELLA NIPOTINA WINNING THE 2024 LADBROKES DOOMBEN 10,000
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Welcome From BRISBANE RACING CLUB



RICHARD MORRISON
CHAIRMAN

grandparents, listening to the 4TAB raceday previews. I think this is where my passion was ignited.

There is so much to look forward to during BRC's The Star Stradbroke Season which commences on Sky Racing Guineas Day on 3 May and stretches to our grand finale, The Star Stradbroke Day, on 14 June.

I have served on the board of the BRC for the past 13 years and marvelled at the stamina and knowledge our past chairman Neville Bell contributed all year but especially in our peak time in May-June. He was a stayer of the highest calibre.

With the support of my fellow board members and an energised and professional executive team, I believe the BRC is again well prepared for further success in The Star Stradbroke Season.

Rightly so, the quality of any thoroughbred carnival is best judged by the standard of the racing product across the board. Last season saw three of our Group 1 races appear in the Longines Top 100 races in the world.

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From a young age I have always enjoyed Brisbane's feature racing each May and June.

I have fond childhood memories of sitting around the breakfast table at my

We have achieved some remarkable results in recent years. Horses like Winx, The Everest winners Redzel, Think About It and Bella Nipotina, Melbourne Cup winners Vow And Declare, Knight's Choice and Without A Fight, who also landed the Caulfield Cup, all came through our carnival in the months earlier. Who will be next to join this exceptional honour role?

The Star Stradbroke Season also entices the best trainers and jockeys from Australia and New Zealand to compete with the best of Queensland.

It is indeed a true carnival that attracts visitors for great racing, great fashion and fun social events to bring friends together.

To all our BRC Members, horse owners and anyone who enjoys great racing and premium hospitality, we look forward to welcoming you to Eagle Farm and Doomben for six incredible days of The Star Stradbroke Season.



KARL DEKROO
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

In 2024, we witnessed a masterclass on the track — tight finishes decided in the shadows of the post, dominant front-running performances, favourites that delivered under pressure, and roughies that turned the tables when no one saw it coming.

We also left our mark on the world stage. For the second straight year, three of our Group 1 features ranked in the top 100 globally: the Ladbrokes Doomben 10,000 (22=), the EVA Air Kingsford Smith Cup (66=), and The Star Stradbroke Handicap (98=).

This continued success is built on the strength of our major partners — The Star Entertainment Group, Ladbrokes, Lion/XXXX, Sky Racing, and the Seven Network — who help us deliver raceday experiences that keep our audiences coming back.

Our carnival has earned a reputation for drawing punters, star jockeys and elite equine talent from all the major stables from across Queensland and around the country.

The quality of racing speaks for itself, and the results show if you want to fire in the spring features like The Everest and Caulfield and Melbourne Cups, you best

bring yourself north for the winter.

But it's not just about what happens on the track. The Star Stradbroke Season is defined by premium hospitality — from curated cocktails on the Champagne Bar lawn to gourmet dining in the St Leger Marquee. Whether it's a casual cheese platter or a long lunch with friends, you'll find something to savour.

And as we build towards the carnival's pinnacle — the \$3 million Star Stradbroke Handicap on Saturday 14 June — we look forward to celebrating with you at our key lead — up events:

- Breakfast with the Stars — Tuesday morning, 10 June
- The Star Stradbroke Handicap Barrier Draw — Tuesday evening, 10 June
- Ladbrokes Calcutta & Luncheon — Friday, 13 June

On behalf of the entire team at BRC, we look forward to seeing you trackside this winter. Welcome to The Star Stradbroke Season 2025.

We're delivering world-class racing, entertainment, and hospitality — and that's just the beginning!

For the first time as CEO of the Brisbane Racing Club, I'm proud to welcome you to our flagship six-week showcase: The Star Stradbroke Season 2025.

I've attended this brilliant carnival in many capacities over the years, and I've seen it grow into a true powerhouse of Australian racing. This year promises to be the biggest yet.

RACEDAY SUMMARY



SKY RACING GUINEAS DAY

3 MAY, EAGLE FARM

PRIZEMONEY \$1,390,000

\$350,000	G2 SKY RACING QUEENSLAND GUINEAS (3YO) 1600M
\$300,000	G2 U&U RECRUITMENT VICTORY STAKES (3YO&UP) (WFA) 1200M
\$200,000	LISTED LADBROKES DALRELLO STAKES (2YO) 1000M
\$125,000	SEVEN 3YO QUALITY (QTIS) 1300M
\$85,000	THE STAR BENCHMARK 90 HANDICAP 1800M
\$85,000	MORETON HIRE BENCHMARK 85 HANDICAP 1400M
\$85,000	XXXX COLTS/GELDINGS/ENTIRES BENCHMARK 78 HANDICAP (4YO ONLY) 1200M
\$85,000	NOVA 106.9 FILLIES/MARES BENCHMARK 78 HANDICAP (4YO ONLY) 1200M
\$75,000	BRC MEMBERS CLASS 3 PLATE (3YO&UP) 1600M



LADBROKES DOOMBEN 10,000 DAY

17 MAY, DOOMBEN

PRIZEMONEY \$2,905,000

\$1,500,000	G1 LADBROKES DOOMBEN 10,000 (WFA) (3YO&UP) 1200M
\$300,000	G2 SEVEN SPIRIT OF BOOM CLASSIC (2YO) 1200M
\$250,000	G3 HKJC WORLD POOL ROUGH HABIT PLATE (3YO) 2000M
\$200,000	G3 JRA CHAIRMAN'S HANDICAP 2000M
\$200,000	LISTED SKY RACING BERNBOROUGH MILE 1600M
\$160,000	LISTED MAGIC MILLIONS BRIGHT SHADOW (FILLIES & MARES) 1110M
\$125,000	IMPRESSU 3YO PLATE 1350M
\$85,000	BENCHMARK 85 HANDICAP 1600M
\$85,000	THE STAR BENCHMARK 78 HANDICAP 1350M



XXXX DOOMBEN CUP DAY

24 MAY, DOOMBEN

PRIZEMONEY \$2,430,000

\$1,000,000	G1 XXXX DOOMBEN CUP (WFA) 2000M
\$300,000	G2 ANZ BLOODSTOCK NEWS THE ROSES (3YO FILLIES) 2000M
\$300,000	G3 HKJC WORLD POOL BRC SPRINT 1350M
\$200,000	G3 MAGIC MILLIONS MILE (FILLIES & MARES) (3YO&UP) 1600M
\$160,000	LISTED BILL CARTER STAKES (2YO FILLIES) 1350M
\$160,000	LISTED LADBROKES CHIEF DE BEERS 1110M
\$140,000	SEVEN DARBY MCCARTHY (3YO) 1110M
\$85,000	THE STAR BENCHMARK 85 HANDICAP 1350M
\$85,000	BENCHMARK 85 HANDICAP 1110M

SEVEN OAKS DAY

7 JUNE, EAGLE FARM

PRIZEMONEY \$2,350,000

\$700,000	G1 SEVEN QUEENSLAND OAKS (3YO FILLIES) 2200M
\$500,000	MAGIC MILLIONS NATIONAL CLASSIC (WFA) (FILLIES & MARES) 1600M
\$300,000	G2 THE STAR MORETON CUP (3YO&UP) 1200M
\$200,000	LISTED QUEENSLAND DAY STAKES (3YO) 1200M
\$160,000	LISTED NUTURF SPEAR CHIEF HANDICAP 1500M
\$160,000	LISTED NOVA 106.9 THE SHOW A HEART (2YO) 1500M
\$160,000	LISTED LADBROKES LIGHTNING HANDICAP 1000M
\$85,000	MITTYS BENCHMARK 90 HANDICAP 1800M
\$85,000	CLASS 6 HANDICAP 1200M

LADBROKES DERBY DAY

31 MAY, EAGLE FARM

PRIZEMONEY \$4,030,000

\$1,000,000	G1 LADBROKES QUEENSLAND DERBY (3YO) 2400M
\$1,000,000	G1 EVA AIR KINGSFORD SMITH CUP (WFA) (3YO&UP) 1300M
\$1,000,000	G2 AQUIS STALLIONS BRC SIRES' PRODUCE STAKES (2YO) 1400M
\$300,000	G3 MULLINS LAWYERS FRED BEST CLASSIC (3YO) 1400M
\$200,000	G3 LIVING TURF QUEEN ELIZABETH II CUP 2400M
\$200,000	G3 SKY RACING LORD MAYOR'S CUP (3YO&UP) 1800M
\$160,000	LISTED MAGIC MILLIONS HELEN COUGHLAN STAKES (FILLIES & MARES) (3YO&UP) 1200M
\$85,000	BENCHMARK 78 HANDICAP 1400M
\$85,000	THE STAR CLASS 6 HANDICAP 1600M

THE STAR STRADBROKE DAY

14 JUNE, EAGLE FARM

PRIZEMONEY \$6,580,000

\$3,000,000	G1 THE STAR STRADBROKE HANDICAP (3YO&UP) 1400M
\$1,000,000	G1 LADBROKES J.J. ATKINS (2YO) 1600M
\$1,200,000	G2 HKJC WORLD POOL Q22 (WFA) 2200M
\$400,000	G2 XXXX BRISBANE CUP 3200M
\$300,000	G2 MAGIC MILLIONS DANE RIPPER STAKES (FILLIES & MARES) (3YO&UP) 1300M
\$200,000	G3 SKY RACING GUNSYND CLASSIC (3YO) 1600M
\$160,000	LISTED SEVEN THE WAYNE WILSON (3YO&UP) (WFA) 1600M
\$160,000	LISTED HINKLER HANDICAP 1200M
\$160,000	LISTED SEN OXLADE STAKES (2YO) 1200M

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THE STAR

The Star Entertainment Group owns and operates hotels and casinos around Australia. The Group and its joint venture partners in the Destination Brisbane Consortium have recently opened the \$3.6 billion Queen's Wharf precinct, an exciting and innovative, world-class integrated resort development that includes luxury hotels, restaurants, bars, retail, residential apartments, and a casino. The Star is proud to be Brisbane Racing's Club's principal and entertainment partner for Stradbroke Season, Queensland's premier racing carnival.



Ladbrokes is one of Australia's leading brands in the wagering and entertainment industry, offering a multi-channel platform and unique betting experience. It is part of the Entain Group, one of the world's largest sports-betting and gaming groups, operating both online and in the retail sector. Ladbrokes is proud to be Brisbane Racing Club's official wagering partner.



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PARTNERS





SKY RACING GUINEAS DAY



3 MAY 2025 ■ EAGLE FARM

This meeting marks the official start of The Star Stradbroke Season, an extravaganza of six high-quality race meetings from 3 May to 14 June.

The \$350,000 Sky Racing Queensland Guineas, a set weights event over 1600 metres for three-year-olds, has been a feature race since its inception in 1896.

The Guineas was originally run in the spring but was transferred to the winter carnival in 1984.

It is one of two Group 2 races to launch The Star Stradbroke Season. The other is the weight-for-age u&u Recruitment Victory Stakes over 1200 metres

With a range of hospitality packages to choose from, racegoers will enjoy indulging in the elegantly appointed spaces throughout heritage-listed Eagle Farm Racecourse.

From the XXXX Sideline Beer Garden, to canapes in The Society, there are tastes for everyone to enjoy in style as the carnival kicks off.

SKY RACING QUEENSLAND GUINEAS – G2 (1600M) 3YO SW (\$350,000) 2024 RACE RESULTS – TRACK CONDITION: SOFT 5 – TIME 1:35.50

FP	MARGIN	HORSE	A/S	BP	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT	SP
1	Won	1. KINTYRE	3G	2	CEJAY GRAHAM	GARY PORTELLI	57kg	\$9
2	0.32L	6. RAZORS	3G	11	ROBBIE DOLAN	JAMES CUMMINGS	57kg	\$14
3	1.30L	11. PRESS LINK	3G	7	MICHAEL RODD	ROBERT HEATHCOTE	57kg	\$7
4	1.98L	17. CHICA MOJITO	3F	1	JAKE BAYLISS	CHRIS WALLER	55kg	\$26
5	2.98L	16. EASY DUN	3G	15	JOHN ALLEN	ANDREW NOBLET	57kg	\$17
6	3.03L	5. CAFÉ MILLENIUM	3G	14	MARTIN HARLEY	JOHN O'SHEA	57kg	\$19
7	3.23L	8. PORT LOCKROY	3C	16	ADAM HYERONIMUS	ANNABEL NEASHAM	57kg	\$9.50
8	3.76L	12. FELIX THE SCAT	3G	9	KYLE WILSON-TAYLOR	TONY GOLLAN	57kg	\$151
9	4.44L	2. DUCASSE	3G	13	TOMMY BERRY	MICHAEL FREEDMAN	57kg	\$5.50
10	4.75L	13. CAPTAIN FENKEL	3G	8	VLAD DURIC	MARCUS WILSON	57kg	\$41
11	5.05L	14. CARACAS	3G	3	JIM BYRNE	ANTHONY & SAM FREEDMAN	57kg	\$26
12	5.09L	18. MISTERKIPCHOGE	3G	4	RYAN MALONEY	CHRIS WALLER	57kg	\$7.50
13	5.19L	4. ENCODER	3G	10	DAMIEN THORNTON	LEE FREEDMAN	57kg	\$51
14	5.57L	10. KIRIKAN	3G	5	MARK DU PLESSIS	CHRIS WALLER	57kg	\$41
15	6.78L	9. TRANSATLANTIC	3G	12	JAMES ORMAN	TONY GOLLAN	57kg	\$6
16	7.67L	7. IN EVIDENCE	3G	6	NIKITA BERIMAN	JOHN WIGGINTON	57kg	\$61

PREVIOUS WINNERS: (LAST 15 RUNNINGS)

DATE	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	TIME	PLACEGETTERS
4/05/2024	KINTYRE	CEJAY GRAHAM	GARY PORTELLI	1:35.50	2nd - Razors 3rd - Press Link
29/04/2023	KOVALICA	NASH RAWILLER	CHRIS WALLER	1:36.45	2nd - Perfect Thought 3rd - The Vowels
30/04/2022	CHARACTER	JAMES ORMAN	JAMES CUMMING	1:35.80	2nd - Dark Destroyer 3rd - Ashgrove
1/05/2021	PRIVATE EYE	BRENTON AVDULLA	JOSEPH PRIDE	1:37.60	2nd - Apache Chase 3rd - Kukeracha
2020 QUEENSLAND GUINEAS WAS ABANDONED DUE TO THE IMPACT OF COVID-19					
8/06/2019	KOLDING	JAMES MCDONALD	CHRIS WALLER	1:35.38	2nd - Baccarat Baby 3rd - Pohutukawa
9/06/2018	SAMBRO	MICHAEL WALKER	CHRIS WALLER	1:38.00	2nd - Seaway 3rd - Magnufighter
10/06/2017	SALSONIC	HUGH BOWMAN	JASON COYLE	1:34.85	2nd - Volpino 3rd - Niccanova
11/06/2016	TSARITSA	JOAO MOREIRA	CHRIS WALLER	1:36.90	2nd - Denmagic 3rd - Sold For Song
6/06/2015	JABALI	JIM BYRNE	MICK PRICE	1:34.61	2nd - Bachman 3rd - Merion
31/05/2014	SIR MOMENTS	TIMOTHY BELL	STEVEN O'DEA	1:22.96	2nd - Liberty's Choice 3rd - Ryker
1/06/2013	SIZZLING	CHRIS MUNCE	KELSO WOOD	1:24.25	2nd - Dances On Stars 3rd - Lucky Hussler
2/06/2012	PEAR TART	JEFF LLOYD	JOHN THOMPSON	1:26.18	2nd - Free Wheeling 3rd - Stradon
11/06/2011	TORIO'S QUEST	HUGH BOWMAN	BRETT PARTELLE	1:35.49	2nd - Benny's Buttons 3rd - Spot The Rock
12/06/2010	ROTHESAY	BLAKE SHINN	GERALD RYAN	1:33.70	2nd - Launay 3rd - Fifteen Carat

QUEENSLAND GUINEAS HIGHLIGHTS

The 2024 Queensland Guineas might have been a Group 2 race but for rider Cejay Graham it was a golden moment.

The Guineas victory aboard Sydney three-year-old Kintyre was her biggest success on the track but it also was a just reward for persistence and courage to overcome injuries which may have ended the racing passion for many others.

Port Macquarie-raised Graham was sidelined for lengthy periods of her career with severe injuries including a broken back and fractured wrists.

While still an apprentice Graham identified Brisbane as a fertile opportunity in 2023 and she regularly made the six hours road trip north.

The real turning point in her career came when she transferred to Brisbane permanently later in 2023 and transferred her apprenticeship to Kelly Schweida at Eagle Farm.

“Kelly has been a wonderful mentor. He’s been an incredible supporter,” Graham said.

Kintyre’s trainer Gary Portelli had no hesitation in entrusting the ride in a Group 2 to Graham.

“Cejay has ridden for me previously in Brisbane and she also helped me out riding trackwork on my horses. She rode Kintyre exactly how I gave the instructions,” Portelli said.

Kintyre previously had campaigned consistently in the Sydney autumn carnival where he won the Packer Plate at his latest run before the Guineas.

After the Guineas victory Kintyre finished a handy third in the Rough Habit Plate before being spelled to concentrate on the spring carnivals.

Since the Guineas was transferred from the spring to the winter carnival in 1984 two winners – Paris Lane (1994) and Cole Diesel (1989) – have been successful in the Caulfield Cup four months later.

FAST FACTS

- **First Running:** 1896 (won by College Cap).
- **Race Record (at 1600m):** 1:33.30 True Glo (2003).
- **Notable Winners:** Turffontein (2008), Sizzling (2013), Kolding (2019), Private Eye (2021).
- **Leading Trainers:** Bill Noud (7).
- **Leading Jockeys:** Graham Cook, George Tucker (6).
- Horses to win the Queensland Guineas and Caulfield Cup – High Syce (Guineas 1927, Cup 1929), Cole Diesel (both 1989), Paris Lane (both 1994).
- Other recent winners of the Queensland Guineas/Queensland Derby double – Turridu (1995), Yippyio (1997), Camarena (1999).
- 2019 Guineas winner Kolding was in rare form the following spring to land the Bill Ritchie Stakes, Epsom Handicap and inaugural running of the Golden Eagle at successive starts.



LADBROKES DOOMBEN 10,000 DAY



17 MAY 2025 - DOOMBEN

Attention shifts to Doomben for the second day of The Star Stradbroke Season, and today we open the account of seven Group 1 races across the carnival with the prestigious Ladbrokes Doomben 10,000.

Perched inside the world's Top 100 Group 1 races the past two years (Top 25 in 2024), the Ladbrokes Doomben 10,000 is one of Queensland's premier events for elite sprinters.

Bella Nipotina began her incredible run of form in this race last year, becoming the star of the carnival and winning the world's richest race

on turf – The Everest – in the spring.

Today also sees the running of the Group 3 HKJC World Pool Rough Habit Plate, a key form race for the Ladbrokes Queensland Derby (31 May), and the first leg of the carnival's two-year-old triple crown, the Group 2 Seven Spirit Of Boom Classic.

Feel Closer to the Action as you savour the fine food, wine and entertainment packages available across Doomben's grandstand terraces, suites, and marquees.

LADBROKES DOOMBEN 10,000 – G1 (1200M) WFA (\$1.5 MILLION) 2024 RACE RESULTS – TRACK CONDITION: SOFT 7 – TIME 1:10.60

FP	MARGIN	HORSE	A/S	BP	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT	SP
1	Won	5. BELLA NIPOTINA	6M	3	CRAIG WILLIAMS	CIARON MAHER	56.5kg	\$7
2	0.05L	1. I WISH I WIN	5G	1	JAMES MCDONALD	PETER MOODY & KATHERINE COLEMAN	58.5kg	\$2.20F
3	1.04L	7. ESPIONA	5M	9	NASH RAWILLER	CHRIS WALLER	56.5kg	\$5
4	1.24L	2. PRIVATE EYE	6G	6	BLAKE SHINN	JOSEPH PRIDE	58.5kg	\$10
5	1.48L	9. STEFI MAGNETICA	3F	4	TIM CLARK	BJORN BAKER	55kg	\$41
6	2.93L	6. CHAIN OF LIGHTNING	5M	5	JAMIE KAH	PETER MOODY & KATHERINE COLEMAN	56.5kg	\$9.50
7	2.97L	3. MAZU	5G	8	TYLER SCHILLER	JOSEPH PRIDE	58.5kg	\$10
8	6.49L	8. WEE NESSY	4M	2	ADAM HYERONIMUS	MICK PRICE & MICHAEL KENT (JNR)	56.5kg	\$21
9	20.99L	4. BODY BOB	4G	7	DANNY BEASLEY	PAT MURPHY	58.5kg	\$151

PREVIOUS WINNERS: (LAST 15 RUNNINGS)

DATE	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	TIME	PLACEGETTERS
18/05/2024	BELLA NIPOTINA	CRAIG WILLIAMS	CIARON MAHER	1:10.60	2nd – I Wish I Win 3rd – Espiona
13/05/2023	GIGA KICK	CRAIG WILLIAMS	CLAYTON DOUGLAS	1:08.66	2nd - Overpass 3rd - Mazu
14/05/2022	MAZU	SAM CLIPPERTON	PETER & PAUL SNOWDEN	1:12.07	2nd - Paulele 3rd - Entriviere
15/05/2021	EDUARDO	NASH RAWILLER	JOSEPH PRIDE	1:10.71	2nd - Wild Planet 3rd - The Harrovian
2020 DOOMBEN 10,000 WAS ABANDONED DUE TO THE IMPACT OF COVID-19					
11/05/2019	THE BOSTONIAN	MICHAEL CAHILL	TONY PIKE	1:08.97	2nd - Osborne Bulls 3rd - Dollar For Dollar
12/05/2018	ENGLISH	TIM CLARK	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT	1:09.58	2nd - Impending 3rd - Le Romain
13/05/2017	REDZEL	JIM BYRNE	PETER & PAUL SNOWDEN	1:10.54	2nd - Counterattack 3rd - Derryn
28/05/2016	MUSIC MAGNATE	KERRIN MCEVOY	BJORN BAKER	1:17.77	2nd - Azkadellia 3rd - Charlie Boy
23/05/2015	BOBAN	GLYN SCHOFIELD	CHRIS WALLER	1:19.15	2nd - Charlie Boy 3rd - Generalife
24/05/2014	SPIRIT OF BOOM	MICHAEL RODD	TONY GOLLAN	1:17.93	2nd - Temple Of Boom 3rd - Buffering
25/05/2013	EPAULETTE	KERRIN MCEVOY	PETER SNOWDEN	1:18.85	2nd - Sea Siren 3rd - Buffering
26/05/2012	SEA SIREN	JIM CASSIDY	JOHN O'SHEA	1:19.09	2nd - Buffering 3rd - Temple Of Boom
28/05/2011	BEADED	COREY BROWN	PETER SNOWDEN	1:19.67	2nd - Love Conquers All 3rd - Black Piranha
29/05/2010	HOT DANISH	TIM CLARK	LES BRIDGE	1:19.17	2nd - Whobegotyou 3rd - Melito

DOOMBEN 10,000 HIGHLIGHTS

The 2024 Ladbrokes Doomben 10,000 produced an epic finish befitting the status of the weight-for-age sprint.

The winner Bella Nipotina settled much further back than anticipated but was still able to haul in the race favourite I Wish I Win in the final 50 metres.

In the first six calendar months of last year Bella Nipotina was a money-making sprinter with a flint-hard constitution.

After a brief Christmas break Bella Nipotina resumed with a fourth in the Group 1 Lightning Stakes at Flemington on 17 February.

That was the starting point in a campaign of eight starts across Melbourne, Sydney, Perth and ultimately Brisbane where the then six-year-old mare took out the 10,000.

In an emphatic show of her toughness Bella Nipotina subsequently finished runner-up to I Wish I Win in the EVA Air Kingsford Smith Cup and to Stefi Magnetica in the \$3 million The Star Stradbroke Handicap.

There was one more mountain to climb before a break. Bella Nipotina maintained her outstanding form to land the Tattersall's Tiara at Eagle Farm on 29 June.

Amazingly Bella Nipotina came back in the spring to score in The Everest from a very wide barrier.

Credit is due to the mare's trainer Ciaron Maher and also to her regular rider Craig Williams who partnered her in seven of her nine starts from February to June.

FAST FACTS

- **First Running (as the Doomben Newmarket):** 1933 (won by Wallun).
- **Race Record (1200m at Doomben):** 1.08.66 Giga Kick (2023).
- **Race Record (1350m):** 1:17.21 Falvelon (2001).
- **Multiple Winners:** Black Onyx (1969, 1970), Prince Trialia (1990, 1991), Chief De Beers (1995, 1998), Falvelon (2001, 2002), Apache Cat (2008, 2009).
- **Other Notable Winners:** Lough Neagh (1934), Bernborough (1946), Aquanita (1961), Winfreux (1965), Baguette (1971), Maybe Mahal (1977), Manikato (1979), Campaign King (1988), Barossa Boy (1992), Accomplice (1997), Bel Esprit (2003), Takeover Target (2007), Hot Danish (2010), Redzel (2017), Eduardo (2021), Mazu (2022), Giga Kick (2023).
- **Leading Trainers:** Tommy Smith (6), Peter Snowden (incl 2 with Paul) (4), Bart Cummings, Harry Plant (3)
- **Leading Jockeys:** George Moore (5), Mick Dittman (4).
- 3YO's have won the 10,000 five times this century – Giga Kick (2023), Mazu (2022), Epaulette (2013), Sea Siren (2012), Bel Esprit (2003).
- Falvelon (2001, 2002) and Spirit Of Boom (2014) are the only Queensland-trained winners since Laurie's Lottery (1999).
- Bella Nipotina became the fifth Victorian sprinter to win the 10,000 in the past 40 years. The others were: Apache Cat (2008-09), Bel Esprit (2003) and Getting Closer (1984).



XXXX DOOMBEN CUP DAY



24 MAY 2025 - DOOMBEN

Staying at Doomben, the \$1 million XXXX Doomben Cup is the headline act of a bumper card featuring another three Group level races: Group 2 ANZ Bloodstock News The Roses, Group 3 Magic Millions Mile, and Group 3 HKJC World Pool BRC Sprint.

The 2024 edition was a boilover for bookmakers when the Annabel Neasham-trained, 26-1 outsider, Bois D'argent, made every post a

winner. This spoilt the party for Peter & Paul Snowden's Hueter – who was chasing an unprecedented third successive XXXX Doomben Cup.

This is the last time we'll visit Doomben during The Star Stradbroke Season, and there are a range of exciting hospitality packages on offer to celebrate the grand occasion.

XXXX DOOMBEN CUP – G1 (2000M) WFA (\$1 MILLION) 2024 RACE RESULTS – TRACK CONDITION: SOFT 6 – TIME: 2:03.62

FP	MARGIN	HORSE	A/S	BP	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT	SP
1	Won	11. BOIS D'ARGENT	7G	8	BLAKE SHINN	ANNABEL NEASHAM	59kg	\$26
2	0.05L	14. NEW ENDEAVOUR	4G	3	CRAIG WILLIAMS	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT	59kg	\$11
3	0.29L	12. FAWKNER PARK	5G	7	TYLER SCHILLER	ANNABEL NEASHAM	59kg	\$13
4	1.25L	2. HUETOR	7G	10	TOMMY BERRY	PETER & PAUL SNOWDEN	59kg	\$13
5	2.54L	10. NAVAL COLLEGE	5G	12	TOM SHERRY	ANNABEL NEASHAM	59kg	\$41
6	2.74L	3. KOVALICA	4G	2	NASH RAWILLER	CHRIS WALLER	59kg	\$3.50F
7	2.77L	13. HEZASHOCKA	6G	5	MICHAEL DEE	MICK PRICE & MICHAEL KENT (JNR)	59kg	\$21
8	2.93L	4. DETONATOR JACK	5G	9	JAMES MCDONALD	CIARON MAHER	59kg	\$5.50
9	3.07L	15. AMOKURA	4M	11	MARK ZAHRA	KRIS LEES	57kg	\$18
10	5L	7. YOUNG WERTHER	6G	1	DAMIAN LANE	DANNY O'BRIEN	59kg	\$15
11	5.20L	1. NUMERIAN	8G	6	JAMIE MOTT	ANNABEL NEASHAM	59kg	\$8
12	5.54L	5. VOW AND DECLARE	8G	4	BILLY EGAN	DANNY O'BRIEN	59kg	\$14
13	5.59L	6. SERPENTINE	7G	14	TIM CLARK	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT	59kg	\$26
14	15.74L	8. EL BODEGON	5G	13	JAMES ORMAN	CHRIS WALLER	59kg	\$91

PREVIOUS WINNERS: (LAST 15 RUNNINGS)

DATE	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	TIME	PLACEGETTERS
25/05/2024	BOIS D'ARGENT	BLAKE SHINN	ANNABEL NEASHAM	2:03.62	2nd – New Endeavour 3rd – Fawknor Park
20/05/2023	HUETOR	RYAN MALONEY	PETER & PAUL SNOWDEN	2:02.02	2nd - Numerian 3rd - Kovalica
28/5/2022	HUETOR	KERRIN MCEVOY	PETER & PAUL SNOWDEN	2:09.79	2nd - Maximal 3rd - Zaaki
22/05/2021	ZAABI	JAMES MCDONALD	ANNABEL NEASHAM	2:01.06	2nd - Toffee Tongue 3rd - Brandenburg
2020 DOOMBEN CUP WAS ABANDONED DUE TO THE IMPACT OF COVID-19					
18/05/2019	KENEDNA	JOHN ALLEN	CIARON MAHER & DAVID EUSTACE	2:02.18	2nd - Life Less Ordinary 3rd - Sixties Groove
19/05/2018	COMIN' THROUGH	MICHAEL WALKER	CHRIS WALLER	2:01.43	2nd - Egg Tart 3rd - Ambitious
20/05/2017	SENSE OF OCCASION	COREY BROWN	KRIS LEES	2:06.63	2nd - Star Exhibit 3rd - Rudy
21/05/2016	OUR IVANHOWE	KERRIN MCEVOY	LEE & ANTHONY FREEDMAN	2:01.41	2nd - Hauraki 3rd - It's Somewhat
9/05/2015	PORNICHET	BLAKE SHINN	GAI WATERHOUSE	2:02.52	2nd - Weary 3rd - I'm Imposing
17/05/2014	STREAMA	BLAKE SHINN	GUY WALTER	2:01.72	2nd - Leebaz 3rd - Junoob
18/05/2013	BEATEN UP	LEITH INNES	CHRIS WALLER	2:04.34	2nd - Foreteller 3rd - Secret Admirer
19/05/2012	MAWINGO	NASH RAWILLER	ANTHONY FREEDMAN	2:02.03	2nd - Lights Of Heaven 3rd - Manighar
21/05/2011	SCENIC SHOT	SHANE SCRIVEN	DAN MORTON	2:03.70	2nd - My Kingdom Of Fife 3rd - Glass Harmonium
22/05/2010	METAL BENDER	KERRIN MCEVOY	CHRIS WALLER	2:02.65	2nd - Gold Water 3rd - Triple Honour

DOOMBEN CUP HIGHLIGHTS

Bois D'argent was one of four runners for trainer Annabel Neasham in the XXXX Doomben Cup last year and was clearly not fancied by punters to go out a \$26 chance.

A great front running ride from Blake Shinn lifted Bois D'argent to hold on grimly from a determined New Endeavour.

For Shinn it was his third Doomben Cup success. He previously scored on Streama (2014) and Pornichet (2015).

In the spring of the previous year Bois D'argent produced his best Australian performance when fourth in the Caulfield Cup behind Without A Fight.

His four lead-up runs into the Doomben Cup could be best be described as "workmanlike".

Bois D'argent finished a battling fourth in the JRA Plate at Randwick followed by a third over 2400m on a heavy Sunshine Coast track.

The best of Neasham's other runners was third placegetter Fawknor Park who hit the line strongly to continue his good form after winning the Albury and Wagga Cups at his two previous starts.

The Peter Snowden-trained Hueter was successful in the two previous Doomben Cups but he could manage only fourth.

FAST FACTS

- **First Running:** 1933 (won by Pentheus).
- **Race Record (at 2000/2020m):** 2:00.35 Might And Power (1998).
- **Multiple Winners:** Earlwood (1959, 1960), Rough Habit (1991, 1992, 1993), Scenic Shot (2009, 2011), Hueter (2022, 2023).
- **Other Notable Winners:** Bernborough (1946), Winfreux (1966), Bore Head (1967), Tails (1971), Dandy Andy (1987), Durbridge (1994), Danewin (1995), Might and Power (1998), Intergaze (1999), Defier (2004), Streama (2014), Zaaki (2021).
- **Leading Trainers:** Lee Freedman (4 incl 1 with Anthony), Tommy Smith, John Wheeler, Chris Waller (3).
- **Leading Jockeys:** Blake Shinn, Kerrin McEvoy, Maurice McCarten, George Moore, Jim Cassidy (3).
- AD Hollindale Stakes/Doomben Cup double – Zaaki (2021), Streama (2014), Metal Bender (2010), Above Deck (2006), Bush Padre (2003), Mr Bureaucrat (2002), Might And Power (1998), Danewin (1995), Durbridge (1994), Rough Habit (1991/1992).
- Hugh Bowman's first G1 winner was Defier in the 2004 Doomben Cup.
- 1972 Cup winner Knee High gave Mick Dittman one of his first G1 victories. The then lightweight Dittman won the Doomben 10,000 the following year on Craigola.
- Given the race was a handicap for many years, it should be noted Bernborough carried 10 st 11 lb (68kg) to win in 1946.



LADBROKES DERBY DAY



31 MAY 2025 ■ EAGLE FARM

The Star Stradbroke Season returns to Eagle Farm, and this is where we'll stay for the next three weeks to round out the carnival.

Ladbrokes Derby Day hosts an exciting lineup that boasts three races offering \$1 million in prize money each: the Group 1 Ladbrokes Queensland Derby, a staying test for 3YO thoroughbreds; EVA Air Kingsford Smith Cup, the middle-leg of the sprint triple crown and a world Top 100 Group 1; and the Group 2 Aquis Stallions BRC Sires' Produce for two-year-olds.

Another exciting race on the card is the Group 3 Mullins Lawyers Fred Best Classic, which grants the winner a free ticket to start in The Star Stradbroke Handicap (14 June).

This day also hosts the first Place Ascot Fashions on the Field competition of the season. Dress in the traditional black-and-white theme and put your best foot forward for the chance to win exceptional prizes.

LADBROKES QUEENSLAND DERBY – G1 (2400M) 3YO SW (\$1 MILLION)

2024 RACE RESULTS – TRACK CONDITION: SOFT 6 – TIME: 2:32.04

FP	MARGIN	HORSE	A/S	BP	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT	SP
1	Won	2. WARMONGER	3G	18	BLAKE SHINN	MICK PRICE & MICHAEL KENT (JNR)	57kg	\$10
2	10.40L	17. MOONLIGHT MAGIC	3F	15	MICHAEL DEE	ANDREW FORSMAN	55kg	\$26
3	13.17L	7. FELIX THE SCAT	3G	17	KYLE WILSON-TAYLOR	TONY GOLLAN	57kg	\$61
4	14.21L	14. SABAN	3G	13	JAMIE KAH	PETER MOODY & KATHERINE COLEMAN	57kg	\$14
5	15.22L	10. AGITA	3G	4	JASON COLLETT	DAVID PAYNE	57kg	\$21
6	15.77L	3. ENCODER	3G	14	DAMIEN THORNTON	LEE FREEDMAN	57kg	\$101
7	15.88L	12. FIRST INNINGS	3G	9	JIM BYRNE	ANDREW FORSMAN	57kg	\$21
8	16.40L	11. WARIALDA WARRIOR	3G	5	JAKE BAYLISS	JOHN RAMSEY	57kg	\$41
9	16.70L	18. AUTUMN ANGEL	3F	1	MARK ZAHRA	PETER MOODY & KATHERINE COLEMAN	55kg	\$2.35
10	17.68L	5. NAVY KING	3G	10	CRAIG WILLIAMS	SYMON WILDE	57kg	\$14
11	20.47L	1. TANNHAUSER	3G	2	NASH RAWILLER	CHRIS WALLER	57kg	\$4.60
12	20.63L	9. BULLETS HIGH	3G	11	TYLER SCHILLER	JOSEPH PRIDE	57kg	\$31
13	24.80L	8. SONOFDEC	3G	16	REGAN BAYLISS	JAY HOPKINS	57kg	\$21
14	26.79L	16. PURVEYOR	3G	8	MICHAEL CAHILL	BEVAN LAMING	57kg	\$201
15	30.46L	13. SHY GUY	3G	3	TOMMY BERRY	CHRIS WALLER	57kg	\$101
16	47.34L	15. ANDERSON BRIDGE	3G	12	VLAD DURIC	CHRIS WALLER	57kg	\$101
17	51.77L	6. KIRIKAN	3G	6	JAMES ORMAN	CHRIS WALLER	57kg	\$101
18	64.35L	4. GOLD BULLION	3G	7	TIM CLARK	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT	57kg	\$41

PREVIOUS WINNERS: (LAST 15 RUNNINGS)

DATE	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	TIME	PLACEGETTERS
1/06/2024	WARMONGER	BLAKE SHINN	MICK PRICE & MICHAEL KENT (JNR)	2:32.04	2nd – Moonlight Magic 3rd – Felix The Scat
27/05/2023	KOVALICA	JAMES MCDONALD	CHRIS WALLER	2:29.63	2nd - Fame 3rd - Stroke of Luck
28/05/2022	PINARELLO	LEITH INNES	ROGER JAMES & ROBERT WELLWOOD	2:29.53	2nd - Paternal 3rd - Caboche
29/05/2021	KUKERACHA	JAMES MCDONALD	CHRIS WALLER	2:30.19	2nd - Senor Toba 3rd - Explosive Jack
2020 QUEENSLAND DERBY WAS ABANDONED DUE TO THE IMPACT OF COVID-19					
8/06/2019	MR QUICKIE	JOHN ALLEN	PHILLIP STOKES	2:29.74	2nd - Vow And Declare 3rd - Aliferous
9/06/2018	DARK DREAM	TIM CLARK	KERRY PARKER	2:19.31	2nd - Heavenly Thought 3rd - Youngstar
10/06/2017	RUTHVEN	HUGH BOWMAN	CIARON MAHER	2:14.45	2nd - Rockstar Rebel 3rd - Ana Royale
11/06/2016	EAGLE WAY	TOMMY BERRY	BRYAN GUY	2:32.80	2nd - Rodrico 3rd - I'm Belucci
6/06/2015	MAGICOOL	JAMES WINKS	MARK KAVANAGH	2:15.09	2nd - Werther 3rd - Jumbo Prince
7/06/2014	SONNTAG	CHAD SCHOFIELD	HENRY DWYER	2:28.30	2nd - Pinstripe Lane 3rd - Vilanova
8/06/2013	HAWKSPUR	JIM CASSIDY	CHRIS WALLER	2:27.89	2nd - Electric Fusion 3rd - Honorius
9/06/2012	BRAMBLES	BRAD RAWILLER	PETER MOODY	2:29.73	2nd - Quintessential 3rd - Westsouthwest
11/06/2011	SHOOTOFF	MICHAEL RODD	GRAEME ROGERSON	2:28.73	2nd - Shez Sinsational 3rd - Heidilicious
12/06/2010	DARIANA	MICHAEL RODD	BART CUMMINGS	2:26.49	2nd - Kutchinsky 3rd - Miss Keepsake

QUEENSLAND DERBY HIGHLIGHTS

Victorian Warmonger came into last year’s Ladbrokes Queensland Derby with supreme fitness for the 2400 metres classic.

In his lead up to the Derby Warmonger had started four times over a combined distance of 7900 metres including a gallant second from well back in the field in the South Australian Derby over 2500 metres.

In addition he had travelled from Melbourne to Adelaide and then on to Brisbane for a testing campaign.

In the Queensland Derby, run on a soft 6 track, rider Blake Shinn aggressively elected to go forward from the outside barrier 18. He settled in the first three by the turn out of the straight but stayed a little wider on the track seeking better footing.

By the 600 metres Shinn was pleasantly surprised at how well Warmonger was travelling and decided to make a run for home. The gamble paid off handsomely. The War Decree gelding bounded away from his rivals and posted a head-spinning 10 lengths winning margin.

For the widely travelled Shinn Warmonger gave him his first Queensland Derby success.

Co-trainers Mick Price and Michael Kent Jnr aborted a 2024 spring campaign for Warmonger after only three runs with a big autumn in Sydney and possibly a return to Brisbane in the winter on the agenda.

On the evidence of his stout staying efforts in the SA and Queensland Derbies Warmonger, with some maturity, looks an ideal prospect to handle 3200 metres.

Who knows? Maybe the 2025 Melbourne Cup beckons.

FAST FACTS

- **First Running:** 1868 (won by Hermit).
- **Race Record:** 2:25.20 De Gaulle Lane (2001).
- **Notable Winners:** Fitz Grafton (1903), Lough Neagh (1931), Spear Chief (1937), Tulloch (1957), Persian Lyric (1960), Royal Sovereign (1964), Kingston Town (1980), Strawberry Road (1983), Handy Proverb (1986), Rough Habit (1990), Freemason (2000), County Tyrone (2002), Hawkspur (2013), Eagle Way (2016), Mr Quickie (2019).
- **Leading Trainers:** Tommy Smith (12).
- **Leading Jockeys:** Jim Cassidy (4).
- Derby held twice in 1870 and won by Grafton in both editions.
- Was not run in 1972 as the race moved from spring to winter for the 1973 running.
- Cassidy brothers, Jim and Larry, have 7 wins between them.
- Rough Habit’s love affair with Queensland began in the 1990 Queensland Derby.
- Rough Habit Plate/Queensland Derby double – Dark Dream (2018), Hawkspur (2013), Brambles (2012), Empires Choice (2007), De Gaulle Lane (2001), Dodge (1998), Tenor (1994).
- Eight fillies have won the Derby since the race was transferred to the winter carnival in 1973 - Dariana (2010), Riva San (2008), Camarena (1999), Royal Magic (1992), Bravery (1988), Tristina (1985), Florissa (1977), Analie (1973)



EVA AIR KINGSFORD SMITH CUP

31 MAY 2025 ▪ EAGLE FARM

G1 (1300M) WFA (\$1 MILLION)

2024 RACE RESULTS – TRACK CONDITION: SOFT 6 – TIME: 1:17.81

FP	MARGIN	HORSE	A/S	BP	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT	SP
1	Won	1. I WISH I WIN	5G	1	LUKE NOLEN	PETER MOODY & KATHERINE COLEMAN	59kg	\$3.90EF
2	0.40L	9. BELLA NIPOTINA	6M	2	CRAIG WILLIAMS	CIARON MAHER	57kg	\$8
3	2.49L	10. IN SECRET	4M	3	JAMIE KAH	JAMES CUMMINGS	57kg	\$8.50
4	2.64L	8. FREEDOM RALLY	4G	8	TIM CLARK	TONY GOLLAN	59kg	\$31
5	3.30L	2. THINK ABOUT IT	5G	6	BLAKE SHINN	JOSEPH PRIDE	59kg	\$3.90EF
6	4.42L	5. ANTINO	5G	10	VLAD DURIC	TONY GOLLAN	59kg	\$11
7	6.50L	4. UNCOMMON JAMES	5G	9	BILLY EGAN	STEVEN O'DEA & MATTHEW HOYSTEAD	59kg	\$31
8	6.59L	11. MAGIC TIME	4M	7	MICHAEL DEE	GRAHAME BEGG	57kg	\$6
9	6.98L	7. OSIPENKO	4G	4	TOMMY BERRY	CHRIS WALLER	59kg	\$61
10	6.99L	12. ESPIONA	5M	5	NASH RAWILLER	CHRIS WALLER	57kg	\$11

PREVIOUS WINNERS: (LAST 15 RUNNINGS)

DATE	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	TIME	PLACEGETTERS
1/06/2024	I WISH I WIN	LUKE NOLEN	PETER MOODY & KATHERINE COLEMAN	1:17.81	2nd – Bella Nipotina 3rd – In Secret
27/05/2023	THINK ABOUT IT	SAM CLIPPERTON	JOSEPH PRIDE	1:16.11	2nd - Converge 3rd - Rothfire
28/05/2022	APACHE CHASE	JIM BYRNE	DESLEIGH FORSTER	1:16.39	2nd - Paulele 3rd - Eleven Eleven
29/05/2021	VEGA ONE	JAMIE KAH	TONY GOLLAN	1:16.91	2nd - Jonker 3rd - Signore Fox
2020 KINGSFORD SMITH CUP WAS ABANDONED DUE TO THE IMPACT OF COVID-19					
25/05/2019	THE BOSTONIAN	MICHAEL CAHILL	TONY PIKE	1:15.51	2nd - Princess Posh 3rd - Trekking
26/05/2018	IMPENDING	DAMIAN BROWNE	JAMES CUMMINGS	1:19.51	2nd - Le Romain 3rd - Champagne Cuddles
27/05/2017	CLEARLY INNOCENT	HUGH BOWMAN	KRIS LEES	1:19.09	2nd - Jungle Edge 3rd - Counterattack
14/05/2016	MALAGUERRA	GLEN COLLESS	LEE & ANTHONY FREEDMAN	1:08.73	2nd - Dothraki 3rd - Japonisme
9/05/2015	HOT SNITZEL	BLAKE SHINN	PETER & PAUL SNOWDEN	1:09.47	2nd - Knoydart 3rd - Our Boy Malachi
10/05/2014	FAMOUS SEAMUS	RYAN WIGGINS	NOEL MAYFIELD-SMITH	1:09.06	2nd - Spirit Of Boom 3rd - Buffering
11/05/2013	YOUR SONG	PETER ROBL	ANTHONY CUMMINGS	1:11.27	2nd - Rain Affair 3rd - Better Than Ready
12/05/2012	SEA SIREN	JIM CASSIDY	JOHN O'SHEA	1:08.10	2nd - Scenic Blast 3rd - Beaded
14/05/2011	BLACK CAVIAR	LUKE NOLEN	PETER MOODY	1:08.85	2nd - Hay List 3rd - Buffering
15/05/2010	ALBERT THE FAT	DAMIAN BROWNE	EDEN PETRIE	1:09.24	2nd - Melito 3rd - Latin News

KINGSFORD SMITH CUP HIGHLIGHTS

The finish of the 2024 EVA Air Kingsford Smith Cup was a promoter's dream.

The two clear top fancies for the 1300 metres weight-for-age sprint were I Wish I Win and Bella Nipotina.

A fortnight earlier Bella Nipotina had narrowly beaten I Wish I Win in the Ladbrokes Doomben 10,000 over 1200 metres.

This time the positions were reversed in the same quinella result.

New Zealander I Wish I Win's victory continued his wonderful form since joining the Peter Moody stable at Pakenham in the spring of 2022.

Prior to a stable change across the Tasman, I Wish I Win had shown some talent in New Zealand – he had nine starts for two wins – but not anywhere near the hot form he delivered under Moody.

After his Kingsford Smith victory, I Wish I Win had raced 12 for Moody for five wins and more than \$12 million in prizemoney which included \$5.25 million for his success in the 2022 Golden Eagle at Randwick.

Luke Nolen, when available, was the regular rider for I Wish I Win, in a renewal of a highly successful association he formed with Moody's champion mare Black Caviar.

In the EVA Air Kingsford Smith Cup Nolen rode I Wish I Win superbly from the rails draw. The Savabeel five-year-old clocked a slick 1min 17.81sec in defeating Bella Nipotina by a long neck.

The quality of the Kingsford Smith last year was highlighted by its elevation to equal 66th on the world ratings for the top 100 thoroughbred races in 2024.

FAST FACTS

- **First Running:** In 1964 as the J.T. Delaney Quality Handicap.
- **Race Record (1300m):** 1:15.51 The Bostonian (2019).
- **Multiple Winners:** Buck's Pride (1993, 1994), Falvelon (2000, 2003).
- **Other Notable Winners:** Eye Liner (1967), Cabochon (1970), Triton (1973), Tontonan (1974), Strawberry Road (1983), St Jude (1991), Barossa Boy (1992), Chief De Beers (1996), Thorn Park (2004), Apache Cat (2008), Black Caviar (2011), Sea Siren (2012), Impending (2018), The Bostonian (2019).
- **Leading Trainers:** Peter Moody (including 1 with Katherine Coleman), Anthony Cummings, John Hawkes, Danny Bougoure, Doug Bougoure, Bart Cummings, Tom Dawson, Jack Denham, BJ Higgins (2).
- **Leading Jockeys:** Luke Nolen (3), Michael Cahill, Damian Browne, Neil Birrer, Mick Dittman, Roy Higgins, Len Hill, Chris Munce, Shane Scriven, Neil Williams (2).
- Attained Group 2 status in 1987 and was elevated to a Group 1 in 2006.
- The biggest crowd assembled on a Brisbane racetrack in modern times had Doomben rocking in 2011 when Peter Moody returned to his home state with the great Black Caviar, who famously notched her 13th win in the race.
- Kingsford Smith Cup/Stradbroke Handicap double – Thorn Park (2004), Think About It (2023).
- There's been a Queensland flavour to the race in recent years. Local trainers Tony Gollan (Vega One) and Desleigh Forster (Apache Chase) had success in 2021 and 2022 respectively, and while 2024 winning trainer Peter Moody is Victorian-based, he remains a Queenslander at heart.



SEVEN OAKS DAY



7 JUNE 2025 • EAGLE FARM

This penultimate day of The Star Stradbroke Season combines glamour and racing for a colourful raceday at Eagle Farm.

The exclusive staying test for three-year-old fillies, the Group 1 Seven Queensland Oaks, was the first of Winx's 25 Group 1 wins, and is today's feature race.

Today also hosts another Place Ascot Fashions on the Field

competition and is sure to excite all racegoers with many prizes on offer.

Racegoers are also spoilt for choice when it comes to hospitality packages. A delectable buffet and reserved seating awaits in the St Leger Marquee or opt for delicious canapes and elevated track views in the Upper Squires Perch or Society Rooftop.

SEVEN QUEENSLAND OAKS – G1 (2200M) 3YOF SW (\$700,000)

2024 RACE RESULTS – TRACK CONDITION: GOOD 4 – TIME: 2:17.43

FP	MARGIN	HORSE	A/S	BP	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT	SP
1	Won	7. SOCKS NATION	3F	9	RYAN MALONEY	CIARON MAHER	56.5kg	\$101
2	0.24L	12. OUR GOLD HOPE	3F	11	CRAIG WILLIAMS	ROBERT & LUKE PRICE	56.5kg	\$16
3	2.85L	8. MISS JOELENE	3F	17	JAMES ORMAN	KELLY SCHWEIDA	56.5kg	\$19
4	3.36L	14. KIND WORDS	3F	18	MARK ZAHRA	KRIS LEES	56.5kg	\$10
5	3.52L	11. MARE OF MT BULLER	3F	2	TOMMY BERRY	CHRIS WALLER	56.5kg	\$5
6	4.10L	6. MOLLYNICKERS	3F	7	CARLEEN HEFEL	PETER MOODY & KATHERINE COLEMAN	56.5kg	\$41
7	5.60L	10. GOOD BANTER	3F	4	JAMIE KAH	JOHN O'SHEA	56.5kg	\$16
8	5.61L	1. MOLLY BLOOM	3F	8	BLAKE SHINN	LANCE O'SULLIVAN & ANDREW SCOTT	56.5kg	\$6.50
9	6.34L	9. AHURIRI	3F	16	JOHN ALLEN	CHRIS WALLER	56.5kg	\$10
10	6.45L	3. AMAZONIAN LASS	3F	14	ADAM HYERONIMUS	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT	56.5kg	\$26
11	6.49L	18. FIRESTORM	3F	10	NASH RAWILLER	CHRIS WALLER	56.5kg	\$20
12	6.50L	13. OCEANS OF ENERGY	3F	1	DAMIEN THORNTON	MATTHEW DUNN	56.5kg	\$201
13	6.95L	17. CONCELLO	3F	6	VLAD DURIC	CHRIS WALLER	56.5kg	\$31
14	7.91L	15. GENTILESCHI	3F	3	ZAC LLOYD	PAUL MESSARA & LEAH GAVRANICH	56.5kg	\$51
15	9.91L	5. MOONLIGHT MAGIC	3F	5	MICHAEL DEE	ANDREW FORSMAN	56.5kg	\$16
16	10.53L	16. UNIQUE AMBITION	3F	15	MICHAEL RODD	JOHN SARGENT	56.5kg	\$71
17	26.68L	19. CALLISTEMON	3F	13	RON STEWART	KERRY PARKER	56.5kg	\$201
18	51.30L	4. SCARLET OAK	3F	12	JAMES MCDONALD	CHRIS WALLER	56.5kg	\$4.80F

PREVIOUS WINNERS: (LAST 15 RUNNINGS)

DATE	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	TIME	PLACEGETTERS
8/06/2024	SOCKS NATION	RYAN MALONEY	CIARON MAHER	2:17.43	2nd – Our Gold Hope 3rd – Miss Joeline
3/06/2023	AMOKURA	DAMIEN OLIVER	KRIS LEES	2:17.40	2nd - Reo 3rd - Noah 'N' A Deel
4/06/2022	GYPSY GODDESS	WILLIAM PIKE	DAVID VANDYKE	2:16.28	2nd - Barb Raider 3rd - Le Villi
5/06/2021	DUAIS	HUGH BOWMAN	EDWARD CUMMINGS	2:18.83	2nd - Charms Star 3rd - Signora Nera
2020 QUEENSLAND OAKS WAS ABANDONED DUE TO THE IMPACT OF COVID-19					
1/06/2019	WINNING WAYS	MATTHEW MCGILLIVRAY	GARRY NEWHAM	2:14.82	2nd - Dawson Diva 3rd - Lady Cuvee
26/05/2018	YOUNGSTAR	KERRIN MCEVOY	CHRIS WALLER	2:17.47	2nd - Another Dollar 3rd - Sheezdashing
3/06/2017	EGG TART	KERRIN MCEVOY	CHRIS WALLER	2:16.01	2nd - Pygmy 3rd - Oklahoma Girl
11/06/2016	PROVOCATIVE	LEITH INNES	TONY PIKE	2:32.68	2nd - Ambience 3rd - Falkenberg
30/05/2015	WINX	HUGH BOWMAN	CHRIS WALLER	2:14.09	2nd - Ungrateful Ellen 3rd - Imperial Lass
31/05/2014	TINTO	TIMOTHY BELL	REX LIPP	2:29.46	2nd - Arabian Gold 3rd - Sister Souss
1/06/2013	GONDOKORO	RHYS MCLEOD	PAT CAREY	2:32.17	2nd - Miss Zenella 3rd - Vaquera
2/06/2012	QUINTESSENTIAL	DAMIAN BROWNE	JOHN SARGENT	2:38.40	2nd - Eliza Blues 3rd - Vittoria
4/06/2011	SCARLETT LADY	JAMES MCDONALD	GRAEME & DEBBIE ROGERSON	2:29.60	2nd - Becerra 3rd - Shez Sinsational
5/06/2010	MISS KEEPSAKE	CHRIS MUNCE	ANDREW SCOTT	2:29.45	2nd - Marheta 3rd - Danaupair Starlet

QUEENSLAND OAKS HIGHLIGHTS

Not too many fillies could have absorbed the pressure Socks Nation managed in the lead-up to her shock Seven Queensland Oaks win last year.

The Oaks victory was Sock Nation's 12th race start without a break from training between August 2023 and the Oaks on 8 June last year.

She highlighted the skill of her trainer Ciaron Maher to accomplish extraordinary feats of tenacity with his horses, particularly stayers.

In addition to a tough workload Socks Nation also had a busy travel schedule.

The two preparatory runs for the Oaks were a fourth over 1600 metres at Caulfield on 27 April and a fourth over 1800 metres at Randwick on 25 May.

Significantly the 2400 metres Oaks was the only time in her career Socks Nation had competed over longer than 1800 metres.

With hindsight, the filly probably was underrated by the market at her starting price of \$101.

The Queensland Oaks hasn't been a bonanza for Victorian fillies since the classic was transferred to the winter carnival in 1970. Just five from that state have been successful.

They are: Surround (1977), Triumphal Queen (1989), Eskimo Queen (2007), Gondokoro (2013) and now Socks Nation.

Socks Nation was sold as a \$160,000 yearling at the Inglis Premier Sale.

Her unlikely Oaks win looked lost at the 100 metres when runner-up Our Gold Hope eyeballed her and appeared to have the better momentum. But Socks Nation fought valiantly to edge clear for a long neck margin.

FAST FACTS

- **First Running:** 1951 (won by Malt Maid).
- **Race Record (2400m):** 2:27.00 Vouvray (2004), Arctic Scent (1996). **(2200m):** 2:14.09 Winx (2015).
- **Notable Winners:** Evening Peal (1955), Bright Shadow (1968), Analie (1973), Denise's Joy (1976), Surround (1977), Lowan Star (1980), November Rain (1981), Bravery (1988), Triscay (1991), Royal Magic (1992), Slight Chance (1993), Joie Denise (1995), Arctic Scent (1996), Ethereal (2001), Eskimo Queen (2007), Riva San (2008), Winx (2015), Duais (2021).
- **Leading Trainers:** Tommy Smith (7), Neville Begg, Mick Kenny (4).
- **Leading Jockeys:** Chris Munce (4), Neil Birrer, Mick Dittman, Andy Tindall, Kerrin McEvoy, Hugh Bowman (3).
- Kiwi filly Ethereal won the Queensland Oaks in 2001 and six months later entered Australian racing's record books by winning the Caulfield/Melbourne Cups double.
- Winners of The Roses/Queensland Oaks double – Ethereal (2001), Scarlett Lady (2011), Youngstar (2018).
- Same year Queensland Oaks/Caulfield Cup double – Arctic Scent (1996), Ethereal (2001).
- Denise's Joy won in 1976 and produced Joie Denise to win in 1995. She was also the great granddam of Miss Danehill who won in 1999.
- Duais gave Edward Cummings his first G1, adding to those of his brother, father, grandfather and great-grandfather with that honour. She was also the great granddam of Miss Danehill who won in 1999.
- Outsider Socks Nation gave prolific big race winner Ciaron Maher his first Queensland Oaks victory.



THE STAR STRADBROKE DAY



14 JUNE 2025 ■ EAGLE FARM

The Star Stradbroke Season reaches its crescendo for the carnival's grand finale: The Star Stradbroke Day, headlined by the season's crowning jewel, the \$3 million The Star Stradbroke Handicap.

The 2023 and 2024 editions of this iconic Queensland sprint were amongst the world's Top 100 Group 1 races and also produced the winners of the world's richest race on turf, The Everest.

Elite two-year-old racing adds to the card, competing for Group 1 honours in the \$1 million Ladbrokes J.J. Atkins.

Also attracting top thoroughbreds from across Australia and New Zealand are the card's Group 2 races the XXXX Brisbane Cup, and the HKJC World Pool Q22. The two most recent Melbourne Cup champions had earlier placed in the Q22 the year of their respective victories.

The day also provides a fashion extravaganza as a crowd of more than 10,000 dresses in the day's signature theme, 'black and white with a touch of red.'

Put your best foot forward in the Place Ascot Fashions on the Field competition for the chance to win extraordinary prizes!

THE STAR STRADBROKE - G1 (1400M) HCP (\$3 MILLION) 2024 RACE RESULTS - TRACK CONDITION: GOOD 4 - TIME: 1:21.00

FP	MARGIN	HORSE	A/S	BP	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT	SP
1	Won	17. STEFI MAGNETICA	3F	15	ZAC LLOYD	BJORN BAKER	50kg	\$15
2	0.25L	1. BELLA NIPOTINA	6M	17	CRAIG WILLIAMS	CIARON MAHER	56kg	\$11
3	2.35L	6. VILANA	5G	11	TIM CLARK	JAMES CUMMINGS	53kg	\$4.80F
4	3.53L	9. THE INEVITABLE	8G	6	CRAIG NEWITT	JOHN KEYS	53kg	\$26
5	4.31L	10. AMENABLE	4G	13	CHAD SCHOFIELD	MICK PRICE & MICHAEL KENT (JNR)	53kg	\$9
6	5.21L	12. OSIPENKO	4G	9	MARK DU PLESSIS	CHRIS WALLER	52.5kg	\$41
7	5.39L	8. NUGGET	7G	8	JASON COLLETT	CIARON MAHER	53kg	\$14
8	5.41L	4. BENEDETTA	4M	4	DANIEL STACKHOUSE	JASON WARREN	54kg	\$13
9	5.51L	15. DREAM HOUR	4G	2	ROBBIE DOLAN	KRIS LEES	51.5kg	\$101
10	5.81L	14. SEMANA	4M	18	DYLAN GIBBONS	CIARON MAHER	52kg	\$21
11	5.90L	18. ROLL ON HIGH	3F	10	WILL PRICE	PETER MOODY & KATHERINE COLEMAN	50kg	\$26
12	6.03L	3. ANTINO	5G	16	VLAD DURIC	TONY GOLLAN	54.5kg	\$7
13	8.67L	16. STEPARTY	3C	3	DEAN YENDALL	PAUL PREUSKER	50.5kg	\$16
14	9.35L	2. MAGIC TIME	4M	7	MICHAEL DEE	GRAHAME BEGG	55.5kg	\$13
15	10.16L	5. CEPHEUS	7G	12	TOMMY BERRY	MATTHEW DUNN	54kg	\$61
16	12.48L	13. MIGHTY ULYSSES	5G	14	DAMIEN THORNTON	ANNABEL NEASHAM	52.5kg	\$26
17	14.17L	11. PRINCE OF BOOM	5G	5	TYLER SCHILLER	ROBERT HEATHCOTE	52.5kg	\$26
18	14.69L	7. HERE TO SHOCK	6G	1	REGAN BAYLISS	BEN, WILL & JD HAYES	53kg	\$31

PREVIOUS WINNERS: (LAST 15 RUNNINGS)

DATE	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	TIME	PLACEGETTERS
15/06/2024	STEFI MAGNETICA	ZAC LLOYD	BJORN BAKER	1:21.00	2nd – Bella Nipotina 3rd – Vilana
10/06/2023	THINK ABOUT IT	SAM CLIPPERTON	JOSEPH PRIDE	1:22.58	2nd - Rothfire 3rd - Hawaii Five Oh
11/06/2022	ALLIGATOR BLOOD	TIM CLARK	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT	1:21.73	2nd - Private Eye 3rd - Rothfire
12/06/2021	TOFANE	CRAIG WILLIAMS	MICHAEL MORONEY	1:21.98	2nd - Vega One 3rd - Signore Fox
6/06/2020	TYZONE	ROBBIE FRADD	TOBY & TRENT EDMONDS	1:20.43	2nd - Madam Rouge 3rd - Niccanova
8/06/2019	TREKKING	KERRIN MCEVOY	JAMES CUMMINGS	1:21.86	2nd - Tyzone 3rd - Endless Drama
9/06/2018	SANTA ANA LANE	BEN MELHAM	ANTHONY FREEDMAN	1:19.95	2nd - Super Cash 3rd - Champagne Cuddles
10/06/2017	IMPENDING	COREY BROWN	DARREN BEADMAN	1:17.93	2nd - In Her Time 3rd - Clearly Innocent
11/06/2016	UNDER THE LOUVRE	DWAYNE DUNN	ROBERT SMERDON	1:23.72	2nd - Black Heart Bart 3rd - The Virginian
6/06/2015	SRIKANDI	KERRIN MCEVOY	CIARON MAHER	1:18.26	2nd - Boban 3rd - Generalife
7/06/2014	RIVER LAD	DAMIEN OLIVER	NATALIE MCCALL	1:21.66	2nd - Temple Of Boom 3rd - Srikandi
8/06/2013	LINTON	NICHOLAS HALL	JOHN SADLER	1:22.06	2nd - Buffering 3rd - Streama
9/06/2012	MID SUMMER MUSIC	LUKE NOLEN	PETER MOODY	1:23.06	2nd - Buffering 3rd - Happy Zero
11/06/2011	SINCERO	JASON TAYLOR	STEPHEN FARLEY	1:22.89	2nd - Beaded 3rd - Zero Rock
12/06/2010	BLACK PIRANHA	NASH RAWILLER	CON KARAKATSANIS	1:21.16	2nd - Melito 3rd - Mic Mac

STRADBROKE HANDICAP HIGHLIGHTS

Three-year-olds should never be under-estimated in The Star Stradbroke each year because that age group inevitably come in with a light weight.

So it was in 2024 when the Sydney filly Stefi Magnetica (50kg) swept through on the inside in the final 50 metres to overcome classy mare Bella Nipotina (56kg) in the Eagle Farm sprint and provide gun apprentice Zac Lloyd with his first Group 1 success.

Stefi Magnetica had sound credentials in from her final two lead-up runs.

The All Too Hard filly finished a creditable fifth behind Bella Nipotina in the weight-for-age Doomben 10,000 three weeks earlier.

Although unplaced she was only 1.5 lengths from the winner.

Stefi Magnetica then finished a handy third in the Fred Best Classic, a set weight sprint for three-year-old two weeks prior to the Stradbroke.

The filly appeared to have every chance but it was quite a demanding track on Fred Best Classic day and her effort placed her clearly in contention for the Stradbroke.

The handicap conditions of the Stradbroke certainly make the task harder for the better performed runners and Bella Nipotina earned considerable praise for her courageous effort considering she conceded six kilos to the winner.

FAST FACTS

- **First Running:** 1890 (won by Pyrrhus).
- **Race Record (1400m):** 1:20.43 Tyzone (2020).
- **Multiple Winners:** Babel (1895, 1896), Gold Tie (1918, 1919), Highland (1925, 1926), Petrol Lager (1934, 1935), Lucky Ring (1949, 1950), Daybreak Lover (1984, 1986), Rough Habit (1991, 1992), Black Piranha (2009, 2010).
- **Other Notable Winners:** Wiggle (1958), Persian Lyric (1961), Winfreux (1965), Divide And Rule (1970), Triton (1972), Campaign King (1988), Dane Ripper (1997), Show A Heart (2002), Private Steer (2003), Santa Ana Lane (2018), Trekking (2019), Tofane (2021).
- **Leading Trainers:** Walter Blacklock (6), John Stone Snr (5), Bart Cummings (4).
- **Leading Jockeys:** John Stone Jnr (4), Bill Camer, Myles Connell, Darby McCarthy, George Moore (3).
- River Lad is the only horse to win the BRC Sprint/Stradbroke Handicap double. In the past three years, Tofane and Alligator Blood came off second placings in the Sprint to claim the Stradbroke.
- Doomben 10,000/Stradbroke Handicap double – Campaign King (1988), Spedito (1975), Winfreux (1965), High Rank (1941).
- Only three horses have carried more than 55.5kg to win in the last 40 years – Show A Heart (56kg), Rough Habit (58.5), Campaign King (58.5).
- Zac Lloyd (Stefi Magnetica) last year became the first apprentice since Glen Killen (Sir Wisp 1977) to win the Stradbroke.



HKJC WORLD POOL Q22

14 JUNE 2025 ▪ EAGLE FARM

G2 (2200M) WFA (\$1.2 MILLION)

2024 RACE RESULTS – TRACK CONDITION: GOOD 3 – TIME: 2:14.41

FP	MARGIN	HORSE	A/S	BP	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT	SP
1	Won	15. FAWKNER PARK	5G	3	TYLER SCHILLER	ANNABEL NEASHAM	59kg	\$4.20F
2	3.87L	17. KNIGHT'S CHOICE	4G	9	ROBBIE DOLAN	JOHN SYMONS & SHEILA LAXON	59kg	\$91
3	5.30L	4. BOIS D'ARGENT	7G	4	BLAKE SHINN	ANNABEL NEASHAM	59kg	\$15
4	5.59L	8. VOW AND DECLARE	8G	2	BILLY EGAN	DANNY O'BRIEN	59kg	\$18
5	5.86L	5. KOVALICA	4G	12	JAMES ORMAN	CHRIS WALLER	59kg	\$8.50
6	6.15L	9. YOUNG WERTHER	6G	14	MICHAEL DEE	DANNY O'BRIEN	59kg	\$41
7	6.33L	10. SPIRIT RIDGE	9G	16	RYAN MALONEY	ANNABEL NEASHAM	59kg	\$26
8	6.96L	18. AMOKURA	4M	18	MARK ZAHRA	KRIS LEES	57kg	\$14
9	7.77L	1. NUMERIAN	8G	10	JAMIE MOTT	ANNABEL NEASHAM	59kg	\$26
10	8.27L	6. ADELAIDE RIVER	4C	6	JAMES MCDONALD	KRIS LEES	59kg	\$5.50
11	8.30L	3. LIGHT INFANTRY MAN	5G	5	CRAIG WILLIAMS	CIARON MAHER	59kg	\$7
12	8.61L	13. HEZASHOCKA	6G	1	CHAD SCHOFIELD	MICK PRICE & MICHAEL KENT (JNR)	59kg	\$15
13	8.71L	11. EL BODEGON	5G	13	JASON COLLETT	CHRIS WALLER	59kg	\$201
14	9.36L	14. NAVAL COLLEGE	5G	7	TOM SHERRY	ANNABEL NEASHAM	59kg	\$21
15	9.95L	2. HUETOR	7G	17	TOMMY BERRY	PETER & PAUL SNOWDEN	59kg	\$18
16	11.48L	16. CONVERGE	5G	8	TIM CLARK	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT	59kg	\$31
17	13.23L	7. LE DON DE VIE	8G	15	VLAD DURIC	CIARON MAHER	59kg	\$151
18	17.20L	12. CLEVELAND	6G	11	DYLAN GIBBONS	KRIS LEES	59kg	\$101

PREVIOUS WINNERS: (LAST 15 RUNNINGS)

DATE	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	TIME	PLACEGETTERS
15/06/2024	FAWKNER PARK	TYLER SCHILLER	ANNABEL NEASHAM	2:14.41	2nd – Knight’s Choice 3rd – Bois D’Argent
10/06/2023	WITHOUT A FIGHT	MARK ZAHRA	ANTHONY & SAM FREEDMAN	2:16.84	2nd - Nonconformist 3rd - Duais
11/06/2022	NUMERIAN	TOMMY BERRY	ANNABEL NEASHAM	2:16.98	2nd - Kolding 3rd - Yonkers
12/06/2021	ZAABI	JAMES MCDONALD	ANNABEL NEASHAM	2:15.39	2nd - Homesman 3rd - Paths Of Glory
2020 THE Q22 WAS ABANDONED DUE TO THE IMPACT OF COVID-19					
1/06/2019	KENEDNA	JOHN ALLEN	CIARON MAHER & DAVID EUSTACE	2:14.47	2nd - Sixties Groove 3rd - Re Edit
2/06/2018	EGG TART	LEITH INNES	CHRIS WALLER	2:20.70	2nd - Tradesman 3rd-Megablast
3/06/2017	SINGLE GAZE	KATHY O’HARA	NICK OLIVE	2:19.21	2nd - Rudy 3rd - High Church
2016 PJ O’SHEA STAKES WAS WASHED OUT					
30/05/2015	WERTHER	JIM BYRNE	ANDREW CAMPBELL	2:17.20	2nd - Moriarty 3rd - Epingle
31/05/2014	MORIARTY	NASH RAWILLER	CHRIS WALLER	2:16.39	2nd - Mr O’Ceirin 3rd - Floria
1/06/2013	QUINTESSENTIAL	DAMIAN BROWNE	JOHN SARGENT	2:19.56	2nd - Manighar 3rd - Voila Ici
2/06/2012	LIGHTS OF HEAVEN	LUKE NOLEN	PETER MOODY	2:19.08	2nd - Scenic Shot 3rd - Ginga Dude
4/06/2011	GLASS HARMONIUM	LISA CROPP	MICHAEL MORONEY	2:15.16	2nd - Shoot Out 3rd - Scenic Shot
5/06/2010	TRIPLE HONOUR	LARRY CASSIDY	CHRIS WALLER	2:14.34	2nd - Raffaello 3rd - Newport

THE Q22 HIGHLIGHTS

Doomben Cup form really stood up in the 2024 HKJC World Pool Q22, won convincingly by Irish-bred stayer Fawkner Park.

In the Cup three weeks prior to the Q22, Fawkner Park finished a fast-closing third to stablemate Bois D’argent. In the Q22, their positions were reversed.

The Q22 was just the 17th career start for Fawkner Park and took his win total to eight. He had only three starts in Ireland before his sale to Australian interests and transfer to the Annabel Neasham stable.

Fawkner Park had only a light spring campaign after his successful trip to Brisbane and did manage a victory in the Rosehill Cup.

Already this autumn Fawkner Park is showing his true staying ability and it’s hoped he might return to Brisbane to seek a repeat of his Q22 triumph.

The big talking point from the Q22 was the emergence of Queenslander Knight’s Choice as a genuine long-distance stayer with his stout finish for second to Fawkner Park.

Knight’s Choice won the Melbourne Cup with a powerful finish from well back in the field towards the end of 3200 metres.

It was a training triumph for co-trainers John Symons and Sheila Laxon.

FAST FACTS

- **First Running as the Royal Stakes:** 1887 (won by Sir John).
- **First Running as the P.J. O’Shea Stakes:** 1947 (won by Russia).
- **Race Record (at 2200m):** 2:14.20 Belmura Lad (1979).
- **Multiple Winners:** Babel (1895, 1896), Cabin Boy (1898, 1899), Bandon Lad (1912, 1913), Fairy Bob (1921, 1922), Brown Force (1935/1938), Lough Neagh (1936, 1937), Redcraze (1956, 1957), Tulloch (1960, 1961), Striking Force (1966, 1967), Roman Consul (1969, 1970), Scenic Shot (2008, 2009).
- **Other Notable Winners:** Baghdad Note (1973), Balmerino (1976), Belmura Lad (1979), Iko (1980), Lord Hybrow (1988), Rough Habit (1995), The Phantom Chance (1996), Intergaze (1998), Zaaki (2021), Without A Fight (2023).
- **Leading Trainers:** Tommy Smith (14), John Wheeler, Chris Waller, Annabel Neasham (3).
- **Leading Jockeys:** George Moore, Neville Sellwood (4), Jim Cassidy (3).
- **Doomben Cup/The Q22 (O’Shea Stakes) double –** Zaaki (2021), Kenedna (2019), Scenic Shot (2009), Lord Hybrow (1988) (NB - Carnival race ordering has varied)
- **The Q22 (O’Shea Stakes)/Brisbane Cup double (18) –** more recent doubles Lights Of Heaven (2012), Scenic Shot (2009), Shuzohra (1990), Lord Hybrow (1988), Four Crowns (1981), Balmerino (1976).
- **Zaaki made it a magnificent treble in 2021 by taking the big three WFA contests of the Queensland Carnival -** the Hollindale Stakes, Doomben Cup and The Q22.
- **Fawkner's victory in 2024 provided Annabel Neasham her third Q22 victory in the past four runnings.** Numerian was successful in 2022 and Zaaki in the previous year.



LADBROKES J.J. ATKINS

14 JUNE 2025 ▪ EAGLE FARM

G1 (1600M) 2YO SW (\$1 MILLION)

2024 RACE RESULTS – TRACK CONDITION: GOOD 3 – TIME: 1:34.89

FP	MARGIN	HORSE	A/S	BP	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT	SP
1	Won	1. BROADSIDING	2C	2	JAMES MCDONALD	JAMES CUMMINGS	57kg	\$1.60F
2	4.25L	3. BITTERCREEK	2C	9	BLAKE SHINN	LEON & TROY CORSTENS	57kg	\$9
3	4.31L	8. BOSUSTOW	2C	1	RYAN MALONEY	ANNABEL NEASHAM	57kg	\$26
4	4.71L	12. EL MORZILLO	2F	6	CRAIG WILLIAMS	KELLY SCHWEIDA	55kg	\$14
5	6.46L	4. BEAU DAZZLER	2C	13	KYLE WILSON-TAYLOR	TONY & MADDYSEN SEARS	57kg	\$81
6	6.76L	5. CAN'T RECALL ONE	2G	10	ROBBIE DOLAN	STUART KENDRICK	57kg	\$61
7	11.76L	10. MR ARTEMISIA	2C	3	JASON COLLETT	CHRIS WALLER	57kg	\$7.50
8	11.91L	9. BARBARIC LAD	2G	7	LUKE CURRIE	ANTHONY & SAM FREEDMAN	57kg	\$41
9	12.06L	13. AEMELIUS	2F	5	TYLER SCHILLER	ANNABEL NEASHAM	55kg	\$19
10	12.46L	6. IMPERIALIST	2G	11	TIM CLARK	CHRIS WALLER	57kg	\$31
11	13.96L	14. PEE BEE NOIR	2F	12	MARK DU PLESSIS	PETER & WILL HULBERT	55kg	\$201
12	14.46L	11. CHINA SEA	2G	8	RORY HUTCHINGS	JOHN SARGENT	57kg	\$91
13	14.81L	7. SMASHING TIME	2G	4	TOMMY BERRY	ROBERT & LUKE PRICE	57kg	\$18

PREVIOUS WINNERS: (LAST 15 RUNNINGS)

DATE	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	TIME	PLACEGETTERS
15/06/2024	BROADSIDING	JAMES MCDONALD	JAMES CUMMINGS	1:34.89	2nd – Bittercreek 3rd – Bosustow
10/06/2023	KING COLORADO	JASON COLLETT	CIARON MAHER & DAVID EUSTACE	1:36.42	2nd - Miracle of Love 3rd - Tannhauser
11/06/2022	SHEEZA BELTER	WILLIAM PIKE	PETER & PAUL SNOWDEN	1:36.01	2nd - Political Debate 3rd - Brosnan
12/06/2021	CONVERGE	TIM CLARK	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT	1:35.86	2nd - Giannis 3rd - Tiger Of Malay
6/06/2020	ROTHFIRE	JIM BYRNE	ROBERT HEATHCOTE	1:21.06	2nd - Gotta Kiss 3rd - The Drinks Cart
8/06/2019	PRINCE FAWAZ	KERRIN MCEVOY	ANTHONY CUMMINGS	1:35.61	2nd - Kubrick 3rd - Reloaded
9/06/2018	THE AUTUMN SUN	KERRIN MCEVOY	CHRIS WALLER	1:38.89	2nd - Zousain 3rd - Fundamentalist
10/06/2017	CAPITAL GAIN	JIM BYRNE	PAUL BUTTERWORTH	1:36.21	2nd - Aloisia 3rd - Taking Aim
11/06/2016	SACRED ELIXIR	ZAC PURTON	TONY PIKE	1:37.82	2nd - Charnley River 3rd - Heart Skipt A Beat
6/06/2015	PRESS STATEMENT	TYE ANGLAND	CHRIS WALLER	1:35.40	2nd - Sagaronne 3rd - Look To The Stars
7/06/2014	ALMALAD	TOMMY BERRY	GAI WATERHOUSE	1:35.39	2nd - Brazen Beau 3rd - Looks Like The Cat
8/06/2013	ROMANTIC TOUCH	NASH RAWILLER	GAI WATERHOUSE	1:36.54	2nd - Zoustar 3rd - Paximadia
9/06/2012	SIZZLING	CHRIS MUNCE	KELSO WOOD	1:37.01	2nd - Kabayan 3rd - Academus
11/06/2011	BENFICA	KERRIN MCEVOY	PETER SNOWDEN	1:36.06	2nd - Hot Snitzel 3rd - Playtime
12/06/2010	PRESSDAY	NASH RAWILLER	CHRIS WALLER	1:35.09	2nd - Ringa Ringa Rosie 3rd - American Crew

J.J. ATKINS HIGHLIGHTS

The expectations were sky high for Sydney two-year-old Broadsiding heading into the 2024 running of the Group 1 Ladbrokes J.J. Atkins.

After all, Broadsiding had won his past four races, all at black type, including the Group 1 Champagne Stakes over 1600 metres at the back end of the Sydney autumn carnival.

At his Brisbane debut in the Sires Produce Stakes at Eagle Farm a fortnight prior to the J.J. Atkins Broadsiding came from an awkward spot near the tail of the field at the home turn to overwhelm his rivals.

With an extra 200 metres to 1600 metres in the J.J. not surprisingly he went to the start as a \$1.60 chance.

By the home turn those odds were looking well justified with Broadsiding looming ominously just behind the leaders. On straightening the Too Darn Hot colt was just too classy to post a winning margin of more than four lengths.

Trainer James Cummings then began his spring planning for Broadsiding.

The colt resumed with a win in the \$1 million Golden Rose before a handy fourth in the Caulfield Guineas and a third in the Cox Plate demolition by Via Sistina.

After victories this autumn in the Hobartville Stakes and the Rosehill Guineas, Broadsiding was retired to stud.

FAST FACTS

- **First Running (as the Claret Stakes):** 1893 (won by Common).
- **First Running (as the mile race):** 1976 (won by Romantic Dream).
- **Race Record (1600m):** 1:33.00 Just A Printer (1994).
- **Notable Winners:** Luskin Star (1977), Zeditave (1988), Prince Salieri (1989), Slight Chance (1992), Mahogany (1993), Ravarda (1995), Freemason (1999), Show A Heart (2000), Darci Brahma (2005), Sizzling (2012), Press Statement (2015), The Autumn Sun (2018), Rothfire (2020), Converge (2021).
- **Leading Trainers:** Chris Waller (3), Gai Waterhouse (3 incl 1 with Adrian Bott), Clarry Conners, Anthony Cummings, John Hawkes, Bruce McLachlan, Bob Thomsen, Peter Snowden (one with Paul Snowden) (2).
- **Leading Jockeys:** Kerrin McEvoy (4), Mick Dittman (3).
- After originally being a handicap, the race was changed to become set weights in 2007.
- BRC Sires' Produce/J.J. Atkins double – Broadsiding (2024), Sheeza Belter (2022), Sizzling (2012), Pressday (2010), Lovely Jubly (2002), Juanmo (2001), Anthems (1996), Mahogany (1993), Slight Chance (1992), Flotilla (1987), Royal Pree (1980), Zephyr Zip (1979), Luskin Star (1977), Romantic Dream (1976).
- J.J. Atkins/Caulfield Guineas double – The Autumn Sun (2018), Press Statement (2015), Show A Heart (2000), Mahogany (1993), Luskin Star (1977).
- Queensland trainers have won the J.J. Atkins four times in the past 22 years – Robert Heathcote (2020), Kelso Wood (2012), John Morrissey (2008), Bruce McLachlan (2003).



XXXX BRISBANE CUP

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G2 (3200M) QUALITY (\$400,000)

2024 RACE RESULTS – TRACK CONDITION: GOOD 4 – TIME: 3:20.71

FP	MARGIN	HORSE	A/S	BP	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT	SP
1	Won	5. ALEGRON	5G	9	DYLAN GIBBONS	BJORN BAKER	56.5kg	\$8
2	1.32L	7. MOSTLY CLOUDY	5G	4	BLAKE SHINN	TRENT BUSUTTIN & NATALIE YOUNG	55kg	\$2.25F
3	1.34L	6. CAPTAIN ENVIOUS	5G	5	MARK ZAHRA	PAUL PREUSKER	56.5kg	\$10
4	1.69L	8. WARNING	7G	3	JASON COLLETT	ANTHONY & SAM FREEDMAN	53.5kg	\$12
5	5.03L	2. AMADE	10G	7	DANIEL STACKHOUSE	PHILLIP STOKES	58.5kg	\$7
6	5.21L	4. GOLDMAN	5G	11	REGAN BAYLISS	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT	57kg	\$10
7	7.52L	9. TAPILDOODLEDO	4G	1	ROBBIE DOLAN	KERRY TAPLIN	53kg	\$81
8	7.53L	1. KNIGHTS ORDER	9G	10	TIM CLARK	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT	59kg	\$21
9	8.22L	10. CASUAL CONNECTION	5G	8	DAMIEN THORNTON	JOHN SARGENT	53kg	\$41
10	9.40L	3. SELINO	8G	2	TOMMY BERRY	CHRIS WALLER	58kg	\$9
11	14.99L	11. TAPPY'S LAD	6G	6	NIKITA BERIMAN	KERRY TAPLIN	53kg	\$201

PREVIOUS WINNERS: (LAST 15 RUNNINGS)

DATE	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	TIME	PLACEGETTERS
15/06/2024	ALEGRON	DYLAN GIBBONS	BJORN BAKER	3:20.71	2nd – Mostly Cloudy 3rd – Captain Envious
10/06/2023	SELINO	NASH RAWILLER	CHRIS WALLER	3:23.55	2nd - Warning 3rd - True Marvel
11/06/2022	IRISH SEQUEL	JAMES MCDONALD	CHRIS WALLER	3:22.24	2nd - Through Irish Eyes 3rd - Sweet Thomas
12/06/2021	KNIGHTS ORDER	TIM CLARK	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT	3:22.54	2nd - Carif 3rd - Sweet Thomas
2020 BRISBANE CUP WAS ABANDONED DUE TO THE IMPACT OF COVID-19					
8/06/2019	SIXTIES GROOVE	DAMIEN OLIVER	KRIS LEES	2:29.41	2nd - Grey Lion 3rd - Big Duke
9/06/2018	SEDANZER	TIM CLARK	GAI WATERHOUSE & ADRIAN BOTT	2:18.39	2nd - Anton En Avant 3rd - Kiwia
10/06/2017	CHOCANTE	JIM BYRNE	STEPHEN MARSH	2:15.07	2nd - Single Gaze 3rd - Pemberley
11/06/2016	BENZINI	ROSIE MYERS	ADRIAN & HARRY BULL	2:31.69	2nd - Sir John Hawkwood 3rd - Junoob
6/06/2015	JETSET LAD	PAUL HAMMERSLEY	BRIAN SMITH	2:15.06	2nd - Sense Of Occasion 3rd - Epingle
7/06/2014	FLORIA	KERRIN MCEVOY	PETER MOODY	2:25.69	2nd - Moriarty 3rd - Zephyron
8/06/2013	MORIARTY	NASH RAWILLER	CHRIS WALLER	2:29.15	2nd - Quintessential 3rd - Zennista
9/06/2012	LIGHTS OF HEAVEN	LUKE NOLEN	PETER MOODY	2:29.62	2nd - Dance With Her 3rd - Mawingo
11/06/2011	TULLAMORE	CHRIS MUNCE	GAI WATERHOUSE	2:28.38	2nd - Glass Harmonium 3rd - De Fine Lago
12/06/2010	CROSSTHESTART	CHRIS MUNCE	BEVAN & RICHARD LAMING	2:27.52	2nd - Scouting Wide 3rd - Ekstreme

BRISBANE CUP HIGHLIGHTS

Sydney five-year-old Alegron relished a step up to 3200 metres for the first time with a stout victory in the 2024 XXXX Brisbane Cup.

Throughout his career Alegron always performed well over the longer staying tests.

He was runner-up to Hitotsu in the 2021 Victoria Derby at 2500 metres and third in the ATC Derby at 2400 metres in the autumn of the next year.

Additionally Alegron was successful in the 2800 metres VRC St Leger at Flemington at his next run after the ATC Derby placing.

The Teofilo gelding was sold and transferred from James Cummings to the Bjorn Baker stable at the conclusion of his spring campaign at the end of 2023.

Alegron put himself into Brisbane Cup contention with his third in the 2400 metres Premier’s Cup at Eagle Farm a fortnight earlier.

It was a big day for Baker. While he was overseas in the UK he was able to watch live the action from Eagle Farm where he won the XXXX Brisbane Cup and also The Star Stradbroke with the filly Stefi Magnetica.

The pair were ridden by emerging stars Dylan Gibbons and Zac Lloyd respectively.

The Brisbane Cup, first run in 1866, has had a topsy turvy history. In its glory days, it was one of the most respected staying events in Australia. Winners included champions such as Tulloch, Carbine, Hydrogen and Balmerino.

The banner was carried in more recent times by future feature race winners Viewed, Yippyio and Scenic Shot.

The race distance was shortened for a number of years but returned to its rightful spot over 3200 metres on Stradbroke Day in 2021.

FAST FACTS

- **First Running:** 1866 (won by Forester).
- **Race Record (3200m):** 3:15.70 Sky Flyer (1994).
- **Multiple Winners:** Zanco (1872, 1874), Fitz Grafton (1904, 1905), St. Valorey (1932, 1934), Spear Chief (1938, 1939), Fair Patton (1964, 1965), Desert Chill (1995, 1997).
- **Other Notable Winners:** Battalion (1897), Cagou (1914), Lough Neagh (1936), Hydrogen (1953), Redcraze (1956), Macdougall (1959), Tulloch (1961), Balmerino (1976), Yippyio (2000), Viewed (2008), Scenic Shot (2009).
- **Leading Trainers:** James McGill (7), Tommy Smith (6), Bill Tucker Snr (5), Walter Neale, Bevan Laming, Chris Waller, Gai Waterhouse (3 - Gai’s include 2 with Adrian Bott)
- **Leading Jockeys:** Chris Munce (5), Maurice McCarten, John Stone Jnr (4), Damien Oliver (3).
- Doomben Cup/Brisbane Cup double – Scenic Shot (2009), Lord Hybrow (1988).
- Inaugural Australian Racing Hall Of Famer, the legendary Tulloch, had his last race start in the Brisbane Cup of 1961, winning it by just under two lengths.
- Think Big was only a three-year-old when he finished third to Igloo in the 1974 Brisbane Cup. A few months later he landed the Melbourne Cup – and did so again in 1975.



Sam Clipperton wins the Stradbroke Handicap with Think About It. Picture: Grant Peters

A Stradbroke Season TO ALWAYS THINK ABOUT

CALLUM MCDONALD

Sam Clipperton and Think About It share an inseparable bond.

Their magical run of victories in 2023 is etched in Australian racing and Stradbroke Season lore.

Over a ten-month period, Sam combined with Think About It nine times, winning all nine races and achieving career-defining milestones together.

It was a steady rise to begin with for Think About It.

His first race with Clipperton aboard was a Benchmark 72 Handicap at a midweek Warwick Farm meeting.

On this Wednesday afternoon in January, they began their successful streak, and in no one's wildest imagination could they have foreseen it peaking with triumph in the world's richest race on turf come October.

In the middle of this profound success was back-to-back Group 1 victories during The Star Stradbroke Season, where Think About It and Clipperton combined to win the EVA Air Kingsford Smith Cup and The Star Stradbroke Handicap.

Claiming the first and second Group 1 victories of his career, in as many attempts, marked Think About It's arrival to the elite ranks of Australian racing thoroughbreds.

"That day going into the Kingsford Smith Cup, his ability to win a Group 1, was very much unknown," Clipperton admitted.

Despite tasting success at Listed and Group 3 level in his two runs prior, this was Think About It and Clipperton's first attempt at a Group 1 together.

"I trusted that I knew he was good, but the Kingsford Smith Cup was going to be his acid test for the Stradbroke Handicap," Clipperton said.

"In the end, both races panned out very similarly.

"We settled in a beautiful position, three wide with cover, and in the Stradbroke, he was the most dominant he ever felt under me.

"He was never going to get beaten going into the Stradbroke.

"He was dropping from 59kg in a weight-for-age to 54kg under handicap conditions, and I felt two different feelings going into the two races.



Sam Clipperton celebrates his Group 1 victory. Photo: Jared Vethaak Photography

"In the Kingsford Smith Cup, it was more about trusting him and I thought he was capable (of winning).

"And then in the Stradbroke, I was thinking, 'I'm on the best horse in the race.'"

After winning The Star Stradbroke Handicap, Clipperton told Channel 7's Emma Freedman in a post-race interview that Think About It gave him a feeling no horse had ever given him.

That feeling can best be described as...

"Dominant," Clipperton said.

"That day, he was the most dominant he'd ever felt.

"He raced both races with arrogance, but the Stradbroke was a dominant display."

After The Star Stradbroke Season, Think About It and Clipperton carried their formidable form into Sydney's Spring Carnival which culminated in the final win of their streak in The Everest.

The win landed Clipperton, trainer Joe Pride, and the ownership group a cool \$7 million from the \$20 million prize pool.

Think About It retired from racing on 19 October 2024 after a fall in the Group 3 Sydney Stakes at Randwick – and it took all but a few days for Clipperton to call and offer a home.

"It was a sickening feeling watching the race," Clipperton said.

"It was probably 40 minutes later that one of the stewards at the track I was racing at that day came and told me he'd gotten up and walked himself off the track.

"I just couldn't believe it.

"It sums up the type of horse he is and the heart he had, it summed up his character as far as I'm concerned.

"I contacted Jamie Walter of Proven Thoroughbreds and expressed interest in giving him a new home.

"The owners went to a vote and fortunately it went my way.

"I was over the moon."

Think About It will live out his well-deserved retirement with Clipperton to be re-educated and is showing early potential in a role as a stockhorse.

A job, which according to Clipperton, he will take to like a duck does to water.

"I'll let him tell me what he wants to do but he told me a lot last week," Clipperton said.

"I've given him lots of time to recover from his accident and settle into his new surroundings.

"I then gave him a few days in a row of work last week and he just thrived off it.

"He absolutely loved it.

"He gave a solid buck and a kick around on day one, on day two he had no worries, and by day three he was out the back of the property, up the hills and around a few cattle.

"He's an amazing horse."



Image credit: Courier Mail - Show A Heart wins the 2002 Stradbroke Handicap

Lasting Legacy of SHOW A HEART

BART SINCLAIR

In the 2001/02 racing season, Queensland thoroughbred breeder Jon Haseler and his stud manager Steve Morley discussed the prospects of securing Show A Heart or Falvelon to stand at Glenlogan Park.

Haseler had a simple solution. He vigorously chased both racetrack stars.

Show A Heart already had won at Group 1 level as a two, three and four-year-old. That's a rare feat for a colt only matched in the past 20 years by the James Cummings-trained Anamoe.

The icing on the cake for Glenlogan came in the winter carnival in May-June 2002 when Show A Heart and Falvelon matched motors in Queensland's two premier sprints.

In the Doomben 10,000, Falvelon was a shade too good for Show A Heart over 1350 metres, the margin being a diminishing three-quarters of a length.

The positions were reversed in the 1400 metres Stradbroke at Eagle Farm three weeks later.

"It was logical to chase these two horses as stallion prospects. They were the two best young horses to be produced in Queensland for a long time," Haseler said.

"I was a huge fan of Show A Heart's sire Brave Warrior who looked destined for a stellar career at stud when he was tragically put down after a stable accident just two years into his stud career."

On the racetrack, Show A Heart was successful in Group 1s the J.J. Atkins (then the T.J Smith Classic), Caulfield Guineas, Toorak Handicap and the Stradbroke.

Show A Heart's breeder-owners Ross and Judy Cutts kept a share in the stallion when he was sold.

In his first season at stud at Glenlogan, Show A Heart commanded a service fee of \$12,000 and covered 130 mares.

He was the leading second season sire in Australia and his service fee jumped to \$30,000. That second crop included his filly Mimi Lebrock, winner of the Magic Million Classic for the Bart Cummings stable.

Morley described Show A Heart as the perfect stallion. "He was very fertile and had the best temperament of any stallion I've encountered," he said.

Show A Heart was retired from stud duties in 2020 and died in 2023 at age 25. He was buried at Glenlogan.

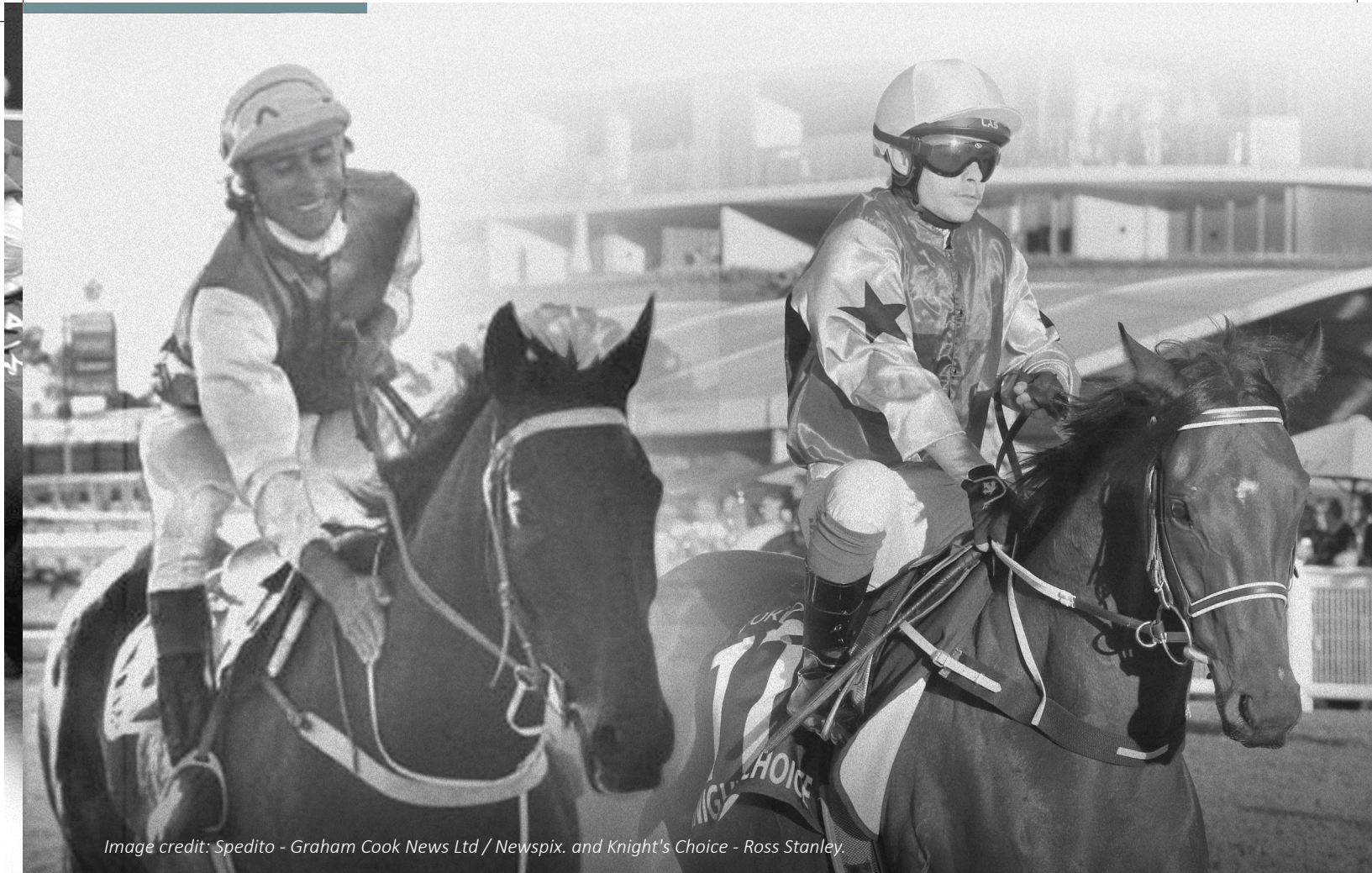


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A CELEBRATION OF *Then and Now*

The Australian Heritage Festival event, held annually in the Eagle Farm Racing Museum, this year will feature two special performances by Queensland thoroughbreds Spedito and Knight's Choice.

It is 50 years since Spedito grabbed national racing headlines with brilliant victories in the Stradbroke Handicap and Doomben 10,000 at successive starts.

And on the first Tuesday of November last year, Knight's Choice became the first Queensland-trained horse to win the Melbourne Cup.

The night is organised each Stradbroke Season by Peter Howard, the president of the Thoroughbred Racing History Association. It is on Tuesday, 13 May.

David Fowler and Bart Sinclair will be hosts for the evening.

To register to attend email heritage@brc.com.au

Spedito was a moderate performer for champion trainer Tommy Smith before his transfer to successful Eagle Farm trainer Jim Griffiths.

Griffiths began his training career on a part-time basis in Toowoomba before moving to Brisbane in 1949.

He became a powerful force in the Brisbane training ranks until his passing in the late 1990s when he was based at the Gold Coast for his final 15 years of training.

Apart from Spedito, Griffiths trained many outstanding racehorses including Knee High and Golden Khan, both Doomben Cup winners, a Brisbane Cup winner Cachondeo, Justincase, Lord Penn, Emborne, El Karpe, Bogan Rea and Our Horizon.

He was a prolific race winner during a lengthy career. His victories included Queensland's "Big 4" – Stradbroke (Spedito, Dancing Poet), Brisbane Cup (Mode), Doomben 10,000 (Spedito) and Doomben Cup (Golden Khan).

Knight's Choice went into last year's Melbourne Cup as a \$91 chance after he finished 14th in the Caulfield Cup and fifth in the Bendigo Cup at his final two lead-up runs.

Aided by a superb Robbie Dolan ride, Knight's Choice came from near last to secure the win in the final few strides.



Image credit: Trackside Photography - Spirit Of Boom winning the Doomben 10,000 in 2014

The Boom Spirit THRIVES AT EUREKA STUD

CALLUM MCDONALD

One-hundred and fifty kilometres west of Brisbane lies a family business, whose positive impact on the Queensland racing and breeding industries – and The Star Stradbroke Season – will last generations.

Eureka Stud, an 86-year-old operation located on the rich black soils of the Darling Downs, is home to two-time Group 1 winner and four-time Queensland Champion Sire, Spirit Of Boom.

Heralded as Eureka's very own boom times, the aptly named 'Boom Era' began when this talented thoroughbred first stepped out for his two-year-old racing season in December of 2009 at Eagle Farm.

Fast forward to 2025 and to his name he has a pair of Group 1 wins, was the nation's leading first season sire by winners, holds an elite 72% strike rate of winners to runners, was Queensland Champion Stallion four years running (2019-22), and his only Group 1 winning progeny now stands at stud himself.

You'd be forgiven for thinking that Spirit Of Boom was always destined to achieve greatness, but like all success stories, it wasn't always smooth sailing.

Tough luck seemed to follow the second foal out of Temple Spirit. His two-year-old season showed much promise but had mixed results.

"He was very unlucky not to win the Phelan Ready Stakes first up," said Harry McAlpine, who shares the management of the family business with his father Scott, and brothers Angus and Charlie.

"But he recovered and then won the prelude to the Magic Millions 2YO Classic by seven lengths.

"He was equal favourite for the Magic Millions 2YO Classic, but unfortunately, he got pretty badly beaten up in the race and was put in the rail.

"It took him a long time to get his confidence back and show us the ability we knew he had. There were definitely times throughout his career when he was very close to getting gelded."

It might have been the threat of the 'ultimate gear change' that got Spirit Of Boom back on his way, but Harry ensured the horse's trainer, Tony Gollan, played a large role in regaining his determination and tenacity.

"Spirit Of Boom was always so consistent," McAlpine said.

"Even though he wasn't winning for a year or so he was still placing, and once Tony got him back to his best, he won two Group 1 races in his last campaign.

"He was just placing in Group 1s everywhere; he was just the most phenomenally consistent horse.

"If he wasn't winning, he was always placing in those Group 1s.

"It's hard to find a horse like that."

Homebred, Spirit Of Boom carried Eureka's iconic colours of black and gold stripes and red sleeves, and was trained out of the Tony Gollan stable along with his older half-brother, Temple Of Boom.



Image credit: Trackside Photography - Spirit Of Boom winning Jockey Michael Rodd

Gollan had trained their mother, Temple Spirit.

The pair were her first two foals and Gollan wanted to train them both. Temple Of Boom was by a sire named Piccolo, and Spirit Of Boom was by Sequalo.

In 52 starts, Spirit Of Boom amassed 9 wins, 14 seconds and six thirds.

In his swansong season, at six-years-old, he finished outside the placings only twice in 12 starts and secured his two greatest triumphs: the Group 1 William Reid Stakes at Moonee Valley, and the Doomben 10,000.

He had twice finished fourth in the Doomben 10,000 and had placed sixth in the William Reid the year prior.

At long last, he had the Group 1 victories that had been eluding him for so long, repaying the faith of his connections.

Finally capturing Group 1 success, especially the Doomben 10,000, meant the world to Eureka.

"Enormous," was McAlpine's response when asked about the breakthrough's significance.

"His brother had already won a Galaxy, so because he was a Group 1 winner it meant Spirit Of Boom always had the ability to do it too.

"He was just a dreadfully unlucky horse; he was always sort of bursting out and running on and just getting beat.

"It's amazing to win an interstate Group 1 sprint (the William Reid) because it's very hard to do.

"But the Doomben 10,000 is so special because it is such a renowned sprint in Queensland, but also, to quinella with his brother, it's the stuff you could only dream of."

Spirit Of Boom and Temple Of Boom finished first and second in the 2014 Doomben 10,000, holding out fellow Queenslander and icon, Buffering, in third.

Retired to stand at stud, success quickly followed Spirit Of Boom and the Eureka team, as he was named Australia's runaway champion first season sire by number of winners.

At the time of writing, he has sired 650 runners, of which 468 have

gone on to win during their careers.

He produces a top class of sprinter: over 90% of his progenies' wins have come in races of 1400m or less.

His yearlings dominate Queensland sales rings and the national racing circuit.

A very special moment came in 2021 when the Brisbane Racing Club renamed the Group 2 Champagne Classic in his honour.

Held on Doomben 10,000 Day each year, the Spirit Of Boom Classic is a race exclusive to two-year-olds, and is the first leg of The Star Stradbroke Season's triple crown for juvenile thoroughbreds.

One of Spirit Of Boom's progeny, Prince Of Boom, won the first edition of the renamed race in another fairytale come true.

The good times continued to roll in 2021. Spirit Of Boom landed his first Group 1 victory as a sire when Jonker won the Manikato Stakes at Moonee Valley in October.

Jonker's victory confirmed Spirit Of Boom's status as an elite stallion.

"This was another huge and amazing achievement," McAlpine said.

"The similarities between Spirit Of Boom and Jonker's racing career is scary as well.

"As happened to Spirit Of Boom, Jonker came out as a joint favourite for the Magic Millions 2YO Classic after winning prelude races by big margins – and he too got put into the fence!

"Jonker was also off the scene for a while and then he got a Group 1 victory as a six-year-old, just as Spirit Of Boom did, and at the same track down in Melbourne.

"He was very consistent and similar to his father.

"Speaking of Spirit Of Boom, it's very hard to be a stallion that throws Group 1 winners, but it's even harder to be a stallion that throws Group 1 winning sons.

"It's a pretty special accolade and hopefully we'll find a few more before his stud career is finished."

As a first season sire, Spirit Of Boom's service fee was a humble \$11,000. He currently stands for \$38,500.



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Season **EVENTS**

BREAKFAST WITH THE STARS

Head to Eagle Farm Racecourse early to catch thoroughbreds testing the track in preparation for the grand finale raceday ahead, The Star Stradbroke Day. Study the runners' form as you enjoy breakfast bites and refreshments at this FREE community event. Everyone is welcome. Simply register to attend via the BRC website: brc.com.au

WHERE: Members Reserve - Eagle Farm

DATE: Tuesday 10 June 2025

TIME: Gates open 6am



THE STAR STRADBROKE BARRIER DRAW

The all-important barrier draw decides the starting gate for each runner of The Star Stradbroke Handicap. Two of the last three editions have been won from a wide barrier: first Alligator Blood in 2022 who jumped from 17, and second Stefi Magnetica in 2024 who started in gate 15.

Will trainers and connections seek similar positions in 2025? Or will a barrier closer to the rail provide the winning run – Srikandi in 2015 was the last to win Queensland's most prestigious from gate one.

Catch the draw live via our Facebook Live Stream.

WHERE: The Star Brisbane - Leisure Deck

DATE: Tuesday 10 June 2025

TIME: From 4:30pm



LADBROKES CALCUTTA & LUNCHEON

Guests will enjoy a delicious two-course lunch and premium beverage package as the auction is held for horses running in The Star Stradbroke Handicap. Guests can also purchase a raffle ticket for their chance to win ahead of the auction. At the end of the day when the total Calcutta pool is determined, a percentage will be donated to a charity chosen by the Brisbane Racing Club Foundation.

WHERE: The Star Brisbane - Events Centre

DATE: Friday 13 June 2025

TIME: 12pm – 4pm





TRACKSIDE *tastes*

Magnificent racing with magnificent food to match, that's the combination delivered by the Brisbane Racing Club Culinary Team during The Star Stradbroke Season.

To find out more about the culinary offerings, we quizzed BRC Executive Chef John Felesina.

What can we expect during The Star Stradbroke Season?

We have something for every racegoer, whether you're enjoying your day on the lawn with a group of friends or you're in one of our exclusive event spaces perched overlooking the straight with an elegant canape-style menu or a premium buffet. Leading up to carnival we work alongside our growers, we buy in season and always fresh and local to secure the highest quality available.

Once again, guests will be spoiled for choice. Our fresh seafood includes wild-caught Mooloolaba prawns, North Queensland Ettu Bay barramundi, Franklin Harbour Pacific oysters and Tasmanian salmon. We are also featuring artisan, small-batch charcuterie, Victorian lamb, grain-fed eye fillet medallions, and local Australian farmhouse cheese.

How many guests will you serve?

Tens of thousands will stream through the gates across The Star Stradbroke Season. For our banquets and buffets, we will serve more than 1500kg of wild-caught whole ocean king prawns, 8500 ocean king peeled prawn tails, 14,000 Pacific standard oysters, 8000 free-range lamb cutlets, 600kg of whole Ettu Bay barramundi plus hundreds of kilos of triple cream brie, Victorian blue cheese, and local Mary Valley vintage cheddar.

How many staff are needed?

We have a core group of talented chefs working here at the Club. I am proud to work with Executive Sous Chef Mark, Senior Sous Chef Peter, Chef Kathryn and Chef Rhian together with Sheila who is responsible for our finished pantry and fresh bakery lines. Myeka and her team ensure that we have polished cutlery, crockery, and more ready for the crew to set spaces and Sharyn, our Culinary Administrator, makes sure that event orders are correct for each event.

During the season we add both chefs and stewards to assist us. On The Star Stradbroke Day, the largest of the six racedays, we will have about 60 chefs and 450 wait staff on deck.

What's new to The Star Stradbroke Season in 2025?

Our buffets guests will enjoy pan-seared Ettu Bay barramundi fillet accompanied with Australian native lemon myrtle and dill white butter, potato and pumpkin dumplings served with an overnight braised lamb shoulder and marsala ragu finished with fragrant North Queensland basil.

To finish on a sweet note, we have torched crème Catalan, silky milk chocolate mousse, chai pannacotta and a potted double chocolate, raw cacao and raspberry fondant.

What else is new this season?

In our 'grab n' go' selection, there's a toasted ciabatta generously filled with shaved leg ham, Emmental cheese and truffle butter, and chunky lamb and rosemary wrapped in flaky filo.

In our premium spaces you'll be able to sample a pulled duckling salad garnished with red onion, cucumber, herbs, shallots and hoi sin and sticky karaage 'popcorn' chicken in a sweet, salty, sesame, soy, ginger, and salty chilli plum sauce.

Of course it wouldn't be a carnival without our signature Black Angus beef pies and sausage rolls which are made with extra flaky laminated pastry.

Chef John, can I ask, what do you like to eat and cook?

I get asked this often — it depends on my mood. I have an Italian background and I worked in Como in Northern Italy, so I enjoy risotto, soft polenta, slow-cooked ragu, the perfume of truffle, fresh seafood and bitter greens.

At home I love cooking with, and for, my family, and sitting around an extended table with three generations switching between Italian and English. And I do like what my mother, Nonna Adelina, cooks!

Fashion STAKES

The Place Ascot Fashions on the Field for The Star Stradbroke Season 2025 will once again raise the style stakes over three days of carnival: Ladbrokes Derby Day (31 May), Seven Oaks Day (7 June), and The Star Stradbroke Day (14 June).

Leading fashion brands Sacha Drake, Artisans Bespoke Jewellers and MJ Bale join the line-up as fashion partners for Place Ascot Fashions on the Field, lending their style expertise to the hottest racing fashion competition in the state.

A fresh panel of industry judges each day will select the top three best dressed, with tens of thousands of dollars in luxe prizing to be won.

The Fashion Queensland team is again at the helm of Place Ascot Fashions on the Field, which celebrates self-expression and creativity.

Entrants are encouraged to put their most fashionable foot forward with unique, aspirational looks that embrace each day's fashion theme and celebrate the style and energy of the racing carnival.

On Ladbroke Derby Day, the fashion theme is the traditional Derby combination of black and white.

Stand out from the crowd on stage with a bold interpretation of this monochromatic look and creative use of textures and patterns. Detail can come into play through the choice of fabric, silhouette and accessories.

Judges will be looking for innovative and well put together head-to-toe interpretations of the theme.

On Seven Oaks Day, soft colour, florals and sophisticated style will be the order of the day.

The theme provides the opportunity for colourful combinations and experimentation with pattern and playful flair.

Look to classic pastel tones, lace, feathers and anything tending toward the opulent and glamorous.

The Star Stradbroke Day is the pinnacle Place Ascot Fashions on the Field competition day with a traditional theme of black and white with a touch of red. Just how much of a touch of red is up to the individual.

Play with the possibilities within this theme and accent your monochromatic look with signature accessories or outfit detail in dramatic red hues.





GETTING HERE

Eagle Farm and Doomben Racecourses are located in the Brisbane suburb of Ascot and are approximately 10km from the Brisbane CBD and 6km from the Domestic and International Airport. The racecourses are located less than 1km apart, separated by Nudgee Road. The fastest and easiest way to get to the races is by public transport. Visit www.translink.com.au for full transport information and timetables.

EAGLE FARM RACECOURSE

BUS

Catch route 300 or 301 from Adelaide Street, Brisbane City, to Eagle Farm Racecourse. Visit www.translink.com.au for full transport information and timetables.

TRAIN

Ascot Railway Station is situated beside Eagle Farm Racecourse. Please note there is strictly no access from the Railway Bridge into the racecourse, as this is a horse-only zone. Please walk from the Train Station to Gate 4 at the intersection of Racecourse Road & Lancaster Road.

TAXI & RIDE SHARE

Taxis are available from McGill Avenue (exit via Gate 4 and walk to McGill Avenue). Ride share vehicles will need to meet passengers on Lancaster Road (exit via Gate 4 and walk along Lancaster Road towards Charlton Street and Rupert Terrace). Please note that during The Star Stradbroke Season racedays parts of Racecourse Road and Lancaster Road will be closed and alternative taxi ranks set up. Check the raceday event for more information.

MEMBERS CAR PARK

Member Car Parking is available on the Infield Car Park via Nudgee Road at the Racecourse Village Shopping Centre. Proceed through the vehicle tunnel to the Infield Car Park. Follow instructions by car park attendants to the Members Car Park. A buggy service will operate into the racecourse for the elderly and those with disabilities. Disabled car parking is available in the Infield Car Park and Gate 4 off Racecourse Road.

PUBLIC CAR PARK

Public Car Parking is available on the Infield Car Park via Nudgee Road at the Racecourse Village Shopping Centre. Proceed through the vehicle tunnel to the Infield Car Park. Follow instructions by car park attendants. A buggy service will operate into the racecourse for the elderly and those with disabilities. Disabled car parking is available in the Infield Car Park and Gate 4 off Racecourse Road. Please be aware that many of the streets surrounding the racecourse have timed parking zones.

DOOMBEN RACECOURSE

BUS

Catch route 301 from Adelaide Street, Brisbane City, to Doomben Racecourse. Visit www.translink.com.au for full transport information and timetables.

TRAIN

Catch the train by taking the Doomben line from any CBD railway station or change services at Eagle Junction for the Doomben line. Doomben railway station is located a five-minute walk to the racecourse.

TAXI & RIDE SHARE

Taxis and ride shares are available from Gate 4 on Hampden Street. Please note that during The Star Stradbroke Season racedays Hampden Street will be closed and alternative taxi ranks set up. Check the raceday event for more information.

MEMBERS CAR PARK

Parking is available on the Infield Car Park. Enter through Gate 2 on Nudgee Road. Overflow car parking and disabled access is available from Gate 5 on Hampden Street.

PUBLIC CAR PARK

Parking is available on the Infield Car Park. Enter through Gate 2 on Nudgee Road. Disabled access is available from Gate 5 on Hampden Street.

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DRESS REGULATIONS

Members dress regulations must be adhered to in order to gain access to the Members enclosure.

Photographers and camera operators must wear assigned media accreditation passes at all times on racedays and when in restricted areas.

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