

MEDIA RELEASE

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Doomben Cup meeting – ABANDONED

- **All feature races, including G1 XXXX Doomben Cup, moved to other dates**
- **Triple Group 1 meeting for Moët & Chandon Derby Day at Eagle Farm on Saturday**

FOLLOWING another 30mm of rain since Saturday's meeting was called off, a decision has been made by Racing Queensland and the Brisbane Racing Club to abandon the postponed meeting.

Doomben Track Manager Ross Smith and QRIC's Chairman of Stewards Peter Chadwick both agreed it was extremely unlikely Doomben would be able to race on Wednesday given the additional rain since Saturday and the forecast for up to 10mm on Monday, 6mm on Tuesday and potentially 8mm on Wednesday.

As a result, the meeting has been abandoned, but all of the feature races from that meeting will be re-scheduled on other race programs.

This Saturday, Eagle Farm will now host a 10-race card, with the originally programmed Moët & Chandon Queensland Derby and TAB Kingsford Smith Cup now joined by the XXXX Doomben Cup (2100m) to provide a day of triple Group 1 racing.

Zaaki will now get the chance to win the Doomben Cup for a second time and also earn a \$200,000 bonus if successful, having already won the Hollindale Stakes. A win would therefore take his earnings beyond the \$8Million mark.

All other races on the program will be black type races, including the Group 2 Doomben Roses (2100m) and Group 3 TAB BRC Sprint (1300m), which have been moved from the abandoned meeting.

As a result of those additions, the two Benchmark races (2200m BM80 and 1600m BM85) will be moved to the Doomben midweek meetings on May 30 and June 1 respectively.

Other feature races from the abandoned meeting will be re-programmed over coming weeks.

The decision was made ahead of nominations on Monday to provide certainty to all parties, including travelling jockeys and trainers, to make plans this week after what has been an unfortunately challenging time owing to the persistent weather event this month.

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