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# VULTAN TIN

By Michael Heaton

## HOME-BRED WARRIOR WINS PACING CUP

**Veteran iron horse Vultan Tin caused an almighty bolover in the \$450,000 Group 1 TABtouch WA Pacing Cup (2936m) at Gloucester Park on December 4 when upstaging champion pacer Chicago Bull.**

Starting on the seventh line of betting and paying \$43 on the tote, the Phil Costello-trained Vultan Tin dethroned the \$1.26 raging favourite to score the biggest win of his 168-start career.

Driven by Shannon Suvaljko, who drove a winning treble on the night, the Dawn Ofa New Day gelding settled one-out and two-back in running before peeling three-wide approaching the turn and racing past Chicago Bull at the 75m mark, clocking a new race-record time of 3:32:2.

The victory in the best race on the WA pacing calendar was Costello's second Group 1 triumph after preparing former top juvenile Hydroflyte, a winner of six races as a two-year-old, to take out the State Sires Series Final for colts and geldings in 2001.

The long-standing trainer of 45 years says he was introduced to the harness industry in the early 1970s and soon decided to try his hand at the training caper himself.

"My brother-in-law had a few horses and it looked like fun playing around with them," Costello said.

"It was something to do to have a bit of fun with.

"I ended up getting one then I got another one and another one and so on.

"I've got about eight in work now normally, with a couple of babies going in and out."

Fast forward three decades when Costello acquired an Armbro Intercept two-year-old that would later become Carravalle, the now-granddam of Vultan Tin.

Little did Costello know at the time that the then-filly would play a significant role in creating only the second ever WA Pacing Cup winner to be bred, owned and trained locally, some 79 years after Kolrock achieved the same feat.



# **“IT’S THE PINNACLE OF RACING AND THIS HORSE DID THAT FOR ME, AS WELL”**

“I got the first mare for nothing because the bloke was going to send her to the knackery,” he said.

“He’d bred seven horses out of the dam and six of them were winners.

“The other one was only young and hadn’t raced and that was her.

“I raced her and her daughter, who became Vultan Tin’s mum, and it just progressed from there, I suppose.

“I had that Tesio program on my computer before the computer crashed and I put a few sires to that one.

“Dawn Ofa New Day probably came up the best with the crosses, so I went with that and we got Vultan Tin.”

Vultan Tin made his race debut as a three-year-old on December 8, 2014 and has earned a reputation as a durable warrior along the way, having notched up his 100th race appearance only 40 months after his first start.

Asked Costello if he had always thought the gelding had Group 1 success in him, he says a bold showing when finishing fourth in the \$1.1 million Inter Dominion Grand Final in 2017 vindicated his high opinion of him.

“I told my boys that we would set him for the last Inters final over here that year and they laughed at me,” Costello said.

“They said I was kidding myself, but he was a nice horse and a nice stayer so I thought, ‘he’ll like 2900, let’s wind him up’.

“So, we increased his work and started working him different, then we tried to get into the Pinjarra Cup but didn’t get a start because they didn’t think he was good enough.

“The following week we put him in the Italian Cup at Bunbury and he won that, then the following week he ran second to I’m Full Of Excuses when it was winning all of the Cups.



“Then we won the Narrogin Cup the week after that and that’s when he started to step up.”

After making a significant elevation over that two-year period, Costello concedes that he set Vultan Tin too big a task leading into the carnival last year.

The gelding contested the Fremantle Cup and WA Pacing Cup at his eighth and ninth runs of his campaign, however, he was set specifically for this season’s editions.

“We gave him three runs before the Fremantle Cup this time and we thought that would be enough,” he said.

“We cooked him last year.

“I put him in the Village Kid Sprint mile last year and he was three-deep when they ran 27.2 or something in the first quarter and that just took the edge off him for those Cups.

“We thought we could win either of them this year, because he’s good enough and had been working the best he’d ever worked in his life, but it comes down to the barriers.

“His work had been super for the past month, whereas last year I probably got too carried away and went a few too many.”

Known for his unflappable nature, Costello was rumoured to have barely flinched as he watched Vultan Tin eventually pull away to beat Chicago Bull by three metres in his TABtouch WA Pacing Cup triumph.

His family were understandably overjoyed and highly-animated over the final stages of the feature event, however, he says he wasn’t as composed only moments earlier.

“I was jumping around on the corner which people missed,” Costello laughed.

“But about 100 metres before the finish I knew he had it.

“I calmed down then because his last 100 is always good.”

Reflecting back on the moment, Costello labels the victory as the highlight of his long career.

However, he’s quick to laud the efforts of not only Vultan Tin, but his son, Daniel, in making the success possible.

“Daniel is sensational for me,” he said.

“He drives fastwork and without his help it would be a lot harder for me, I’ll tell you.

“Getting to the Inters was also a real highlight for me because every trainer in Australasia dreams of having an Inter Dominion runner.

“It’s the pinnacle of racing and this horse did that for me, as well.

“He gets very well looked after and a vet has never touched him since he was gelded as a yearling.

“He’s never had to have anything.”







# PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF

**Seven-year-old gelding Shellwood Chief proved that persistence pays off, breaking through for his maiden victory at his 84th career start for his owner, trainer and driver Barry Guidice in November at Pinjarra.**

The 76-year-old Guidice has driven Shellwood Chief at all bar three of his 84 starts and, having been involved in the industry most of his life, is one of WA harness racing's veterans.

"I thought it would come one day," Guidice said when asked if he thought Shellwood Chief would win a race.

"He's always shown a little bit of promise ever since he won his first trial but he could never get there.

"He's probably going to find it tough from now on but he's done a good job."

Barry purchased Shellwood Chief from breeder and friend Mark Congerton as a yearling and didn't go through the traditional yearling sales.

He was an orphan foal and was hand reared, to which Barry partially credits his placid nature.

Shellwood Chief is by Courage Under Fire and is the only foal from his dam, Talk To Me Red, who was unplaced in her only two race starts.

He is a three-quarter brother to Talk To Me Courage, who won the 2009 New Season Pace and 2010 Lord Mayors Cup at Gloucester Park and amassed almost \$650,000 in prizemoney.

With his low ranking on the new national harness rating system, Barry had received numerous offers from Eastern States trainers wishing to purchase Shellwood Chief at a bargain price.

Barry decided against selling him and was confident that the horse had shown him enough ability to persist with here in WA.

He is the only horse Barry currently trains and is adored by the Guidice family.

"He's probably one of our favourite horses," Guidice said.

"He's pretty special now for the grand kids."

Jesse Moore broke in Shellwood Chief for Barry and his first start was as a three-year-old at Pinjarra in May 2016 where he finished 7th.

His was unplaced at four subsequent three-year-old starts but Barry was philosophical and conceded his horse didn't have the same strength as some of the other three-year-olds.

Shellwood Chief had been knocking on the door for the breakthrough win, having run in the top five at eight of his previous ten starts.

Having a long racing preparation that stretches back to May 2019, Shellwood Chief is a model of consistency around the placings and has earned a little over \$20,000 this season.

He has been runner-up nine times in his career and Barry is full of admiration for a horse that gives his very best at every start.

"He's stayed sound and I don't tax him much between runs," he said.

"I just keep racing him and as long as he's happy and standing up well we can keep going.

"He tries each week and that's the beauty of it."





# CHAPMAN

## SAVOURS DEEDS OF MARVELLOUS MARE



## ***“NEVER IN A MILLION YEARS DID I THINK I WOULD WIN A GROUP 1.”***

Following this year's Westral-Mares Classic, Steve Chapman now has five Group 1 wins to his name. Balcatherine, a \$130,000 purchase from New Zealand early in 2019, was a dominant winner of this year's \$125,000 feature as she stormed away from what was a highly talented bunch of mares.

Her win continued a terrific summer carnival for the Hall of Fame trainer and driver pairing of Gary Hall Snr and Gary Hall Jnr, who a week earlier took out the Retravisio-Fremantle Cup.

It also strengthened Chapman's association with the Halls and his love for harness racing.

Owning a Mares Classic winner is a long way removed from owning a runner in a non-TAB Wanneroo Cup.

Chapman's journey to owning a runner at the elite level in harness racing is one of persistence, heartbreak and discipline.

"It was just a hobby for us because my wife and I both worked up in the mines in Newman," Chapman said.

"At about 11 or 12 at night they used to show replays of the trots on ABC.

"When we finished our stint up there, which was about 10 years, we came back bought a house in Two Rocks and had a young family.

"To get out we used to go to the trots every Friday night and on a good week it would be in the Beau Rivage and on a bad week we'd stay downstairs and get a hamburger.

"Pacing struck a chord with me and I'm not sure why because I'm not a horseman and I've never been a horseman."

It was a phone call at the end of 1995 from a close friend and fellow miner in South Australia who suggested to Chapman and his wife to buy a small percentage of a horse he had named Bannockburn Glen.

Chapman described the gelding as "honest", but one not blessed with an abundance of ability.

Circumstances out of Chapman's control meant he had to find a new trainer for Bannockburn Glen after his first two starts.

It paved the way for the start of a successful partnership with Mike Beech, who took on training Bannockburn Glen after he watched a few of his races.

"The first race he had for Mike was the Wanneroo Cup," Chapman said.

"We grabbed the family, quite a large family with mum, dad, cousins and aunties so there must have been 15 or 16 of us.

"It was good for us because then we started going to the country and we'd celebrate coming fifth.

"Then he went to town on my 30th birthday, drew one and won in what was an M0.

"It was like winning an Inter Dominion for us."

Chapman's work in the rail industry often took him overseas and by chance one of those overseas trips was to New Zealand.

He took Beech on the trip to New Zealand and the pair searched the country for pacer to bring back to Australia.

Following the trip, Chapman had a call from Christchurch and was sent a video of horse trialling at Ashburton.

That horse was 1998 Golden Slipper winner Franco Parker.

"Mike called me up and said 'he's not a bad horse and he's got a bit going for him'," Chapman said.

"We ended up paying \$35,000 for him which was a lot of money.

"My partner said to me 'we can do a lot with that \$35,000'.

"We got him here in November and I didn't hear about him until May, as I'm not an owner that calls the trainer, I prefer to leave it to them."

Franco Parker made his debut on June 18, which was a stylish win at Northam.

Chapman wasted no time raising the bar for his acquisition.

"I got very excited, so I went down to the stalls and Mike told me it wasn't bad for a first run," he said.



## ***"CHAPMAN'S RECORD OF HAVING HIGH QUALITY PACERS PERFORMING AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL COULD BE PUT DOWN TO HIS PATIENCE AND DISCIPLINE"***

"I said to him 'what about we have a look at the Golden Slipper?'"

"Mike told me he hasn't raced against anything and now you want him to go against the best two-year-olds in WA."

After paying the \$400 nomination fee at WATA reception the Monday before the Golden Slipper, Franco Parker drew barrier one and went on to score a devastating win in wet conditions.

Franco Parker's career never reached the same heights after the Golden Slipper and only recorded a further six wins from 70 subsequent starts.

Frequent trips to New Zealand saw Chapman grow closer and closer to Hall Snr and eventually owned horses with him.

They had to be patient for their first major success together and it came in the 2015 WA Pacing Cup, with My Hard Copy a week after he won the Fremantle Cup consolation.

The son of American Ideal went on to win the 2016 WA Pacing Cup and the 2018 Fremantle Cup, where he beat Lazarus and Chicago Bull in one of the most memorable Fremantle Cups of all time.

"You can't win two Pacing Cups, a Fremantle Cup and a Pinjarra Cup and not be a superstar," Chapman said.

"Every time he went out he was always \$27 or \$35 but he was never odds-on or a matter of just going to win.

"He was just one of those horses that didn't give up and had speed.

"As a juvenile he wasn't tough and you had to save him for one run."

My Hard Copy's stirring form was a welcome dose of good fortune for Chapman amidst a wretched run of injuries to some highly promising pacers.

Beachbabebeauty, Itsa Seelster, El Barcelona and Overboard Again were among those pacers Chapman lost to injury.

He also often reflects on what could have been in the 2016 Inter Dominion Final with Run Oneover.

The enigmatic pacer was one of the key chances in the race by virtue of winning two of his three heats and finishing second in the other.

He found the front from barrier two in the final but choked down to finish last.

Chapman's record of having high quality pacers performing at the highest level could be put down to his patience and discipline.

He has a very strict set of criteria he likes to follow when identifying what horses to buy from New Zealand.

"If I can get an American Ideal for WA that is my cup of tea," he said.

"If you want a horse that's going to go on with it later in life then you get an American Ideal.

"Size is obviously a major factor me because the sand work in WA tends to make larger horses more susceptible to injury than smaller horses.

"You look at horses like Chicago Bull, Themightyquinn and My Hard Copy they're not huge horses.

"The horses that race in Melbourne and race in Sydney I let them go as well.

"They might be able to do a 26 quarter but I let them go because you might get one season out of them and then they're gone.

"I've missed out on some good horses and I could've got them for \$35,000."

Chapman normally keeps his spending on horses to somewhere between \$30,000 and \$40,000 and it's proven successful so far.

A trustworthy friend in New Zealand, who got him on to buying My Hard Copy, convinced him to go beyond that limit for Balcatherine.

"She won all of her trials and my friend told me that she's an American Ideal and she's fast but she might have been a bit big for me," Chapman said.

"When I watched her replays, she raced so well and it's the best pacer I've ever seen off the videos.

"She looked like she was doing a 32 when she was actually doing a 28.

"She never went in any of the really good races in New Zealand but she went around and won them well.

"She was worth a lot more than what I got her for and I think I spent three weeks negotiating with them.

"When she got to Perth, Senior said to me 'she needs a lot of filling out mate'.

"Senior has always loved her and he normally keeps his head on his shoulders."

Balcatherine didn't waste any time making a splash in Perth, where she ran in three Oaks Preludes for a win, a second and one unplaced run.

Following those three runs, Balcatherine spent more than 11 months on the sidelines with a stone bruise and Hall Snr told Chapman he felt she needed time to mature.

The mare returned to racing in April and raced weekly until the end of May.

The autumn campaign netted three wins, two seconds, a third and two fourths from eight starts.

Despite not winning every start, it was enough to suggest she would be a big player in the Mares Classic.

It was again a spot-on training performance from Hall Snr, getting Balcatherine to the Mares Classic at just her fourth start for the preparation.

Balcatherine's performance the week prior to the Mares Classic put the writing on the wall.

Hall Jnr produced a supremely confident drive on the mare, sitting in the breeze outside eventual Mares Classic runner-up Somebeachparty rating 1.54.3 and worked home in 56.6.

The victory in the Mares Classic was even more dominant.





Hall Jnr got Balcatherine to the breeze and sprinted away on the turn to establish an unassailable lead, as Somebeachparty and Has No Fear filled the minor placings.

A performance Chapman described as one of “a true professional”.

Chapman said he was indebted to Hall Snr for taking him from the owner of a runner in the Wanneroo Cup to winning multiple Group 1 races.

“The guy is a genius,” Chapman said.

“I say to him ‘I don’t know anything about it, you know it all, so I let you guide me’.

“He’s won me my Group 1s.”

With the Golden Slipper, Mares Classic, Fremantle Cup and WA Pacing Cup boxes ticked Chapman has one race firmly in his sights going forward.

“I’ve never won a Derby and I’ve never won a Nugget,” he said.

“I always buy a juvenile to try and win the Derby.

“I’m disappointed every year where I don’t have one to do it.”

In what has been a trying year, Chapman hasn’t been spared from the harsh impacts of COVID-19, which has seen him out of work since January.

Racing, like it has been for so many Australians, has proven to be the perfect tonic in the most trying of circumstances.

A year which has reminded Chapman to enjoy even more the rollercoaster ride racing can be.

“Winning an old C0 is the same for me as winning a Group 1,” he said.

“We’ve been lucky.

“It’s pinch yourself kind of stuff.

“We’re people who were never bought up in the racing industry.

“We came into it off the cuff just for a bit of fun and got caught up in what it is.

“Maybe Balcatherine is the exception, but we’ve never had the best horse in the race.

“We’ve had a horse that has done what it’s meant to do.

“We’ve met so many good people and we’ve had so much fun.”



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# ANDREW MILNE & CHRIS BROWN: NEW STEWARDS JOIN THE LOCAL RANKS

By Michael Heaton

The WA harness industry have welcomed two new additions to the stewarding panel, with former local steward Andrew Milne returning from a two-year stint in South Australia and experienced thoroughbreds stipe Chris Brown transitioning into a dual-code role.

Milne, who was originally from SA before moving to the west in 2001, started as a cadet steward in Perth before progressing to a harness steward and then taking up the opportunity to work in the thoroughbred jurisdiction with Thoroughbred Racing South Australia in 2018.

Following RWWA's announcement of the amalgamation of the existing thoroughbred and harness steward panels in July, an opportunity arose for Milne to return to Perth and take up a position to work in both codes.

The long-time equine enthusiast says he classifies himself as a hybrid of SA and WA and has enjoyed being back in sunny Perth.

"I'm half-and-half I'd like to think, but I still prefer WA to live in with the better climate and so forth," Milne said.

"I actually worked as a vet assistant at Gloucester Park for a bit over seven years before starting my cadetship.

"I've always had an interest in horses, right back from school when I first started working at Oakbank Racecourse in about year 10.

"My dad had a few shares in horses and he worked at the South Australian TAB, so I also worked in telephone betting there for quite a few years as a part time job, as well.

"I've had many jobs around the industry over the years."

In accordance with the state's COVID-19 restrictions, Milne had to quarantine when returning to Perth in November.

Other than the merger of RWWA's integrity department, however, he was pleased to see that not a lot else had changed.

"I drove across the Nullarbor and spent 14 days in isolation here," he said.

"It was a bit boring but luckily I could do it at home and I got plenty of housework and gardening done.

"I've been back a couple of weeks now and obviously the codes have merged stewarding-wise since I was last here, but participant-wise a lot of the drivers, trainers and horses are still the same.

"It's good to see the same people still going around."

Having only worked in harness prior to his recent South Australian venture, Milne was keen to spread his wings and increase his experience.

He says the thoroughbred grounding he received has held him in good stead for his new role at RWWA.

"The stewarding in South Australia was a great experience," Milne said.

"I had a very experienced steward to learn from in the Chief Steward Johan Petzer and deputy Matt Santoro.

"They were quite experienced and good to learn from.

"I chaired a lot of country Cups in SA, so I got around the place, that's for sure.

"It's a good opportunity to step into dual-code stewarding now and I have quite recent experiences in both harness racing and thoroughbred racing.

"Getting back with the team here has been good and I'm looking forward to working with the thoroughbred stewards over here, as well."

Asked the main variances he's found when stewarding thoroughbreds and harness meetings, Milne says the processes are similar but you still have to allow for some other differences.

"I think harness is a little bit more technical in regard to tactics," he said.

"They're more of an aerobic-type animal and their position and energy levels throughout the race are critical.

"Whereas thoroughbreds are more anerobic and flighty animals which you have to take into consideration.

"But, as far as the inquiry processes and things like that, it's all pretty much exactly the same.

"Things are always evolving as far as little changes in the rules and what not, though, so to be part of that would be great."

In contrast, Milne's colleague Chris Brown hails from a thoroughbred background and made new waves when being promoted to the position of Senior Steward Thoroughbred & Harness in November.

The son of former Albany trainer, Darren Brown, commenced his cadetship in September 2008 and has worked in the gallops code in the past 12 years since.

"I've grown up in racing," Brown said.

"My father was a full-time thoroughbred trainer when I was going through primary school and high school, so I've always been involved in horse racing and had a love and passion for it.

"I was living in Albany originally, then when I finished year 12 I moved to Perth and started working for Darren McAuliffe as a foreperson for a couple of years.

"I was fortunate enough to be involved when he had Universal Ruler and was fortunate enough to be able to go to Singapore with that horse and things like that."

Asked how his stewarding cadetship came about, Brown says his interest in the unique career path grew after gaining a behind-the-scenes insight.

"I did a bit of work experience as a steward two or three times at the races and I didn't know a lot about the integrity side with racing back then, to be honest," he said.

"Then a cadetship came up and the timing was pretty much perfect, so I applied for it and was successful.

"I've been doing it ever since and haven't really looked back.

"I've been fortunate enough to get a job like I have where I'm at the races everyday working."

Transitioning into a dual-code role after 12 years in one code may sound daunting to some, however, Brown is looking forward to the challenge.

Whilst his experience in harness was relatively limited, he says he's been working hard to get up to speed with the different jurisdiction and is learning quicker than he first thought.

"I thought with everything that was transitioning in our department, it was in my best interests to apply for the job," Brown said.

"I obviously haven't done a lot of harness but the stewarding I've done previously has held me in good enough stead and I've been able to work my way up the chain from a cadet to where I am now.

"I've only been to a handful of harness meetings since I've started but when you're observing races as a steward it's similar in thoroughbreds and harness.

"You're looking for the same sorts of movements and things.

"The inquiry side of it is very similar between the two, but obviously the rules and regulations are a bit different.

"For me, it's about learning those and being able to put them into practice as quickly as I can, but I'm picking up on it more quickly than what I thought I would."

Thrilled with his new position, Brown pays tribute to his superiors for allowing his career to grow.

He also already has plans to expand his existing skill set to enhance his stewarding expertise.

"RWWA, Denis Borovica and Brad Lewis have given me an opportunity and, from what I've been involved in so far, I'm really enjoying it," he said.

"I would also like to study a bit of law in the future.

"I've got a young family which makes it hard to do any study at the moment, but I'd like to strengthen my position as a steward as much as I can.

"They're some ambitions I'm looking forward to, but I'm very happy in the position I'm in at the moment and I'm looking forward to the future."



# YOUR GOOD FORTUNE NZ YOU COULDN'T HAVE PICKED A NAME MORE APT!

Your Good Fortune NZ, or Cookie to his friends, is by Bettor's Delight USA and out of Hi Lo Silver Lining NZ. After a successful start to his career in New Zealand including three wins and one second, Cookie travelled across to Western Australia to the Bond Stables. Throughout his remaining 36 career starts Cookie trained under Skye and Greg Bond for 11 wins, six seconds and four thirds. When he retired in early 2015 Cookie had earned \$182,478.



Skye remembers Cookie as a laid-back, lovely to deal with horse. Cookie was introduced to a saddle and began the backing process with Skye once she learned of the home he had waiting for him. He took to it well and with four or five rides under his belt, Skye wanted to see just how quiet Cookie was. She asked her beginner brother-in-law to get on for a walk and little trot. Once she saw how well he looked after him she knew he'd excel in his new home.

"We are so thrilled he's gone on to have such a great life and help so many people," Skye says.

Cookie then joined the HorsePower Swan Valley family through an Off the Track WA initiative. Cookie has come along in leaps and bounds since joining the Swan Valley family and is currently used in lessons and Hippotherapy sessions.

Hippotherapy is used by HorsePower to assist their clients in providing physical, occupational and speech therapy. Accredited Physiotherapist, Nicky Bushell with the help of Alwyne, use the characteristic movements of Cookie and other horses to provide carefully graded motor and sensory input.

Cookie's speciality as a Hippotherapy horse started when he joined a three-day Hippotherapy workshop in 2015 hosted by Canadian Paediatric Physiotherapist, Pippa Hodge. Cookie joined the workshop for the exposure and experience when caught Pippa's eye who thought he'd be an ideal Hippotherapy horse.

Not something to be rushed, Cookie joined the Hippotherapy sessions slowly. Hippotherapy horses must

be acclimatised and comfortable with people all around them, while stationary or mobile. Clients begin sessions mounted on a sheepskin, which allows close contact with the horse. The horse is then led by a handler and the rider is supported as required by two side walkers, the team follow the instructions of Nicky.

A Hippotherapy horse's rhythm is very important, and Cookie has that magic stride.

Cookie's flatwork development has benefited from OTTWA clinics. One of which was with Rosemary Inglis in 2018. Alwyne Roach, accredited HorsePower Coach and HorsePower Hippotherapy Horse Handler and his rider on the day recalls that while Rosemary remarked on his good walk and trot, he was quite straight and not prone to bending around corners.

"(She) regarded him a broomstick that needed to be snapped to go around the corners, as Cookie leads with his shoulder in and head facing out," Alwyne said.

Cookie has improved his cornering skills, although he likes speed up once he's made it around the corners down the long sides of the arena.

During his development towards becoming an accomplished therapy horse, Cookie has benefited from some expert instruction including Portland Jones and Dr Andrew McLean during a 2018 workshop.

One of Cookie's riders and clients is Tyana Lawless, who rode at Grand Prix level dressage before a lifechanging car accident. Tyana was at first a little reluctant about riding a standardbred, remarking "Oh great! It won't bend!". But



***"A Hippotherapy horse's rhythm is very important, and Cookie has that magic stride."***



Tyana worked with Cookie and soon had him bending with the best of them. Roles are reversed when Tyana coaches Alwyne on Cookie too!

Cookie began to show signs of becoming unsettled during riding sessions and an injury to his eye and then his front legs, saw him sidelined. Thankfully, vet Dr Kathy Klein donated her time to save his eye and Cookie returned to Hippotherapy training.

Viv Waghorn joined HorsePower Swan Valley to benefit from Hippotherapy in November 2018 after she was left partially paralysed by a stroke in 2017. Viv had a strong history with horses, having previously worked in the horse racing industry. When Viv began Hippotherapy she required the full support of the two side walkers. It didn't take long for Viv to blossom under the care of Cookie and she was soon able to ride almost independently at a walk.

Cookie and Viv formed an almost immediate partnership. Viv wasn't at all put off by Cookie's tendency to speed up on the long sides, instead telling him what a good boy he was.

Hard work and persistence paid off, and Viv has recently progressed to riding Cookie with a saddle.

Cookie and Viv competed in the HorsePower Progressive Dressage competition in November 2020. It was both the horse and rider's first ever competition. Cookie and Viv shone throughout their test, mastering bending around corners, square halts and a show-stopping trot. Chris Hope judged their pair's unled walk/trot test which earned them 72.857% and first place.

Viv continues with her Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy alongside the Hippotherapy which helps her with balance, coordination and symmetry.

"He is a horse with a generous heart and it has been wonderful to witness Viv's journey to recovery with Cookie as an important part of her story," Alwyne says.

Cookie's unusual claim to fame is a children's (and adults) story book, all about his days at Hippotherapy.

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All owners of retired racehorses are encouraged to create an OTTWA Passport account and register the horses in their care.

In addition to supporting racehorses in the transition from racing to retirement, owners signing up their horses will be eligible for exclusive benefits, including access to OTTWA clinics and events, exclusive educational resources such as how-to videos and an OTTWA welcome pack.

## HOW TO REGISTER YOUR HORSES FOR A PASSPORT

1. Visit [offthetrackwa.com.au](http://offthetrackwa.com.au) and create an OTTWA Passport account.
2. Log in to your account, and search for your horse using its racing name, microchip number or other details known to you.
3. Once you find your horse, update its details and upload current photos of its brands.
4. Submit your application to RWWA for review, and allow up to two weeks for the application to be processed.
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The Off the Track WA (OTTWA) Retraining Program encompasses the OTTWA Estate and a network of OTTWA Official Retrainers, who will work to provide retired racehorses with the necessary skills and experiences needed to transition from racing to their second career as a pleasure or performance horse.

Horses accepted into the program will undergo an evaluation upon arrival at the Estate, before being allocated to an Official Retrainer, where they will commence retraining and education in preparedness for sale.

The program endeavours to complement already established pathways for rehoming retired racehorses, with priority given to horses which may be more challenging to rehome, for example those in remote areas.

### HOW TO APPLY

1. Visit [offthetrackwa.com.au](http://offthetrackwa.com.au) to view the acceptance criteria and terms and conditions to ascertain whether the program is suitable for your horse.
2. Download and complete the application form, which can be found on the website.
3. Attach recent images of the horse you are applying for before lodging your application via email or post.
4. Allow up to two weeks for your application to be assessed.

**For more information about the program, and to view the acceptance criteria, terms and conditions and an application guide, PLEASE VISIT [OFFTHETRACKWA.COM.AU](http://OFFTHETRACKWA.COM.AU)**

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# WASBA NEWS

## A PACING CUP WINNER

What a way to end the year. A WA bred Pacing Cup winner for the first time since the great San Simeon in 1981. Vultan Tin is also the first Breeder/Owner/Trainer to win since Kolrock in 1941 (thank you Alan). So a mighty achievement by Vultan Tin and the Costellos (with a little bit of help from Shannon Suvaljko!) and as we look forward to the future, there should be a few more winners coming a bit more often with some outstanding types coming through the APG Sale and homebred.

Vultan Tin (1:54.5, \$863,486) is by the unheralded sire Dawn Ofa New Day USA, who is also the sire of Breeders Crown and APG winner Royal Verdict 1:53.5 \$537,522 and local horses Argyle Red (1:53.8, \$288,935) and Atlastalone (1:55.5, \$201,147).

Vultan Tin did not race as a 2yo, won three races and was placed five times including a second in the South West Derby as a 3yo, and as a 4yo won four races and was placed 11 times from his

29 starts. He has been brought along patiently throughout his career by trainer and part owner-breeder Phil Costello, and has shown a definite liking for the longer journey. As they say, he can "stay all day" and appreciated the better barrier draw in the Pacing Cup.

His dam Ellevarrac (Pacific Fella USA) 1.59.3 \$12,986 won 1 race and was placed 6 times from 30 starts and was also bred, raced and trained by Phil, as was her dam Carravelle (Armbro Intercept USA).

So we can have a Pacing Cup winner by an unheralded sire and not particularly successful dam in most peoples eyes, and whose 2yo and 3yo performances did not spell the word champion. But we got there by care, love, dedication, perseverance, faith, ability and of course some good training. Congratulations all.



## AWARDS AWARDS AWARDS

WASBA is once again holding our Awards night in conjunction with the APG Sales function, with Owners Only presence set to make it a great night for everyone. Our awardees will cover the 2019/20 and 2020 season, with awards for 2YO and 3YO Filly and Colt/Gelding of the Year, Mare of the Year, Horse/ Gelding of the Year, Breeder of the Year, Broodmare of the Year, Breeder of the Month and some special awards for our WA bred open Group 1 winners. Our winning breeders as well as owners of APG finalists, vendors, trainers and those interested in purchasing a yearling will be on the invite list. Get in touch with APG or WASBA if you think you qualify!

Also early next year are the Ladies In Pacing Awards. These were a huge success last year so make sure you are there this year. Get ready to nominate your leading lady in one of the categories, with nominations closing 18 January.

The RWWA Awards are also coming up, and we should see some WA bred winners receiving their awards this year!.



PHOTO: BLACK JACK BABY WITH CHRIS VOAK (source RWWA twitter)

## GO THE GIRLS

It's been premium season for the mares, with some outstanding results from the girls. At time of print there are still some feature races to come in the next few months, including the Group 3 Christmas Belles and the Group 3 The Coulson. Don't forget to check out the feature race calendar for the fillies and mares on the Racing Office official site:

[rwwa.com.au/harness-hub/racing-office/](http://rwwa.com.au/harness-hub/racing-office/)

Our Alfie Romeo (Washington VC), in top form with a win in a Fillies and Mares FFA before a solid second place in the Norms Daughter Classic, unfortunately died while in training for the Mares Classic. Our condolences to the connections, and to anyone who has lost their horse or foal during the year.

The lightly raced 4yo Balcatherine (American Ideal USA) returned to racing with a win in October, was unplaced in the postponed Norms Daughter Classic before a resounding win in the Group 1 \$125,000 Westral Mares Classic. Another lightly raced newcomer Wainui Creek (Bettors Delight USA) won early in the month and followed that with a win from the front in the \$50,000 Group 2 Norms Daughter Classic but was no match for Balcatherine in the Mares Classic. Gotta Go Gabbana (Gotta Go Collect) was a good third in the Norms Daughter Classic and with broken gear, was only 2m behind Braeview Bondi in the race that earned him a start in the Pacing Cup. Vivere Damore (Lincoln Royal), who won the Group 3 The Coulson 12 months ago and was overlooked for a start in the Norms Daughter Classic, put up a

big fight from the front in the Mares Classic to hold on for fourth. She has since won the Group 2 \$50,000 Christmas Gift.

Group 1 Mares Classic winner Balcatherine stepped out in the Lord Mayors Cup a fortnight later with half the Pacing Cup field and duly ran a top fourth, behind former Pacing Cup winner and second placed Mighty Conqueror and Vampiro, and multiple Group 2 winner Argyle Red.



PHOTO: Our Alfie Romeo with Ryan Warwick (source RWWA twitter)



## WASBA BOB HUMPHRIES MEMORIAL

Another excellent night of racing at Bunbury for the 2020 WASBA Bob Humphries Memorial, with thanks to Jonathan Calver, the new Business Manager at Bunbury Trotting Club.

The favourite was Virgil Queen winner Newsletter starting in 5 and settling one out and two back behind Elleker Hanover, while Faiselle had the lead. The pressure went on at the 400m with Elleker first to go with a strong 3 wide move to be first into the straight. Faiselle kicked back on the inside, but Elleker Hanover at long odds was doing her best work and went on to win the eighth running of the WASBA Bob Humphries Memorial by 2.7m from Newsletter in 2:00.7. Trained and driven by part owner and breeder Garry Johnson, it was the 4th win by Elleker Hanover and along with 33 places she has won just over \$55,000.

Elleker Hanover is the first foal from her dam Elleker Rose (Life Sign USA) 1:58.9, who is a granddaughter of US mare Tabella Bindy the dam of Australian Pacing Championship, dual Victoria Cup and multiple Inter Dominion Heat winner Desperate Comment 1:55.7, \$1,033,065. This is the female line of horses of the calibre of Adios Vic USA, Manifold Bay and our own My Hard Copy 1:51.6, \$1,271,592.

The WASBA Bob Humphries Memorial Westbred Mares Pace honours Bob Humphries, whose contribution to the harness industry in WA, and the South West and Bunbury region in particular, was enormous. Bob Humphries was a leading owner and breeder in New South Wales before venturing west in 1981, bringing his entire racing and breeding operation, including 116 horses, on a special train across the Nullabor to a new stud at Northcliffe. He spent the next 14 years promoting and supporting breeding in Western Australia under the name of Trunkey Standardbreds.

Bob died in 2010, but his name remains on the record books as the breeder of Derby winners Trunkey Sting and Trunkey Maserati, Oaks winner Ferrari Trunkey, two Fremantle Cup winners in Trunkey Westerner and Trunkey Sting, classic winning 2 and 3yos including Trunkey Jaguar, Butterfly Trunkey, Taipan Trunkey, Trunkey Gold and Trunkey Limousine. Trunkey Gold was the dam of Australian 2yo Pacer of the Year Mazzini Magic, and Butterfly Trunkey was the dam of dual Australian Aged Mare of the Year Tailmade Lombo. The most recent Group 1 winning member of the Trunkey family is Lady Jadore.

Congratulations on a well deserved win to Garry Johnson and wife Jenat, and let's hope more success comes your way now that you can pursue your passion with the mares, foals and training your own.



PHOTO: BLACK JACK BABY WITH CHRIS VOAK  
(source RWWA twitter)

## BONUSES TO YOU

The change in racing season has been a surprising success in WA, thanks largely to the programming of additional races for 2yos (used to be 3yos) and 3yos (used to be 4yos) in the September to December period. This is a permanent change at national level, so your 2yo will have from 1 January to 31 December to earn bonuses and stakes, and likewise for your 3yo.

The full stats aren't in yet but September to November in 2020 has resulted in close to \$500,000 in Westbred Bonuses (plus First Win Bonuses) being paid compared to \$90,000 for the same 3

months in 2019. Congratulations if you have brought you horse into work in this period. At least 40 more 2yo and 3yos have raced over this period in 2020 compared to 2019. Don't forget that Westbreds four years and over receive the Westbred Bonus on their first career win, regardless of age.

## GET READY FOR THE 2020 APG WA SALE

Recent Group 1 graduates include Black Jack Baby, Double Espresso, Give Us A Wave, Its Rock And Roll, Lady Jadore, Lavra Joe, Major Martini, Mighty Ronaldo, Patrickthepiranha, Shockwave, Talks Up A Storm, but there are plenty of others that have come through the WA Yearling Sale including Astra Villa, Allmightyjoelouis, Americanbootscoota, Red Hot Roxy, Doalittlerocknroll, The Real Ideal, New World Order, Dior Mia More, Bettors Reward, Bettor Bling, Play The Boys, Rock Me Over, Lady De La Renta, Gee Jay Kay and many others. You can be confident that you can go to the 2021 APG Sale and buy a quality WA bred horse that will be competitive at all levels.

There is something for everyone, and the Westbred Bonus and first win bonus makes the available yearlings very attractive.

The 2020 WA Yearling Sale will be the fifth sale under the APG banner and the second from the Middle Swan complex. Yearlings purchased at the sale will be eligible, if paid up, for the traditional \$100,000 WA 2yo Sales Classics, \$50,000 3yo WA Sales Classics, \$50,000 2YO and 3YO APG races – all in WA and about \$500,000 all up – as well as the eastern states' APG national race series.

The Sale of 103 lots has 26 different sires represented amongst the 62 colts, 1 gelding and 40 fillies. Established sires such as American Ideal (5 yearlings), Art Major (3), Captaintreacherous (6), Follow The Stars (17), Rock N Roll Heaven (1) and Sweet Lou (8) are represented, to name just a few. A number of yearlings from new, highly credentialed sires are also available such as Betting Line, Control The Moment, Foreclosure, Huntsville and

Vincent. Of the local sires with WA crops yet to race, Bonavista Bay has his first WA crop available and Fly Like An Eagle has a number of trial qualifiers already from his first WA crop.

There are 40 lots that are Westsired and therefore eligible for the double Westbred Bonus. Yearlings by Advance Attack (1), Bonavista Bay (7), Follow The Stars, Fly Like An Eagle (11), P Forty Seven (1), Renaissance Man (2) and Rich And Spoilt (1) are in this category. Your Westsired yearling wins at least \$11,000 (including Breeder Bonus) on top of stakes for the first win, regardless of age, or \$8,500 if Westbred.

Early juvenile qualifiers include progeny of Follow The Stars, Fly Like An Eagle, Rich And Spoilt, Advance Attack and Hes Watching.

The Sale will be held on Sunday 28 February, with both Two-Year-Old Sales Classics programmed for the Friday night before the sale.

Many yearlings are by race performed mares, some are full or half siblings to metropolitan winners and there are a number of new families represented in the sale.

The catalogue has been mailed out to those on the mailing list and can be viewed online at [www.apgold.com.au](http://www.apgold.com.au). If you don't have a catalogue yet, contact Kathleen Howse at APG [kathleen@apgold.com.au](mailto:kathleen@apgold.com.au) or fill out the form on the APG website.





## WASBA IS HERE FOR YOU

The breeding season is close to completion, so we certainly hope it has been successful for you. Thank you to all those breeders who have taken up the challenge this year, and especially those who have taken on one of the mares that were available for lease or being given away. We will provide the same “matching” service next year.

We are greatly assisted by our sponsors who have helped us raise very important funds that we return to the industry in the form of stakes, bonuses, awards, rehoming initiatives and winners rugs, trophies and garlands. Thank you to our sponsors in a difficult year – Allwood Stud Farm, Burwood Stud, Cobbity Equine Farm, Global Breeding Farms, Highlight Lodge, KTC Bloodstock, Lauriston Bloodstock, Northern Rivers Equine, Soho Standarbreds, Woodlands Stud, Yirribee Stud. All these studs or owners provided us with fantastic stallions that you could then access at an excellent price.

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### **“Everybody benefits from a strong local breeding industry”**

Thank you to our current and long term members. Remember that if you are racing a Westbred or any mare, we are here for you!

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## LOOKING FORWARD LOOKING BACK

Of interest in the racing and breeding of champion horses that have raced in WA is that two of these horses are, or were, both raced by Gary Hall Snr and stable clients. More than that though, is that both of these champions have the same grandsire, and he isn't who you think.

Chicago Bull (Bettors Delight USA) 1:51.6 \$2,308,843 is the winner of multiple Group races. Amongst his Group 1 wins are two Fremantle Cups, a Pacing Cup and the WA Derby. He is out of NZ mare Chicago Blues (Christian Cullen) 1:58.1 \$27,263 who in turn out of US mare Bluejeanbabyqueen (Jennas Beach Boy USA), the winner of \$6,000.

King Of Swing (Rocknroll Hanover USA) 1:48.0 \$1,618,376 is the winner of the Group 1 Miracle Mile, Blacks A Fake, Hunter Cup and WA Derby to name just a few. He is out of NZ mare Twist And Twirl (Artsplace USA) 1:56.0 \$283,258, who in turn is out of Giveitawhirlgirl (Jennas Beach Boy USA), the winner of just over \$4,000 in stakes but the dam of the winners of close to \$700,000.

While both Chicago Bull and King Of Swing are from very nice maternal families, the sires are completely different except for one horse – Jennas Beach Boy USA. Jennas Beach Boy (Beach

Towel USA, the sire of the dam of Somebeachsomewhere USA) was no slouch on the track and won over \$1.9 million in earnings as well as taking a lifetime mark of 1:47.3, an all-age world record race mile at the time, in 1996. He won three Breeders Crowns and was twice named US Pacer of the Year.

Gary Snr's owners supported Alta Christiano (dec) in his brief but successful stud career, and we are sure he and many others will support King Of Swing when he retires from the track as one of the most successful race horses in Australasia.



Photo: Chicago Bull (from RWWA harness twitter)

# WASBA WESTBRED OF THE QUARTER

This quarter's Westbred is the progressive To Fast To Serious who looks to be another top line WA bred performer reflecting the improved strength of Westbreds in the last few seasons. With Westbreds receiving a major boost with Vultan Tin (Dawn Ofa New Day USA) winning the WA Pacing Cup and Shockwave (Mach Three CA) and Lavra Joe (Roll With Joe USA) showing they will be stars of the future, WA bred horses should be in demand at the upcoming yearling sale.

By the underrated sire Shadow Play (The Panderosa, 1:47.8, \$1,559,827), To Fast To Serious has the excellent record of thirteen wins, three seconds and a third from his 21 starts, the last of these being a very credible sixth in the Group 1 \$450,000 WA Pacing Cup.

Sold as lot 473 at the 2017 Perth APG Yearling Sale for \$10,000 by breeder Ed Dewar, To Fast To Serious has so far earned \$151,222 plus bonuses. To Fast To Serious won his first four 2YO starts culminating in the Group 1 \$100,000 2YO Colts & Geldings Westbred Classic, running a 1:56.0 mile rate, home in 27.9 and 28.9 for the 2130 metre event.

Unfortunately he then suffered a badly fractured cannon bone just before the Pearl Heats. Given plenty of time to recover he spent almost eighteen months away from the track.

At his return to the races in December 2019 as a 4YO, trainer Ray Williams must have been a little concerned as his second and ninth looked below par based on his previous efforts. While winning at Northam, from five starts his form was ordinary when compared to his 2YO deeds. After another three months break from the track he returned in May 2020 with a 1:56.7 win at a Gloucester Park midweek meeting. This was the start of a return to form that saw him win five races from his next six starts and then finish second to another Westbred – One For Dave Andme (Smiling Shard NZ) – in the Group 3 \$30,000 John Higgins.

After yet another three months break, To Fast To Serious has returned in devastating form winning the Group 3 \$30,000 Im Themightyquinn first up, then a Friday Metro race before finishing a credible third in the RWWA Cup behind Perfect Major (Art Major USA) and Chicago Bull (Bettors Delight USA).

What a great achievement, and credit to his trainer and handlers that he has returned to the track let alone been able to compete competitively in open company. He is certainly a very brave horse.

To Fast To Serious is out of Smile With Me NZ (McArdle USA) who herself was the winner of ten races with fifteen placings from her forty starts. Overall, her earnings were \$80,819 and her best mile rate 1:57.7. With only two foals to have raced To Fast To Serious is her only winner. Luscious Franco NZ (Badlands Hanover USA) her next dam did not race but has produced two winners from her two foals. Looks The Part (Nero's BB USA), the third dam of To Fast To Serious, was a winner and ran third in the NZ Oaks but it is as a broodmare that she has shone having produced ten winners including Lewinsky Franco (1:51.4, \$167,514), Let Loose (1:59.2, \$69,181) and Labretta Franco, the dam of Group 1 Breeders Crown winner Lilac Stride (1:54.4, \$276,140).

To Fast To Serious is from the Dairy Maid Family U30 which is the same family that our previous Westbred of the quarter in Fake News is from, rich in winners across all the lines of its ancestors with no less than ten millionaires, Sokyola, Holmes DG, Mystical Maddy, Karloo Mick, Lotta Soul, Iraklis, Armbro Positive, Monkey King, Nines Wild and State Treasurer.

We should all look forward to seeing To Fast To Serious achieve the success that he deserves.

**Footnote:** To Fast To Serious is one of a number of Group winners across a range of sires coming through the annual APG WA Yearling Sale, including this season standouts Black Jack Baby, Double Espresso, Give Us A Wave, Its Rock And Roll, Lady Jadore, Lavra Joe, Major Martini, Mighty Ronaldo, Patrickthepiranha, Shockwave, Talks Up A Storm, etc. The next WA APG Yearling Sale is on Sunday 28 February at the Magic Millions Complex, Middle Swan.



Photo: To Fast to Serious (from RWWA harness twitter)





## Advantages of Racing a Westbred

Regardless of where the sire was located at time of service, a filly or colt foaled, notified, registered and branded in WA is a Westbred and is eligible for all the benefits of the Westbred Bonus Scheme, arguably the best overall Bonus Program currently operating in Australia.

You can breed your own Westbred or buy a Westbred, with the next APG Yearling Sale in February 2021.

**Westbred Bonuses are paid EVERY TIME to the (racebook) owner of a Westbred placed 1<sup>ST</sup> to 4<sup>TH</sup> in a WA 2YO or 3YO race where the advertised stake is <\$20,000**

### WESTBRED OWNER BONUS AMOUNT – 2YO and 3YO races

(Stakes less than \$15,000)		(Stakes \$15,000 to \$19,999)	
1ST	\$2,550	1ST	\$4,250
2ND	\$675	2ND	\$1,125
3RD	\$338	3RD	\$565
4TH	\$187	4TH	\$310

If your Westbred is "Westbred" (sired by a stallion based in WA at time of service), he/she wins double (ie \$5,100 or \$8,500) the Westbred Win Bonus when winning the above races.

**A first win bonus of \$3,000 is paid to both the breeder and the 'racebook owner' of a Westbred on its first WA win, regardless of age or race stakes.**

Ie In a 2YO or 3YO race <\$20,000, \$5,550 (\$8,100 if Westbred), up to \$7,250 (\$11,500 Westbred) is paid to the owners for a first win, **plus** race stakes **plus** \$3,000 to the breeder. In other races, Westbred 3yos receive the \$3,000 owner and \$3,000 breeder first win bonus but no Westbred Bonus. For Westbreds over 3, the Westbred Bonus/First win Bonus \$5,550 or Westbred \$8,100 (owner) and \$3,000 (breeder) is paid.

Race winning fillies and mares, also receive an amount equal to 10% of a winning stake, set aside in the Epona Scheme (capped at \$5,000), which is over and above the race stakes and is retained by the mare until used for a stallion service, provided the mare is served in Western Australia.

### What Else can you Win?

Unlike Bonus Schemes in other states, the Group 1 WA Sales Races (horses sold at the annual WA yearling sale) and the Pearl Classic and Diamond Classic are the only races requiring nomination and continuation payments to remain eligible. There are separate fillies and colts Sales Finals for 2 year olds (\$100,000) and 3 year olds (\$50,000), with similar stakes for the Pearl (colts and geldings) and Diamond (fillies) races.

As well as 2yo, 3yo and 3yo and over races restricted to Westbreds, the 2 and 3yo calendar is supported by multiple Group races.

**IT PAYS TO BE WESTBRED - All up it's around \$4 million annually just for Westbred progeny - \$2 Million in Westbred and First win Bonuses, over \$1 million in normal races restricted to Westbreds, and \$1 million in feature races for Westbreds**



Major Group race summary – 2YO and 3YO:

MAJOR TWO YEAR OLD RACES	MAJOR THREE YEAR OLD RACES
\$20,000 Western Crown (c & g) \$20,000 Western Crown (fillies)	<b>\$25,000 Country Oaks (fillies)#</b> <b>\$30,000 Country Derby#</b>
<b>\$25,000 Westsired Finals**#</b>	\$50,000 Daintys Daughter Classic (Fillies)
\$30,000 Gold Bracelet (Fillies)	\$40,000 Caduceus Club Classic
\$50,000 Champagne Classic	\$50,000 Western Gateway Pace
\$100,000 Pearl Classic (c & g)	\$50,000 WA Sales Classics **
\$100,000 Diamond Classic (Fillies)	\$50,000 Pearl (c & g) & Diamond (Fillies)
<b>\$225,000 Westbred Classics **#</b>	<b>\$100,000 Westbred Classics **#</b>
\$100,000 WA Sales Classics **	\$150,000 Oaks (Fillies only)
\$125,000 2yo Golden Slipper	\$200,000 WA Derby
<b>** Separate races for each sex, # restricted to Westbreds</b>	

**Not sure if your mare is suitable to breed from? Unraced? Non winner?**

Below are some top Australasian horses from mares with limited or no racing success:

Horse	Earnings	Dam	Dam Earnings
Bling It On	\$1,836,237	Allatglittersisgold	Unraced
Blacks A Fake	\$4,575,438	Colada Hanover	\$10,159
Christian Cullen	\$1,249,150	Pleasant Franco	\$12,703
Im Themightyquinn	\$4,567,456	Love Sign	Raced, \$0
Maczaffair	\$ 507,497	Presidential Affair	\$1,356 from 14 starts
Our Sir Vancelot	\$2,197,990	Teeny Teeny	\$10,310
Tiger Tara	\$2,375,065	Tara Gold	Unraced
Vultan Tin	\$ 570,286	Ellevarrac	\$12,896
Village Kid	\$2,117,870	Totara Valley	Raced, \$0

**Super Smooth**, unraced, dam of **Scuse Me** 1:53.5 \$126,841 who is the dam of **Adore Me**, **Have Faith In Me**, **Imagine Me** and **Splendid Dreams** (the dam of **Hands Christian**, **Christen Me** and **Our Dream About Me**). Over \$7 million dollars in earnings from just two generations of the progeny of the unraced 1989 mare Super Smooth.

**Professional Lass**, born in WA, won \$2,430, dam of **Bonnie Blue Eyes** \$87,565 the dam of **No Blue Manna** \$628,157, **Black And Blue** \$212,495 etc family of **Cott Beach** and **Longreach Bay** etc.

**Amarillen**, born in Tasmania, won \$50, dam of **Villagem** 1:52.1 \$626,585, **Nostra Beach** 1:53.5 \$266,190, **Miss Graceland** 1:54.0 \$244,658 and the unraced **Pixel Perfect** who is the dam of **Soho Tribeca** 1:53.8 \$1,103,854 and **Carlas Pixel** \$480,128.

**Hold Tight** (unraced) is the dam of **Like A Dame** 2:02.0 \$10,312, the dam of **David Hercules** 1:52.7 \$1,263,159. Hold Tight is also the dam of the unraced **Gaetana Nicole** the dam of **Major Martini**.





# OWNERS ONLY

*Own the dream*

## TABTOUCH WA PACING CUP OWNERSHIP EXPERIENCE



The \$450,000 TABtouch WA Pacing Cup provided an immense thrill not only for connections of the Cup runners, but also for the 12 lucky Winners of the WA Pacing Cup Ownership Experience, who enjoyed VIP hospitality in the President's Room at Gloucester Park on TABtouch WA Pacing Cup Night.

The competition winners each drew a Cup runner at the WA Pacing Cup Barrier Draw, with the Cup's winning "Owner" to receive a 5% share in the 2YO gelding, Dream Walker, as part of the TROTSYND Syndicate. Their prize includes all expenses paid until June 2022.

The Owners Only winners relished the chance to meet and greet trainers in the Birdcage and get to know their Cup horses before the big race. Many of the group were astonished at the placid temperament of the standardbred champions - how relaxed and calm they behaved pre-race. Every Cup Trainer and their stable staff welcomed the Owners Only guests with open arms and gave them a true insight into how down to earth, warm and welcoming the harness racing community is.

Katie Wardlow drew Vultan Tin as her runner in the Cup and was in complete shock as he crossed the line first, in WA's premier race! In an added bonus for the Owners Only competition winners' prize, the Costello family most generously donated \$5,000 of their WA Pacing Cup Stake money to the Owners Only competition winners; with \$3,000 going to Katie, the Winner, and \$1,000 each to the second and third placegetters. This kind gesture of the Cup

winning connections exemplifies the generous spirit of the harness racing fraternity and Owners Only extends sincere gratitude on behalf of the winners.

This is Katie Wardlow's first foray into racehorse ownership – her husband Rhys has previously owned a trotter and worked with Grant Williams some years ago. WA Pacing Cup night was Katie and Rhys' first big social occasion since the birth of their four month old son, Dusty. Harness racing is truly a family affair for the Wardlow family and the couple couldn't wait to share the happy news with their six year old son, Archie, who looks forward to sharing the excitement of their new horse, Dream Walker!

Katie and Rhys will invest the cash prize in a new patio at their home – which will proudly feature VULTAN TIN's name.



# Community/TAB

## Giving back to the WA community

Racing and Wagering Western Australia's (RWWA) Community TAB has announced a new opportunity for metropolitan and regional sporting clubs in WA, launching an initiative allowing clubs to receive grants of up to \$2,000.

Community TAB will provide two grassroots clubs with a grant each month to further support the sport and recreation industry in WA.

RWWA Chief Executive Officer Ian Edwards said the additional grants represent a great opportunity for sporting clubs in need of financial assistance.

"Grassroots sports play an important role in building community across WA, producing a myriad of physical and mental health benefits for participants," Mr Edwards said.

"We recognise it takes a lot of resources to keep these clubs running, especially while so many communities have been impacted by COVID-19, so we are aiming to provide support through what has been a challenging time for many."

"RWWA has proudly supported local sport for many years through its Community TAB partnerships, as well as state-wide fundraising and grants programs, and we are excited to further this commitment."

Community TAB has a long-standing partnership with SportWest, the peak industry body for sport in Western Australia, and SportWest Chief Executive Officer Rob Thompson said the Community TAB sports grants is a

great opportunity for sporting clubs to receive some extra funding.

"Sport is about people, their wellbeing and the communities in which we live, and has the power to connect and bring diverse communities together while fostering pride and a sense of belonging," Mr Thompson said.

"It is an essential part of the Western Australian way of life, helping to strengthen social connections, support local economies and improve physical and mental health outcomes."

"SportWest acknowledges and appreciates the valuable community investment from Community TAB."

This is the second sports grants program Community TAB has funded. From 2017 to 2019 the first Community TAB sports grants program saw \$168,000 of grants provided to 25 metropolitan and 27 regional clubs.

Applications are open for all WA sporting clubs, allowing communities from all corners of the State to apply for financial support.

Sporting clubs can apply for a grant here. Terms and Conditions apply and can be viewed here.

[rwwa.com.au/our-community/community-tab/community-sport/community-tab-sports-grants-2/](http://rwwa.com.au/our-community/community-tab/community-sport/community-tab-sports-grants-2/)





# PRIDE MONTH Celebrations

In honour of Pride month in November, Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWWA) and the State's racing industry proudly showed its true colours to support the LGBTQI+ community and encourage diversity within the industry.

On Friday 20 November and Saturday 21 November, Bunbury Trotting Club and Gloucester Park joined the celebrations by hosting Pride-named races, with winning horses donning Pride-themed rugs.

Prominent harness driver Chris Voak was the nominated driver for the code, showing his support to the LGBTQI+ community by wearing rainbow silks for his drives at the Gloucester Park and Bunbury meetings.

"This is an exciting industry for everybody to enjoy and be a part of, and I'm excited to showcase to the world that everyone is welcome in our industry," Mr Voak said.

RWWA would like to thank the harness racing industry for embracing the industry's inaugural Pride week celebrations,

**Photo Below:** Yes Hes A Ladies Man driven by Chris Voak won the 2020 LGBTQI+ Pace at Bunbury Trotting Club on Saturday 21 November.

and for coming together to promote inclusion and diversity within our sport.

If you want to learn more about LGBTQI+ rights and challenges and become an ally for the community, please visit Pride WA for more information and resources.



**Photo Above:** The Michael Brennan-trained Braeview Bondi, driven by Michael Grantham, won the 2020 Pride Pace at Gloucester Park on November 20



## #PRIDEWEEK

# BE BRAVE FOR THE BETTER! IT'S TIME.

**We proudly supported Pride 2020 to show our true colours and stand by our LGBTQI+ community and encourage diversity in our industry.**



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## STEWARDS NOTICES

### NOTICE TO HARNESS TRAINERS - TRIALLING AFTER A LENGTHY SPELL

In order to properly assess and demonstrate the fitness of a horse after having not started in a race or trial for an extended period of time, as of the 1st January 2021, except with the permission of Stewards, any Standardbred horse which has not started in a race or trial for a period of 12 months, must first trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being permitted to race.

Trainers are advised that any nomination made for a horse to enter a race, that does not meet the above requirements, will be refused.

### NOTICE TO HARNESS TRAINERS - HARNESS FREQUENT STARTS POLICY

Controlling bodies are responsible for upholding a higher level of supervision, welfare/veterinary checks, and regulation in respect of horses that race on frequent occasions in a short period of time.

A policy addressing frequency of starts in Harness racing has been developed by RWWA in consultation with industry and has been endorsed by the RWWA Integrity Assurance Committee.

The following policy will apply to all Harness racing horses in Western Australia from 1 January 2021.

A Standardbred horse will only be permitted to start in a maximum of 6 races and/or official trials in any 28-day period.

Any horse nominated for a race or official trial that has reached the maximum number of starts through races and/or official trials, (i.e., Nominated to start for a 7th time in any 28-day period) will have this nomination refused.

### LOCATION OF HORSES – STABLE RETURNS

Trainers and owners are reminded that RWWA and the Stewards must at all times know the whereabouts of registered horses. This is done by the lodgement of a stable return.

Rule 25(1) states:

A stable return containing true and correct particulars must be lodged with the Controlling Body by the connections of a horse within the time and in the manner and form determined by the Controlling Body and the connections shall ensure that all particulars on the stable return are true and correct.

Please note this rule means that once a registered horse enters or leaves the care of a Trainer, a stable return (or amendment) must be lodged. The rules makes no reference to whether the horse is named or un-named and does not specify that a stable return is only lodged for horses being prepared to race.

Therefore, a trainer must lodge a stable return for any registered horse in their care (named or un-named) regardless of whether the horse is being prepared for racing, is being pre-trained, being broken in or being spelled under the care of the trainer.

The above rule makes reference to a stable return being 'lodged within the time determined by the Controlling Body'. Please note this timeframe is:

- Once a registered horse enters or leaves the stable - within 48 hours.
- If the horse is engaged to race – immediately.

Please also note that Rule 119B states:

Unless the stewards otherwise approve, a horse shall not be eligible to be nominated for a race unless the horse has been trained by a licenced trainer for not less than 28 days immediately prior to the date fixed for nomination.

Stewards will use stable return information to determine if a horse has been trained by a licenced trainer for not less than 28 days prior to nomination. Stewards continue to monitor nominations and stable return information and any trainer that fails to lodge a stable return and/or amendment within the timeframe detailed above will be penalised.

### DEREGISTRATION

Rule 96A (3) Where a registered horse has been retired from racing or a decision has been made to not race the horse, the owner or trainer of the horse at the time of its retirement must, within one month of the horse's retirement, notify the Registrar by lodging the relevant form prescribed by the Registrar.

There have been a number of instances where horses have been re-homed by connections, post racing or breeding careers, in good faith – only to learn that the horses have actually been acquired by persons who have on-sold them via horse sales where, unfortunately, their destiny is not always assured.

These horses had not been deregistered and subsequently continue to be registered with the last known owner who maintains responsibility under the Australian Harness Racing Rules – subjecting the connections to potential disciplinary action.

The traceability of horses throughout their lifecycle is an important element of the harness racing industry's equine welfare reform agenda and it is in everyone's best interests to know where our Standardbred horses are at all times, as well as being aware of the various options which exist post racing or breeding. Deregistration provides crucial information about when the horse left the racing pool that will assist in future program planning and also in welfare initiatives to develop positive outcomes for horses that have exited the industry.

While connections are reminded to deregister their horses once retired from racing and or breeding, it is important to note that this deregistration does not alter the horse's status or inclusion in the Stud Book. Further, it does not adversely affect their eligibility to participate in any other equestrian disciplines, including shows and non-racing competitions.

Deregistration Form R25-A should be completed and sent to State Controlling Bodies as soon as the decision to retire a horse is made, or a horse leaves your care, so that an accurate record is kept of the horse's movements and whereabouts at any given point.

## STEWARDS NOTICES

### PRIORITIES REGARDING HORSES TO BE DRIVEN

Rule 152 provides that a driver (who is also an owner or trainer) shall not drive any other horse in a race except with the permission of the stewards.

If a driver owns or trains more than one horse in a race (and wants to drive in that race), they must observe the following order of priority:

1. The person shall drive the horse the person owns and trains
2. The person shall drive the horse which the person owns but which is trained by someone else
3. The person shall drive the horse trained but not owned by the person.

Please note that if a driver is temporarily in charge of a horse in a trainee's absence on raceday, that driver is deemed to be the trainer and if they wish to drive in the race in which that horse is engaged, they will be required under the Rules to drive that horse.

### TEMPORARILY IN CHARGE OF A HORSE

Rule 119A(1) states:

Where a trainer intends to leave his horse with another licensed trainer or another person the trainer must obtain approval from the Stewards prior to doing so.

The trainer must also provide a written authorisation to be submitted to the stewards at the race meeting.

Therefore, if trainers are unable to attend a race meeting and they wish to leave their horse with a licenced trainer or driver, they must seek permission from the stewards prior to the race meeting. Trainers should not assume that permission will automatically be granted as stewards will take into account a number of factors including whether the licenced person is connected to the stable, the other commitments of the licenced person at the races, the age and licence category of the licenced person. Trainers who fail to seek prior permission may be subject to fines.

Please note if permission is granted and the person in charge is a driver, and they wish to drive in the race in which that horse is engaged, they must drive that horse, as per Rule 152 (detailed above).

### TRAINERS OBLIGATIONS

#### TRAINERS WITH MULTIPLE RUNNERS IN ANY ONE RACE

Trainers with multiple runners in any one race are required to attend the stewards' room upon arrival on course to advise the intended driving tactics to be adopted for their runners.

### HORSE UNATTENDED

Horses are not to be left unattended at any time on a racecourse. Rule 211 states:

A trainer or other licensed person for the time being in charge of a horse shall not leave the horse unattended at a racecourse whether in a stable or elsewhere.

An unattended horse is a welfare issue. If a horse is selected for pre-race swabbing and is unattended, it can interfere with the timing of that swab sample which may result in the horse having to be detained on course two hours post race for the sample to be obtained.

### OBLIGATION TO REPORT

Participants are reminded of their obligation under Rule 89(1) which states:

After the running of any race and for a period of 7 days thereafter if the owner, trainer, driver, stable hand or any person in charge of a horse is aware of or has knowledge of anything which may have affected the horse's performance in that race, he or she shall report it immediately to the Stewards.

Things that may have affected the horse's performance can include:

- Casting a plate
- Broken gear
- Flat tyre
- Gear that is not activated
- Contacting its own sulky wheels
- Poor post race recovery
- Injury or illness post-race



## VETERINARY NOTICES

The presence of prohibited substances in racehorses is viewed very seriously and punishments in this area are generally severe. Therefore Racing and Wagering WA would like to draw the attention of trainers to Harness rule of Racing 190, which states in part: “A horse shall be presented for a race free of prohibited substances”.

All trainers are reminded of the strict provisions of HR 190 and of their responsibility for not only the condition, but also the care of their horses, especially in the period leading up to racing. Therefore trainers are urged, in their own interests and in the interests of racing, to take proper precautions in regard to the feeding and safeguarding of horses that are to race, and to ensure that any person having contact with these horses is fully aware of the serious consequences that could flow should a ‘positive’ sample be returned.

For advice on the use of products that may contain prohibited substances trainers should consult their veterinarian, or contact the RWWA Veterinary Department on (08) 9445 5459 or (08) 9445 5305 or vets@rwwa.com.au

### INDUSTRY NOTICE – THRESHOLDS FOR COBALT

Cobalt is a naturally occurring trace element which may normally be present in horses at very low levels as a result of the ingestion of feedstuffs that contain it in trace amounts. Cobalt is also present in the structure of vitamin B12 (cyanocobalamin). However, it is known that excessive amounts of cobalt have an effect on the blood system and therefore it can also be considered as a prohibited substance according to the Rules of Racing when it is at levels above those naturally occurring or as a result of routine nutritional sources, thus a threshold level was introduced into the Rules of Harness Racing to control the use of cobalt in race horses.

Please be aware that:

In the RWWA rules of Harness Racing the current threshold for cobalt is 100 micrograms per litre (µg/L) in urine and 25 µg/L in plasma.

Therefore trainers are advised:

- That a normal racing diet is more than sufficient to meet a horse’s nutritional requirements for cobalt and vitamin B12.
- That registered injectable cobalt supplements offer no nutritional advantages because incorporation of cobalt into the vitamin B12 molecule occurs within the horse’s gut.
- To consult with their veterinarians to ensure that their oral supplementation regimen provides only the amount of cobalt necessary to meet the scientifically established nutritional requirements of the horse for cobalt.
- To administer only nutritional supplements that are manufactured or marketed by reputable companies and to administer such supplements only at the manufacturer’s recommended dose and frequency of administration.

- To avoid the simultaneous use of multiple supplements containing cobalt and vitamin B12.
- That administering products that are inadequately labelled, that make claims to enhance racing performance or to be ‘undetectable’, or which are marketed over the internet is extremely unwise.
- To comply with the one clear day restriction on the injection of any substance prior to racing.

Whilst the threshold has been set at a level to allow for normal levels of cobalt supplementation through routine nutritional sources, trainers are advised that the administration of certain registered vitamin supplements, particularly by injection, close to racing may result in a level of cobalt in a subsequent sample that exceeds this threshold. Trainers are therefore advised to avoid the use of these supplements close to racing.

Examples of injectable vitamin supplements that contain cobalt and/or vitamin B12 include, but are not limited, to V.A.M. injection, Hemo-15 and Hemoplex.

Please direct any inquiries to the RWWA Veterinary Department or the Stewards.

### RWWA HARNESS INDUSTRY NOTICE – RULE HR 196B

Trainers and other Harness racing industry participants should be aware of Australian Harness Rule of Racing 196B that became effective in Western Australia from 1st September, 2015. This Rule prohibits the use of injections of any type in horses during the One Clear Day prior to racing.

Implications of HR 196B

This rule makes it an offence for any person (including a trainer, anyone else in charge of a racehorse or a veterinarian) to insert a hypodermic needle into a horse within the one clear day prior to a race.

By way of example, if a horse is racing on a Friday, the last time that the horse may be injected is midnight on the Wednesday prior to the race. The horse must not be injected on the Thursday or at any time on the Friday prior to the running of the race. For the purpose of proving a breach of HR 196B, it is not necessary to establish what (if any) substance was injected, or was attempted to have been injected, into the horse.

The one clear day ban on injections prior to competition includes, but is not limited to, the administration by injection, whether intravenously, intramuscularly, subcutaneously or any other route, of the following medications and substances:

- intravenous infusions, fluids and electrolytes;
- vitamin and mineral supplements;
- all Schedule 4 Prescription Animal Remedies and Prescription Medicines for injection, including those specified in AR 178B(2) such as antibiotics, mucolytic agents and anti-arthritic agents; and
- any other agents for administration by injection.

## VETERINARY NOTICES

For the purpose of this rule “injection” means, but is not limited to, the insertion of a hypodermic needle into a horse. Under the amended rule, a person also must not insert a needle into a horse for the purpose of blood sampling for health and fitness assessment during the one clear day prior to competition. The obvious exception to the Rule is the collection of official pre-race or out of competition blood samples at the direction of the Stewards for the purpose of drug analyses.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR HARNESS TRAINERS AND VETERINARIANS REGARDING THE DETECTION OF THE CORTICOSTEROID DRUG DEXAMETHASONE

Harness trainers and Veterinarians should be aware that the screening limit applied for the corticosteroid drug dexamethasone changed in Western Australia as of the 1st May 2015, and this will result in a longer detection time for the drug in urine.

Background

The Australian Racing Board (ARB) notified RWWA that as of the 1st May 2015 the Thoroughbred Rules of Racing were amended in order to adopt the new International Screening Limit (ISL) for dexamethasone of 0.2ng/mL in urine. This new screening limit was implemented by Australian racing laboratories for samples from Thoroughbred horses with effect from 1 May, 2015.

In the interest of consistency across both horse racing codes within Western Australia, Racing and Wagering WA have advised the ChemCentre WA that as of the 1st May 2015, this new International Screening Limit for dexamethasone of 0.2ng/mL in urine must be applied to all equine samples collected during competition from both Thoroughbred and Standardbred horses.

This screening limit has since been adopted into the Harness Rules of Racing in 2019.

This will have important implications for the detection of dexamethasone following its administration to racehorses, and will lead to a prolongation of detection times for this corticosteroid drug.

By way of an example, the ISL was applied to the analysis of samples collected during an administration trial involving a short-acting dexamethasone preparation (dexamethasone sodium phosphate) given intravenously and conducted as part of the Equine Therapeutics Research Australia (ETRA) project and published by the Rural Industries Research Development Corporation (RIRDC). The published ETRA data sheet for dexamethasone reports a detection time of three days for the dosage regimen and pharmaceutical preparation used in the ETRA trial, and is valid for the new ISL to be applied by the Australian racing laboratories.

It should be noted that this three day detection time for dexamethasone sodium phosphate is longer than the detection time of 48 hours previously reported in the

Australian Equine Veterinary Association (now Equine Veterinarians Australia – EVA) publication ‘Detection of Therapeutic Substances in Racing Horses’ (‘The White Book’), using the analytical methodology at that time.

Therefore veterinarians are advised that recommended withdrawal periods for treatment with dexamethasone sodium phosphate (for example, in products including Colvasone, Dexadreson, Dexapent, Dexason, Dexol-5, Dexone-5) must be based on the new ETRA data sheet detection time of three (3) days and not on the previous advice provided in the EVA publication, and that trainers are warned accordingly.

It is important to note that a withdrawal (or withholding) period is not the same as a detection period. Any withdrawal period should be calculated based on the published detection time, with the addition of a suitable safety margin based on the circumstances of the administration, including dose, route of administration, preparation administered.

There have been no studies conducted on the detection of long-acting forms of injectable dexamethasone in relation to the ISL, and due to their long and unpredictable excretion, their use in racehorses should be avoided.

### TESTING OF NON-RACE DAY (ELECTIVE) SAMPLES

Trainers should be aware that unpredictable and prolonged excretion times can result from the therapeutic use of certain, specific prohibited substances including long-acting corticosteroids (particularly Depo-Medrol - methyl-prednisolone acetate) and procaine, from the use of procaine penicillin.

Elective testing is strongly recommended for the above drug categories as reliable detection times are difficult, and in some cases impossible, to provide.

Through the Stewards, the Racing Chemistry Laboratory (RCL) will analyse non-race day elective urine samples for certain long-acting therapeutic drugs.

The purpose of this service is twofold. It allows trainers to determine the suitability for racing of an animal after the administration of long-acting medications; or where an animal has been transferred from the premises of another trainer.

The following long-acting drugs can be tested for under the program:

- Corticosteroids (i.e. Depo-Medrol)
- Procaine (from procaine penicillin)

Trainers and veterinarians are encouraged to use this service; however, it does not remove the responsibility, under the Rules of Racing, for a trainer to present all animals under their control free of any prohibited substances on race-day.

For further information contact the RWWA Veterinary Department 9445 5459 or Stewards.



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ARSENIC - NOTICE TO HORSE TRAINERS

Trainers and industry participants are reminded that Arsenic is a prohibited substance under both the Harness and Thoroughbred Australian Rules of Racing, when found at a level above the threshold value of 0.30 milligrams per litre in urine.

Arsenic is a chemical element which occurs in many minerals and trace amounts may be present commonly in feeds and in groundwater in the environment.

Registered veterinary products that contain Arsenic -based compounds include:

- Arcyl Solution for Injection
- Ferrocyl injection
- Troy Invigorate Injection
- Jurocyl Injection.

Horse trainers are therefore reminded to avoid using these preparations close to racing, and a useful guideline is not to administer them following a single dose within a 5 clear day period before racing. Multiple administrations will prolong this period, so extreme caution must be exercised if administering them on consecutive days. The administration of any of these preparations must be recorded as treatment in a trainer's medication log book.

A recent Australian study concluded that it is possible that Arsenic levels in horse urine may be elevated following the ingestion by a horse of Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA) treated pine timber, a common component of horse stables and paddock fencing.

Consequently, RWWA Stewards advise that it would be prudent for trainers and industry participants to conduct an environmental audit of their facilities to ensure they eliminate access of the racehorses in their care to CCA treated pine timber products, or any other product that may present a similar risk of an elevated arsenic level in any race day sample.

RWWA Stewards recently concluded several inquiries into matters relating to the presentation of horses by trainers with Arsenic levels above the threshold. In those matters a conviction without penalty was recorded and the horses concerned were disqualified. RWWA provides notice to trainers and industry participants that future action taken by RWWA Stewards, in matters relating to the presentation of horses with Arsenic levels which exceed the threshold, may result in penalties being imposed, regardless of any evidence relating to ingestion of CCA treated timber products or any other source.

Queries can be directed to your Veterinarian or the RWWA Veterinary Department on (08) 9445 5459.

22 February, 2018.

NOTICE TO TRAINERS RE ALTRENOGEST PRODUCTS

RWWA advises WA horse trainers and veterinarians to take note of the following information concerning potential contamination of certain batches of altrenogest products;

It has been recently discovered that certain batches of altrenogest products may contain low level traces of trenbolone and/or trendione.

Trainers and veterinarians should avoid using injectable products containing altrenogest, and as a precaution, should not administer oral altrenogest products within at least one clear day prior to racing.

Trainers are reminded of the requirement for all treatments to be recorded by midnight on the day on which the treatment was given.

HARNESS RULE OF RACING - ADMINISTRATION OF ALKALINISING AGENTS

Trainers should take particular note of Harness Rule of Racing 196C that bans the administration of alkalinising agents to a horse, both on the day of a race and during the one Clear Day prior to the day of the race.

The purpose of this notice is to explain the rule and to assist trainers and veterinary practitioners in managing compliance.

This rule makes it an offence to administer, attempt to administer or cause to be administered, both on the day of a race and during the one clear day prior to a race, any substance that meets the below definition of an alkalinising agent.

For the purposes of Rule 196C, an alkalinising agent is defined as any substance that may elevate the plasma total carbon dioxide (TCO2) of a horse when administered by any route.

One Clear Day is defined within the Rule to mean a twenty four hour period from 12:01 a.m. to 12 midnight. For practical purposes, a clear day restriction means that the calculation of the number of days for which the procedure/ treatment is banned does not take into account the day of treatment nor the day of racing.

For example, the restriction on the administration of alkalinising agents is one clear day. This means that if a horse is racing on a Friday, the last time it may be administered alkalinising agents, is midnight on the Wednesday. In this case, the Clear Day is the Thursday

A clear day is not the 24 hour period prior to the time of racing.

***Alkalinising agents that must not be administered either on the day of the race or within the one clear day prior to racing include, but are not limited to; bicarbonates, citrates, succinates, acetates, propionates, maleates, lactates and trometamol (e.g. THAM, tris buffer or trometamine) and also include products marketed as urinary alkalinisers and hind gut buffers.***

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***Products that contain alkalinising agents and which fall within this definition include proprietary formulations such as: Sodium Bicarbonate (“bicarb”), sodium citrate, Baladene®, Lang’s Solution® for intravenous use, Neutra-Syrup®, Neutralka®, Neutrolene®, Neutrolene Plus® and Neutradex® and any other products that are marketed as lactic acid buffering or neutralising products. These products must not be administered to a horse on the day of the race prior to racing, or within the one clear day prior to race day.***

This rule does not prohibit the use of balanced, commercial electrolyte supplements or feeds which may contain some alkalinising agents, but which can be demonstrated to have negligible effects on plasma TCO2 when administered in feed according to the manufacturer’s recommendations for normal daily use. These commercial balanced electrolyte supplements may be fed in normally recommended amounts within the one clear day. Examples of normal balanced electrolyte products would include such proprietary preparations as; Applyte Gel®, Electromix®, Electro Paste®, Electrovite Paste®, Equilyte®, Endura-Max®, Endura-Max Paste®, Equicharge®, Horsport®, Humidimix®, KelatoLYTE Electrolyte Replacer®, Ranvet Electrolytes®, Recharge®, Restore®, Salkavite® and Vetsense®.

Regardless of the operation of this rule, in the event that an elevated level of TCO2 beyond the threshold is detected from any sample taken by the Stewards, the rule does not provide a defence to a charge laid against a person under the Rules. Consequently even if a product that is described or may be described as a ‘balanced electrolyte supplement’, such as the examples above, is fed/administered and a horse returns an elevated level of TCO2 greater than 36.0mm/L, the absolute and strict liability operation of the ‘presentation’ rule remains and an offence is committed.

CONTROL OF RACE DAY TREATMENT/MEDICATION OF RACEHORSES

With a number of Rules now restricting medication and treatments of various kinds before competition, the following are guidelines regarding medications/treatments that may be approved by the Stewards on veterinary advice when a request is made to the Stewards for permission to treat a horse on race day.

Guidelines for treatments/medications that can be permitted on race day prior to the race – prior approval of the Stewards not required

***Topical application of hoof oils/dressings/grooming products***

The application of routine, non-medicated hoof oils/dressings is permitted on the day of racing. The exception is those products that contain medications or herbs that claim therapeutic effects such as analgesia or anti-inflammatory actions.

The application of commercial baby oil or petroleum jelly preparations to lubricate/prevent chaffing of a body area, or

a grooming product, is permitted to be applied pre-race. Any product so used must be kept in its original container that has applied to it the original product label, must not be altered or modified by the addition of any other substance/s, and must be available for inspection by the Stewards and official veterinarian. The Stewards may take possession of any such preparation for testing for prohibited substances.

***Shampoos and fly sprays***

Shampoos, including those that are antiseptic or contain an anti-fungal agent, are permitted to be used on race day prior to racing. Fly sprays are permitted to be used on race day prior to racing.

***Physical therapy as treatment***

Vibratory massage systems may be used in the stable on the morning of the day of the race but are not permitted on the racecourse.

***The application of ice/cold water to musculoskeletal structures***

The application of ice or chilled water to, or the use of whirlpool boots or systems such as “Game Ready” on musculoskeletal structures are permitted in the trainer’s stables on the morning of race day but are not permitted to be used pre-race in the race day stalls on-course.

Treatments/medications permitted on race day before the race – prior approval of the Stewards required

***Other topical preparations***

While creams, ointments and powders for topical use are considered to be medications, circumstances may arise when a horse suffers a minor wound that does not affect its suitability to race but would benefit from the application of a topical antibiotic or antiseptic treatment. Such a preparation must be a registered veterinary preparation or human therapeutic good which contains only an antibiotic or antiseptic as its active ingredient, and which is clearly stated as such on its product label. Any product so used must be kept in its original container that has applied to it the original product label, must not be altered or modified by the addition of any other substance/s, and must be available for inspection by the Stewards and official veterinarian. The Stewards may take possession of any such preparation for testing for prohibited substances.

Trainers must apply to the Stewards for permission to administer a topical antiseptic/antibiotic preparation before a race on race day. Horses having received such permission for the application of a topical medication must be inspected by an official veterinarian on arrival at the racecourse.

Treatments/medications prohibited on race day prior to the race



VETERINARY NOTICES

Routes of administration

Unless excepted in the guidelines above, any substance administered by injection, by stomach tube, by paste, by dose syringe, by topical application or by inhalation will be considered to be a treatment and must not be administered on race day prior to the race. Furthermore, there are other pre-competition restrictions on certain treatments/procedures imposed within the Harness rules that trainers must be aware of.

Clay poultices

Clay poultices may be applied to the legs no later than the day before racing but must be removed the morning of the race and must not be re-applied on race day before the race. All traces of clay poultices must be removed prior to arrival on-course.

Glycerine and Vicks Vaporub®

The application of Glycerine and/or Vicks Vaporub® by any means is not permitted prior to racing on race day.

Physical therapy as treatment

The following physical treatments are not permitted to be used at any time before racing on the day of a race:

- acupuncture
- laser and infra-red treatments
- chiropractic manipulations
- magnetic field therapy
- transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) and any other form of electrical stimulation

Extra-corporeal shock wave treatment (ESWT)

Shock wave treatment of racehorses is prohibited for seven clear days prior to racing.

VETERINARY NOTICES

CONTROL OF RACE DAY MEDICATION INFORMATION

A FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF AUSTRALIAN RACING IS THAT HORSES MUST RACE FREE OF THE PHARMACOLOGICAL (OR TOXICOLOGICAL) EFFECT OF DRUGS OR OTHER SUBSTANCES.

TO ASSIST IN MAINTAINING THIS PRINCIPLE, IT IS **NOT PERMITTED TO ADMINISTER ANY MEDICATION TO A HORSE ON RACE DAY PRIOR TO IT RUNNING IN A RACE**

**"MEDICATION"** MEANS ANY TREATMENT WITH DRUGS OR OTHER SUBSTANCES.

AS A GENERAL PRINCIPLE, ANY SUBSTANCE ADMINISTERED WITH THE INTENT OR HOPE OF ACHIEVING A PHARMACOLOGICAL EFFECT / THERAPEUTIC EFFECT WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A MEDICATION UNDER THE RULES.

**PRODUCTS THAT CLAIM TO PROVIDE PHARMACOLOGICAL EFFECTS AND TO BE UNDETECTABLE.**

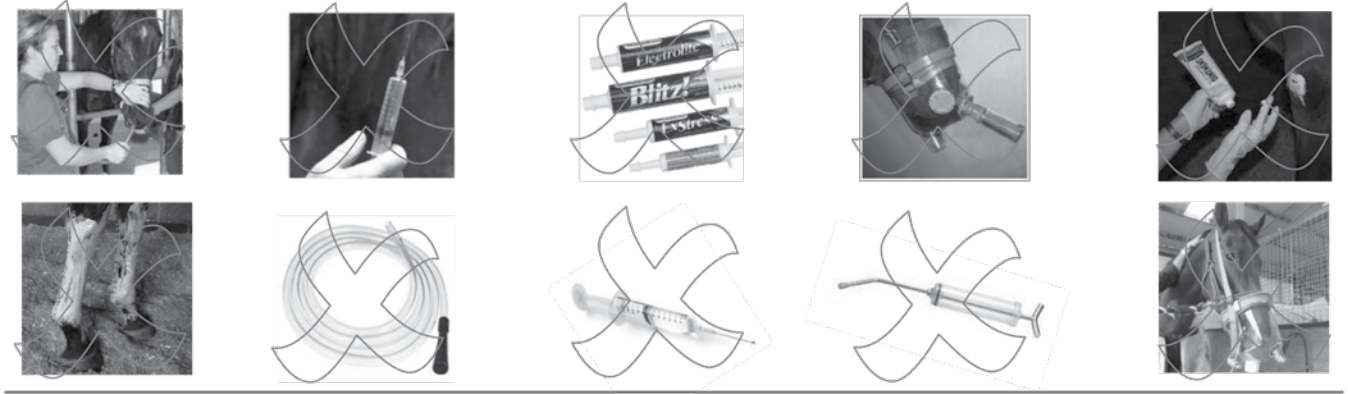
THERE ARE NUMEROUS PRODUCTS, OFTEN HERBAL OR HOMEOPATHIC PREPARATIONS, THAT CLAIM TO PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT PHARMACOLOGICAL EFFECTS SUCH AS A DIURETIC ACTION, ANALGESIA, ANTI-INFLAMMATORY ACTIONS OR BRONCHODILATOR ACTIONS AND ALSO CLAIM TO BE UNDETECTABLE BY LABORATORY TESTING.

THESE TYPES OF PRODUCTS FALL WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF A MEDICATION AND ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE ADMINISTERED TO A HORSE ON RACE DAY PRIOR TO A RACE.

ROUTES OF ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION **NOT** PERMITTED ON RACE DAY

**ANY SUBSTANCE** ADMINISTERED TO A HORSE ON RACEDAY PRIOR TO RACING BY INJECTION, STOMACH TUBE, PASTE, DOSE SYRINGE, TOPICAL APPLICATION OR BY INHALATION, AMONGST ANY OTHER ROUTES OF ADMINISTRATION, **WILL BE CONSIDERED A MEDICATION.**

ONLY NORMAL FEEDING AND SUPPLEMENTATION, ACCORDING TO MANUFACTURE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NORMAL DAILY USE, THAT CAN BE ACHIEVED BY THE HORSE VOLUNTARILY EATING OR DRINKING THE FEEDSTUFF CAN BE CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE ON THE DAY OF RACING.



PHYSICAL THERAPIES **NOT** PERMITTED ON RACE DAY

THE FOLLOWING PHYSICAL TREATMENTS ARE **NOT** PERMITTED, BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS, TO BE USED AT ANYTIME BEFORE RACING ON THE DAY OF RACING.

**PHYSICAL TREATMENTS WHICH ARE NOT TO BE GIVEN ON RACE DAY INCLUDE,** BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

ACUPUNCTURE (INCLUDING LASER AND INFRA-RED TREATMENT)	MAGNETIC FIELD THERAPY	THERAPEUTIC ULTRASOUND
TRANSCUTANEOUS ELECTRICAL NERVE STIMULATION (TENS)	AND ANY OTHER FORM OF ELECTRICAL STIMULATION	

**EXTRA- CORPOREAL SHOCK WAVE (ESWT)** TREATMENT OF RACEHORSES IS PROHIBITED FOR **SEVEN (7) CLEAR DAYS** PRIOR TO RACING.



PERMITTED ON RACE DAY

**APPLICATION OF ICE / COLD WATER TO MUSCULOSKELETAL STRUCTURES**

THE APPLICATION OF ICE OR CHILLED WATER, WHIRLPOOL BOOTS OR SYSTEMS SUCH AS 'GAME READY', TO MUSCULOSKELETAL STRUCTURES IS PERMITTED ON THE MORNING OF RACE DAY IN THE STABLES BUT IS **NOT PERMITTED ON THE RACECOURSE PRIOR TO A HORSE RUNNING IN A RACE.**



**THE APPLICATION OF HOOF OILS**

THE APPLICATION OF ROUTINE HOOF OILS IS PERMITTED ON THE DAY OF RACING, EXCEPT IF THAT PRODUCTS CONTAINS MEDICATIONS OR HERBS THAT CLAIM THERAPEUTIC EFFECTS SUCH AS ANALGESIA OR ANTI-INFLAMMATORY ACTIONS.



**BABY OIL & PETROLEUM JELLY**

BABY OIL & PETROLEUM JELLY ARE PERMITTED.



**SHAMPOOS & FLY SPRAYS**

SHAMPOOS & FLY SPRAYS ARE PERMITTED.

**VIBRATORY MASSAGE E.G. EQUISSAGE**

VIBRATORY MASSAGE SYSTEMS MAY BE USED IN THE STABLE ON THE MORNING OF THE RACE DAY BUT ARE **NOT PERMITTED ON THE RACECOURSE.**



**SEEK PERMISSION — TOPICAL APPLICATIONS**

WHILE TOPICAL APPLICATIONS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE MEDICATIONS, CIRCUMSTANCES MAY ARISE WHEN A HORSE MAY SUFFER A MINOR INJURY, THAT DOES NOT AFFECT ITS SUITABILITY TO RACE BUT WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROPHYLACTIC APPLICATION OF A TOPICAL ANTIBIOTIC OR ANTISEPTIC.

IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, A **TRAINER MUST APPLY PRIOR TO THE STEWARDS** FOR PERMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE MEDICATION.



IF YOU ARE UNSURE PLEASE CONTACT RWVA VETERINARY DEPARTMENT (08) 9445 5459 OR STEWARDS (HARNESS (08) 9445 5157) (THOROUGHBRED (08) 9445 5570)

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HARNESS RACING CLEAR DAY RULE CHARTS

THE CHARTS BELOW RELATE TO HARNESS RULES OF RACING WHICH PROHIBIT THE ADMINISTRATION OF SUBSTANCES OR TREATMENTS FOR A NUMBER OF DAYS AND/OR CLEAR DAYS PRIOR TO A RACE OR OFFICIAL TRIAL.

THESE CHARTS SEEK TO ASSIST THE TRAINER BY VISUALLY SHOWING THE DAYS ON WHICH SUBSTANCES OR TREATMENTS CANNOT BE ADMINISTERED.

THE YELLOW HIGHLIGHTS REPRESENT CLEAR DAY: ON WHICH THE SUBSTANCE OR TREATMENT CAN NOT BE ADMINISTERED. THE GREEN HIGHLIGHTS REPRESENT THE DAY OF THE RACE OR OFFICIAL TRIAL. THE RED HIGHLIGHTS REPRESENT THE LAST DAY THE SUBSTANCE OR TREATMENT CAN BE ADMINISTERED. SUBSTANCES OR TREATMENTS CANNOT BE ADMINISTERED ON THE DAY OF A RACE OR OFFICIAL TRIAL, PRIOR TO THAT RACE OR OFFICIAL TRIAL.

7 DAYS — SHOCK WAVE THERAPY (HR 213B)												
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	SHOCK WAVE	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	RACEDAY OR TRIAL			
				SHOCK WAVE	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	RACEDAY OR TRIAL

1 CLEAR DAY — INJECTIONS (HR 196B) & ALKALINISING AGENTS (HR 196C)						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
ALL INJECTIONS ALKALINISING AGENT ADMINISTRATION	CLEAR DAY	RACE DAY				
			ALL INJECTIONS ALKALINISING AGENT ADMINISTRATION	CLEAR DAY	RACE DAY	

48 HOURS (FROM THE COMMENCEMENT TIME OF RACE ) — STOMACH TUBING & ATOMISERS/FACE MASKS (HR 193)						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
STOMACH TUBING TREATMENT ATOMISER OR FACE MASK USE (with prohibited substances)	CLEAR DAY	RACE DAY				
			STOMACH TUBING TREATMENT ATOMISER OR FACE MASK USE (with prohibited substances)	CLEAR DAY	RACE DAY	

EXEMPTED SUBSTANCES (HR 188A (3))						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	EXEMPTED SUBSTANCES	RACE DAY				
				EXEMPTED SUBSTANCES	RACE DAY	

THE FOLLOWING ORALLY ADMINISTERED SUBSTANCES ARE EXEMPTED FROM THE PROVISIONS OF RULE HR188A, AND MAY BE ADMINISTERED UP TO BUT NOT INCLUDING THE DAY OF A RACE

ANTIMICROBIALS (ANTIBIOTICS) - BUT NOT PROCAINE PENICILLIN RANITIDINE (E.G. ULCERGUARD®) BROMHEXINE DEMBREXINE ALTRENOGEST WHEN ADMINISTERED TO FILLIES AND MARES (E.G. REGUMATE®)	ANTIPARASITICS APPROVED AND REGISTERED FOR USE IN HORSES OMEPRAZOLE (E.G. GASTROZOL®, OMOGUARD®) CHONDROITIN SULPHATE (E.G. COSEQUIN EQUINE®) GLUCOSAMINE (E.G. JOINT GUARD®)
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AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF RACING

NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO RWWA RULES OF HARNESS RACING APPLICABLE 1 AUGUST 2020

In accordance with Section 45 (1) (b) of the Racing and Wagering Western Australia Act 2003, notice is hereby given that the Board of Racing and Wagering WA has resolved that the RWWA Rules of Harness Racing be amended as follows;

Harness Racing Australia advised of amendments to the National Rules which are applicable in Western Australia as from 1 August 2020. These rules changes have also resulted in some amendments to Local Rules as mentioned below.

Rule amendments

Amend definition of “Racing Year” in Schedule 1 Dictionary

“Racing year” means the period commencing 1st January in a calendar year and concluding on 31st December in the same year.

Amend Rules 92(1), 92(2)

92. Age

- Save and except for sub-rule (2), provided that the service date of the foal is on or after 1st September the age of a horse shall be reckoned as beginning on 1st January in the next but one racing year.
- If a horse is foaled in New Zealand between 1st August and 31st August inclusive its age shall be reckoned as beginning on 1st January in the next but one racing year.

Amend listing of Local Rule 35A to be re-listed as Rule 35A. Repeal Rules 35A(1), 35A(2). Add new Local Rule 35A

35A. Conditions and Restrictions (listing amended 1/8/20 formerly LR35A)

- (Repealed 1/8/20)
- (Repealed 1/8/20)
- A horse shall not compete in a trial before it attains the age of 2 years.LR 35A Yearlings

LR35A Yearlings

If a horse is a yearling:

(a) the horse is ineligible for; and

(b) a person must not enter or start the horse in, any race or official trial

to be conducted prior to the 1st of September.

Advice from HRA in relation to these amendments;



The Executive of Harness Racing Australia wishes to advise that the current 2019/20 racing season has been extended to 31 December 2020.

Following the determination of the Executive and approval of the HRA Members, the racing season has been extended to the calendar year end. The HRA Executive determined that the extension of this season allows the various State Controlling Bodies time to consider the reprogramming of various Feature and Futurity Races which have been, or will be, impacted by the direct or related effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The extension to the season is for the current 2019/20 racing season only and does not alter the breeding season. From a racing perspective, all Standardbreds will keep their current age through to 31 December 2020.

For further information, contact Harness Racing Australia by email to: [hra@hra.com.au](mailto:hra@hra.com.au)

With regard to National rule 35A in WA this rule currently appears as Local Rule 35A but the wording is identical to that of the pre 1 August 2020 National Rule. Local Rule 35A is therefore amended so that it is listed as a National Rule rather than a Local Rule.

The amendments to these rules will result in the commencement of two year old racing in January 2021.To be able to race a 2 year old it will need to have trialed but Rule 35A(3) states;

“A horse shall not compete in a trial before it attains the age of 2 years”.

Due to the change is racing season we need to allow yearlings to trial prior to turning two year old on the 1st January 2021 as they will not be eligible to qualify to race as a 2 year old unless they have trialed. Under the current rule 2 year old’s can trial from 1ST September and a new local rule has been added, under the exceptional circumstances presented to us by the change of season, to allow yearlings to trial to ensure we can start 2 year old racing in January. The above new Local Rule 35 therefore needs to be added to allow yearlings to trial leading up to the 1st January 2021.

Delete and replace the Australian Handicapping Rules

The current Australian Handicapping Rules have also been deleted and replaced. These rules have no current effect in Western Australia due to RWWA’s Conditioned Racing System which came into effect on 16 November 2018, however they are updated within our rule book as they are used by the RWWA Racing Department when re-handicapping interstate horses that are to race in WA.

Harness Racing Australia (HRA) advised of amendments to the National Rules which are applicable in Western Australia as from 1 September 2020.

NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO RWWA RULES OF HARNESS RACING APPLICABLE 1 SEPTEMBER 2020

Harness Racing Australia advised of the below amendments to the National Rules which are applicable in Western Australia as from 1 September 2020.

A HRA news article in relation to the below whip rule and an educational video appear on the HRA website.

Rule amendments

Add definition:

“Breeding Season” means the period commencing 1 September



AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF RACING

in a calendar year and ending 31 August in the following calendar year.

Whip rules amendments

Amend Rule 156(2)(a),(b)

- (2)
- (a) A driver shall only apply the whip in a wrist only flicking motion whilst holding a rein in each hand with the tip of the whip pointed forward in an action which does not engage the shoulder.

(b) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (a), “**wrist only flicking motion**” means:-

(i) Ensuring no force is generated by the use of the elbow or shoulder when applying the whip.

(ii) The forearm is not raised beyond forty-five degrees relative to the racing surface.

(iii) Not applying the whip with overt force.

Add new Rule 156(4)(d)

(4) For the purposes of sub-rule (3) a driver shall be deemed to have used the whip in an unapproved manner in the following circumstances which are not exclusive:-

- (d) If the whip is used in a prodding or jabbing fashion.

The Harness Racing Australia website contains a news article in relation to these whips rules and an educational video.

Sire summary sheet and related matters

Renumber existing Rule 275(6) to 275(8) and existing Rule 275(7) to 275(9)

Add new rules 275(6) and 275(7)

275.(6) (a) Subject to paragraph (b), in a breeding season the total number of mares bred in accordance with Parts 18 and 19 of these Rules to a sire registered in Australia including free returns from a previous breeding season shall not exceed 150.

(b) In the breeding season commencing 1 September 2020 and ending 31 August 2021 the total number of mares bred to a stallion registered in Australia may exceed 150 to a maximum of 170 provided that:

- (i) each additional foal is the progeny of a free return to that sire; and,
- (ii) the free return must be to the same mare and that sire; and,
- (iii) the studmaster has made written application to HRA to use the free return and the application has been approved.

(7) A horse that is foaled in contravention of sub-rule (6) shall not be eligible for registration.

(8) The Controlling Body may from time to time change the information required to be recorded under this rule, the way in which it is recorded and the manner, form and time in which information is to be supplied, materials or documents lodged or issued, or application made to the Controlling Body or other

person.

(9) A person who fails to comply with any provision of this rule is guilty of an offence.

Transported Semen

Add new Rule 285A(1) and 285A(2)

285A.(1) (a) Semen from an Australian registered sire which has died or disappeared or been gelded shall, subject to sub-paragraph (b) only be used in the breeding season in which the sire has died or disappeared or been gelded or the next breeding season.

(b) If a broodmare has been inseminated by the sire which has died or disappeared or been gelded and that insemination did not produce a live foal then the progeny of a subsequent insemination of the same broodmare by the same sire shall be eligible for registration in the second breeding season following the death or disappearance or gelding of the sire.

(2) The provisions of sub-rule (1) do not apply to a registered standardbred which has prior to 1 September, 2020 died, disappeared or been gelded.

LICENSING, REGISTRATIONS & OWNERSHIP

MICROCHIPPING OF STANDARDBRED FOALS

The Board of Harness Racing Australia introduced compulsory microchipping of all Standardbred foals born in Australia from 1 September 2017, with implementation by all states commencing with the new season’s foal crop. Microchips provide a lifetime permanent method of identification for horses and will assist with the tracking and traceability of all Standardbreds throughout their lifecycle. Microchips also will ease identification problems for HRA, Stewards and Veterinarians by eradicating errors that can occur with freeze branding application or reading freeze brands.

The cost of the individual microchips for the WA industry will be covered by HRA for the first three years of the program and will be provided free of charge to the breeder. The payment of costs of the microchip will be reviewed after this three year period. Therefore in line with the new national requirement, all foals registered in WA from 1 September 2017 will be microchipped once their registration fees have been paid to RWWA.

Freeze branding of foals will continue in conjunction with the microchipping but will be performed as a separate function to microchipping/DNA collection.

The new foaling process from 1 September 2017 will now be:

1. RWWA’s Certificate of Service will be mailed to the Studmaster/ Breeder where a service was registered by a West Australian sire.
2. The Certificate of Service is to be signed by the Studmaster and forwarded to the breeder of the mare serviced (once all monies owed have been paid to the Stud by the breeder). The breeder will then sign & forward the Certificate of Service to RWWA with the registration fee.
3. Upon registration at RWWA, the foal will be freeze branded by RWWA’s contracted freeze brander.
4. Once the freeze brander returns the paperwork to RWWA, the breeder will then be sent instructions with a HRA registered microchip and RWWA’s Approved Veterinarian List.
5. The breeder will contract a Veterinarian from the RWWA Approved Veterinarian List (also available on RWWA’s website), to insert the microchip and collect hair samples for DNA confirmation. This should occur only when the freeze brand has become visible so the Veterinarian can correctly identify the foal. The Vet will complete the DNA card details and RWWA’s paperwork & return all paperwork to RWWA along with the foal’s hair sample. The cost of the Veterinary services will be borne by the breeder.

Upon receipt, RWWA will forward the DNA to HRA’s contracted laboratory for foal ID verification.

6. Once confirmation of DNA is received the breeder (or new owner) the Naming form to register the foal’s name.

RACING COLOURS WITH LOGOS

Applications for registration of Racing Colours with Logos may be lodged provided they comply with the following strict criteria.

**The use of numerals, letters, words, offensive motifs and use of commercial property or logos promoting or displaying a company, business or commercial undertaking are restricted.**

**The use of a business/company logo (with or without the display of its business name) may be used under the following circumstances:**

- **That the logo design does not resemble any registered Trade Mark.**
- **That the logo design is solely associated with a harness racing-related business/company. ie; Racing Stable, Public Syndicator of Race Horses, Stud farm etc, (excluding any wagering operators).**
- **That the business/company must be registered with an active ABN/ACN, and in the case of a Public Syndicator of Race Horses, a Dealer’s Licence and Registration must have been issued by ASIC/RWWA.**
- **That any wording is specifically that of the registered Business/Company name.**
- **That the logo is not offensive, or in breach of standards of good taste (exercised by RWWA in its discretion).**
- **That the logo does not breach any Australian laws in relation to advertising.**
- **That once approved the logo cannot be altered in any way without the prior permission of RWWA.**

**Any application for the registration of colours using a business/ company logo, must contain all documentation required to substantiate the criteria contained in the regulations.**

RWWA reserves the right to refuse any application that does not satisfy the specific criteria listed in the Regulations.

Application forms are available to download from the RWWA Website. Please direct any queries to the Licensing & Registration Department on 9445 5558.



LICENSING, REGISTRATIONS & OWNERSHIP

NOTICE TO ALL RACING PARTICIPANTS

Transfer of Ownership

Funds are often withheld at the request of the ‘new’ owner when a transfer of ownership has taken place, as the outgoing owner has not submitted the paperwork within the correct time. There are specific rules that apply to each code in the treatment of transfers. These being;

Harness Rule 109 - the paperwork must be submitted within 7 days of entering into a lease or prior to the horse next racing, whichever is earlier and Rule 111 in respect to a transfer of ownership.

Thoroughbred AR.34 – in respect to a lease the Principal Racing Authority may refuse to accept for registration any lease, and may insist on the inclusion in a lease of provisions it considers essential.

Greyhounds R117 – within ten (10) days lodge a prescribed transfer of ownership form and Rule 119 in respect of a lease.

These rules will now be enforced so that the owner recorded with RWWA at the time of racing will be paid any monies earned. Payments will no longer be held due to paperwork not being lodged within the required time.

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

Trainers are advised not to lodge a Stable Return for a horse unless they are in possession of the horse’s Registration Certificate or have access to the electronic certificate in HarnessWeb.

The brand on the Registration Certificate should match the brand on the horse and should be the brand written on the Stable Return or appearing on the HarnessWeb site.

NAMING POLICY - HARNESS

Following queries regarding the existing policy requiring that only original documents as being acceptable in relation to transacting Harness registration, a review has been conducted of the existing protocols in this regard. As a result the following amendment has been made to internal policy in relation to the naming of Standardbred horses. Unless indicated to the contrary, RWWA will now accept electronic documents for all transactions.

This policy also relates to the naming of Standardbred horses, and the relevant documentation submitted by applicants. RWWA now accept clear copies of the application to name a standardbred.

Once a foal is branded by the RWWA contracted freeze brander, microchipped, and the subsequently collected hair sample has been processed and the parentage confirmed, Licensing and Registrations will prepare and issue a Branding Notification Advice / Application for Naming – Harness form to the owners/managing owner of the foal. This form must be retained until the owners wish to name the horse.

When making application for naming, the issued Branding Notification Advice / Application for Naming – Harness form must be correctly completed, signed and returned to RWWA with the correct fee. Licensing and Registration will accept a

correctly completed electronic copy of both sides of the form with accompanying credit or debit card payment details as a means of commencing the naming process. Please contact RWWA Licensing & Registration department on 9445 5558 to obtain details of current fees.

In all circumstances, applicants are advised to allow at least 10 working days for the processing of a valid naming application. At any time there are a number of applications received daily which require some time to properly validate and process, which includes reference to the HRA. Applications will be processed as expeditiously as possible as they are received but will not be elevated in priority under any circumstances. Person’s expecting to make application and have the transaction completed on the same day or similar are advised that such event is highly unlikely and staff will not circumvent protocols or afford any individual applications amended priorities ahead of earlier received applications.

ATTENTION ALL BREEDERS/STUD MASTERS LATE FEES

There is currently a range of fees relating to late notifications with respect to the timely submission of documents to RWWA relating to Breeding. The failure to lodge many of these documents in the manner prescribed does constitute a breach of Rules, in some cases National Rules.

Mares that are not properly identified prior to being served will incur a penalty fee of \$150.00 for each unregistered Mare served appearing on the Stallion Summary Sheets, or on related paperwork submitted to RWWA.

Persons potentially affected by the increases or application of the prescribed late fees can avoid them entirely by ensuring they lodge their documentation and conduct their activities in accordance with the Rules.

Where events beyond a person’s control arise that may cause a late notification, prior notice to RWWA Registrations may lead to the late fee being waived. Each application of a late fee will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

FREEZE BRANDING

Owners please be advised that due to an increase in the workload associated with freeze branding owners may be charged a fee by a stud or veterinary practice when the stud or veterinary practice provide staff to handle the foal at the time it is branded.

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CLEARANCE OF HORSES - DOCUMENTATION AND FEES

Where a horse requires clearance into WA, all relevant documentation and fees must be lodged and processed by RWWA before any transaction for the horse will be processed (Documentation includes ownership transfers, GST/Banking details, Stable Returns and Gear Notifications etc. Leases from interstate Controlling Bodies are NOT accepted).

21. NOTIFICATON OF GELDING OF A HORSE

- 1. No person shall geld or cause to be gelded a horse without the prior written consent of the owner.
- 2. A person who has a horse gelded shall notify the Controlling Body of that fact in accordance with the provisions of Rule 100. Such notification shall be by way of the lodgment of a fresh Gear Notification Form indicating the date of gelding.
- 3. A person who fails to comply with any provision of the rule is guilty of an offence.

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNERS

“APPROVED PROMOTERS”

The following named persons are the only persons approved by RWWA and licensed by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) to promote ownership shares in horse racing schemes.

Prospective owners should be mindful that any person promoting shares in a racehorse must hold a current Australian Financial Services Licence (AFSL) with the \*conditions shown below.

Person	Name	AFSL No:	*Conditions
P V Morley	Belhus Racing Stables Grand Syndicates	226693	1 (a) & (b)
B E Saxild	OZ Racing Pty Ltd	269277	1 (b)
WATA	TrotSynd Pty Ltd	269076	1 (a) & (b)
D. Connell	Thoroughbred Trainers	288213	1 (a) & (b)
(contact – M. Cullen)	Service Centre Ltd.		
T. Johnson	Stable Connect Pty Ltd	336964	1 (a) & (b)
J V O'Neill	Prime Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd	226395	1 (a) & (b)
R J Slade	Slade Bloodstock Pty Ltd	226373	1 (a) & (b)

Australian Financial Services Licence \*Conditions

- 1. This licence authorises the licensee to carry on a financial services business to:
  - (a) provide financial product advice for the following classes of financial products:
    - (i) interests in managed investment schemes limited to:
      - (A) horse racing schemes only; and
      - (b) deal in a financial product by:

- (i) issuing, applying for, acquiring, varying or disposing of a financial product in respect of the following classes of financial products:
  - (A) interests in managed investment schemes limited to:
    - (1) horse racing schemes only; to retail clients.

GUIDELINES TO APPLY FOR A TRAINERS LICENCE

Please read this information carefully

TRAINER’S LICENCE GRADES

Grade “A” is licensed to train any horse.

Grade “B” is licensed to train a horse which the person owns or partly owns or which is owned by the person’s spouse, other domestic partner, parent, sibling or child.

A probationary B grade trainer’s licence is the starting point for a person wishing to train horses to trial and/or race. After a person has held a current B grade licence for 12-months they may make application for the licence to be upgraded to an “A” grade licence.

Grade “C” is licensed to prepare, educate and exercise a horse but cannot trial or nominate it to race. (Referred to as Breaker’s Licence)

To qualify for registration as a trainer the applicant must have at least 6 months experience in the racing industry and hold a current licence at the time of application.

Furnish copies of three (3) months of Bank Statements with a consistent minimum, each month, of \$3,000 in savings.

Furnish three references from industry participants.

Furnish two credit references from suppliers (preferably from within the racing industry ie; Feed Merchants, Veterinary Surgeons etc)

Provide evidence of suitable stabling arrangements. (Stables will be inspected by the Stewards to ensure suitability)

Provide a valid National Police Clearance dated no later than 2 months prior to application.

Furnish a Medical History and RWWA Medical Examination Report

Complete a theoretical test of the applicant’s horse knowledge and understanding of the RWWA Rules, Regulations and Policies.

Provide a sample of urine for testing for Drugs of Abuse.

If required submit to an interview with the Licence Application Review Sub-Committee.

Should you have any other queries regarding your application please contact Licensing and Registrations (08) 9445 5558, or email licreginfo@rwwa.com.au.



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GUIDELINES TO APPLY FOR A HARNESS RACING DRIVER’S LICENCE

Please read this information carefully

DRIVER’S LICENCE GRADES

- (a) Grade “C” is licensed to drive at trials and to carry out track work on registered tracks including pre race warm ups.
- (b) Grade B has the driving licence rights mentioned in (a) and is licensed to drive at graduation meetings and other than in races of metropolitan class at country or provincial meetings, including country or provincial class meetings at metropolitan sites;
- (c) Grade A has the licence mentioned in (a) and (b) and is licensed to drive at any meeting.

The driver’s licence issued to a first time applicant is a Grade “C” driver. A Grade “C” driver’s licence shall not be granted to a person younger than 15 years old.

Holders of a Grade “C” driver’s licence are required to complete at least 30 satisfactory trial drives at official trials and enrol in and complete the relevant units from the Racing Training Package as prescribed by RWWA.

Upon application for any driving permit/licence, if a period of 12 months has elapsed since last providing a RWWA Licence/Permit – Medical Examination Report the applicant must submit a new medical report.

To qualify for registration as a ‘C’ class driver the applicant must

1. Have at least 6 months experience in the racing industry and have held a current driving stable hand licence for at least 6 months unless otherwise waived by the Stewards.
2. Provide a written curriculum vitae detailing experience within the industry including racing industry employment history.
3. Complete a theoretical test of the applicant’s horse knowledge and understanding of the RWWA Harness Rules, Regulations and Policies.
4. Undergo a driving assessment by the RWWA Driving Master or Steward
5. If required, submit to an interview with the licensing steward.
6. Enrol in the required units from the Racing Training Package as specified by RWWA
7. If a period of 12 months has elapsed since last providing a sample of urine for testing for Drugs of Abuse the applicant may be requested to submit a further sample.

Requirements upon Approval being granted:

1. Upon notice of approval being forwarded to Licensing and Registrations by the Stewards, the driver is approved as a “C” grade driver and eligible to drive in trials. During this time the driver must maintain a Trial Driving Record to be signed by RWWA Driving Master or Stewards.

2. In any circumstance, the maintenance of a Grade “C” driver licence requires the holder to complete 10 satisfactory trial drives per year, signed by the RWWA Driving Master or Stewards, evidence to be forwarded at the time of renewal.
3. A minimum of 10 satisfactory Trial drives must be completed within a 12-month period as part of the required minimum 30 satisfactory trial drives in order to be eligible to apply for upgrade of licence to Grade ‘B”. Satisfactory trials constitute driving a variety of horses in both stand and mobile trials demonstrating competence in applying race driving techniques to the satisfaction of the Driving Master and Stewards.
4. Grade “C” drivers designated as trainees are required to wear a reflective vest (supplied upon granting of license) in all trials and also attend RWWA Driving Master review and education sessions as required.
5. It is necessary for at least 4 drives on 4 separate occasions to be at Byford unless otherwise directed by the Stewards.
6. Grade “C” drivers designated as trainees are required to have attended to the satisfaction of the Stewards during their time of such registration as indicated:
  - (a) Observed Stewards race related Inquiry and/or Protest
  - (b) Observed starts with starter for standing and mobile
  - (c) Observed race with Judge
  - (d) Witnessed equine sample collection process and procedure
  - (e) Driven in a number of pre race warm-ups

To qualify for registration as a ‘B’ grade driver the applicant must

1. Have satisfactorily met all the requirements outlined above in relation to requirements of Grade “C” drivers within 12-months of commencing such registration.
2. Have held a Grade “C” drivers licence for a minimum of 6-months, or received approval for variation from the Chief Steward (Harness).
3. Applications for upgrade in excess of 12-months from commencement may be granted at the discretion of the Stewards, but will require a stewards interview and may require the resitting of the theoretical test.
4. Submit a fully completed and signed application “Application for Upgrade to Grade “B” Driver and relevant fee.
5. If a period of 12-months has elapsed since last providing a sample of urine for testing for Drugs of Abuse the applicant may be requested to submit a further sample. (The cost of analysis must be paid at the time the application is lodged.)
6. If required, submit to an interview before the Licensing steward to assess suitability for approval to Grade “B”. Assessment to include knowledge of race driving, relevant rules etc.

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To qualify for registration as a ‘A’ grade driver the applicant must

1. Have completed a minimum of 100 Satisfactory race drives and have driven in at least 25 races in the previous racing season.

Should you have any other queries regarding your application please contact:

RWWA Driving Master 0434 609 604  
Licensing and Registrations 9445 5558

GUIDELINES TO APPLY FOR A STABLEHANDS LICENCE

Please read this information carefully

The holder of a stablehands licence allows the licensee to perform duties related to the every day care of the stables and horses. It also allows them to drive track work on any registered training track

STABLEHANDS LICENCE GRADES

- (a) STABLEHAND DRIVER is licensed to drive track work on any registered training tracks and perform regular stable duties
- (b) STABLEHAND NON-DRIVING is licensed to perform regular stable duties but is not permitted to drive at any registered training track

(STABLEHAND DRIVING) applicant must

1. Be employed by a licenced trainer and hold a current licence to work in the Racing industry
2. Provide a National Police Clearance dated no later than 6-months prior to applications
3. A signed parent consent form If under 18 years of age
4. Furnish a Medical History and Examination Report.
5. Complete a practical test of the applicant’s horse handling competency.
6. Provide a sample of urine for testing for Drugs of Abuse (The cost of the analysis must be paid at the time the application is lodged).

(STABLEHAND NON DRIVING) applicant must

1. Be employed by a trainer
2. Provide a National Police Clearance dated no later than 6-months prior to application
3. If under 18 years of age a signed parent consent form

If you have any queries regarding your application please contact:

(08) 9445 5558 (Harness Licensing Officer)

LICENSEES AND CLUBS

Details of the Australian Harness Racing National Risk Protection Program (Insurance) may be accessed on the HRA web site at the following address:

<http://www.jlttsport.com.au/harnessracing/index.aspx>

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR LEASE AGREEMENTS - CONTINGENCIES

The current practice of denoting contingencies upon transfers with the intent that the controlling body thereafter shall take steps to ensure such contingencies are fully discharged is not a practice that is recognised in either of the other codes nor the majority of other racing jurisdictions.

These agreements between buyers and sellers, eg \$2000 to be paid from the first win, are only agreements between the two parties and it is inappropriate for RWWA to adjudicate on what is in essence a contractual dispute between the parties should such an event arise. Effected parties should appreciate that RWWA does not recognise a contingency clause on horse ownership notification of transfer documents and will not become involved in a dispute which arises out of a contingency contained in a previously notified transfer of ownership.

Whilst the recording of such contingencies is provided as a means of ensuring a written record between the parties, it does not extend to RWWA enforcing in any way the terms of the clauses nor is any assessment made by RWWA with regard to the legality of the clauses. Any and all such questions that may arise are civil matters between the parties that must be determined accordingly.

TRANSFER’S OF OWNERSHIP - POLICY ADVICE

It is a requirement under the Rules of Racing for the name or names of every person or persons having any share or interest in the ownership or lease of a horse to be declared to RWWA prior to racing. Back-dating transfers or similar where such dates retrospectively affect the ownership of a horse in a race already run is therefore contrary to these principles. Furthermore once payments have been correctly made by RWWA based on recorded ownership details, it is impractical to attempt to re-allocate stakes to revised owners after the event.

Industry participants, in particular those involved in horse ownership, are therefore advised when completing the required Application to Transfer (or similar document that alters the official recorded ownership,) the Date of Transfer cannot be dated prior to the horse’s last race start. The practice of back-dating the Date of Transfer so as to include dates where the horse has already raced will not be accepted and instead the Date of Transfer will be given the effective date of processing. Where race starts are not included in any back-dating then the indicated Date of Transfer will be recorded. This policy shall be consistently applied across all codes.

In circumstances where the ownership of a horse already engaged to compete is subject to change prior to racing, then the onus is on the incoming owners to advise RWWA Racing Accounts of the impending change so that monies are not released until the transfer is completed. Payments will no longer be held pending the processing of the Transfer or Lease. RWWA will not be liable for retrieval or re-allocation of stakemoney already paid where adequate notice to RWWA Racing Accounts of the impending change of ownership has not occurred.



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PHOTOS TO BE PROVIDED

All licensee's new and existing have been asked to provide a photo for our records and the upgraded licence card.

Headshot from the shoulders up on a white background. The photo can be taken with your phone and text to 0418 104 309 with your name or emailed to [licreginfo@rwwa.com.au](mailto:licreginfo@rwwa.com.au).

ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP & LEASES

RWWA will now accept the submission of scanned/emailed or faxed copies of Harness Horse Registrations, however we remind participants that it is a requirement that any changes to the documents must be initialed by all parties in relation to transacting Harness Namings, Transfer of Ownerships or Lease Agreements. Transactions will not be processed without the correct paperwork received into our offices, and all documents should be sent and received at RWWA's offices in sufficient time to allow the transaction to be processed. No exception shall be made to this rule and all documents must be submitted prior to a horse being nominated to trial or race.

STANDARD BRED RACEHORSE SYNDICATION

Any person wishing to promote or buy shares in the syndicated ownership of a racehorse should refer to the PUBLIC PROMOTERS OF SYNDICATION section on the RWWA website.

This section has details of the obligations of persons wishing to promote the syndication of racehorses. Prospective buyers of syndicate shares should read the documents in this section before buying a share in a syndicate.

OWNERS NOTE SYNDICATES & PARTNERSHIPS

All current and prospective syndicate or partnership members should be aware of the ramifications of buying shares in a racehorse.

The promotion of a scheme which sells shares in a racehorse is subject to Corporations Law and there are significant penalties for schemes that are found to be operating contrary to the law.

Importantly the laws are in place to provide protection for persons who may purchase an ownership interest in a racehorse which is offered in such a scheme.

A horse racing syndicate must be registered with the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) before it can operate if it is a "managed investment scheme" (MIS) for the purposes of the Corporations Act. This will generally be the case if the syndicate:

has more than 50 members; or is promoted by a person in the business of promoting syndicates unless the investors in the scheme are "wholesale clients" for the purpose of the Corporations Act.

The promoter is required to have an Australian Financial Services

- Licence (AFSL).
- A promoter of a syndicate can avoid the requirement to register a managed investment scheme with ASIC if it registers as an approved promoter with RWWA. Once approved by RWWA, the promoter can then apply to ASIC for an AFSL.
- RWWA is a Lead Regulator and as such is required;
- (a) to keep a register of all promoters of horse racing schemes to which the co-regulation arrangements applies;
  - (b) to register schemes which the lead regulator has agreed to regulate;
  - (c) to ensure that a promoter's disclosure statement or offer document contains sufficient information to allow investors to make an informed decision and to check the accuracy of this information;
  - (d) to approve the agreements which establish the scheme;
  - (e) to approve advertising in relation to the scheme;
  - (f) to ensure that promoters and managers of schemes lodge the reports and accounts which they are required to lodge with the lead regulator;
  - (g) to deal with any complaints;
  - (h) to implement adequate surveillance, enforcement and disciplinary procedures;
  - (i) to refer cases which may involve breaches of the Law or of licence conditions to the ASC;
  - (j) to discipline promoters for failure to comply with the lead regulators' rules;
  - (k) to remove from its register any promoter who fails to comply with the lead regulator's rules relating to the promotion and operation of horse racing schemes and to remove any person from its register if so requested by the ASC; and
  - (l) to advise the ASC of the name of any promoter who has been removed from the register of promoters.

ASIC Client Contact Centre's Enquiry Line 8.30am to 7pm Eastern Standard Time on weekdays. Closed on weekends and national public holidays.

Email [info.enquiries@asic.gov.au](mailto:info.enquiries@asic.gov.au), Phone 03 5177 3988

From overseas, phone +613 5177 3988  
Telephone Interpreter Service 131 450

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REPLACEMENT LICENCE CARD

A replacement card will only be issued where the licensee provides a statutory declaration detailing the circumstances in which the original card was misplaced. Such declaration must also be accompanied by a card replacement fee.

NEW WA LICENSES

When applying for a new licence in WA, participants must complete an application form. A GST Declaration Form is not always completed as part of the application process. As a result, this leaves RWWA unable to make payments or calculate GST.

It will be required that a correctly completed GST Declaration Form be submitted as part of the licence application process. This will ensure that any payments due are made on time to the licensee.

These changes are planned to be introduced 1st August 2012.

RECORD OF GEAR

Trainers are advised that it is their responsibility to ensure that the Record of Gear displayed in the race-night office is correct for each horse engaged at a meeting. Any discrepancy must immediately be advised to the stewards

Horses must not be presented in the parade ring with or without any gear contrary to that published in the official race day gear sheets unless specifically approved by the stewards

CHANGES TO LICENCE APPLICATION CHECKLIST FOR TRAINERS

- Following a review of licensing criteria the RWWA Stewards have introduced some changes to the Licence Application Checklist which are applicable for all Trainer licence applications
- These changes being that the following must be lodged with any application;
- A copy of three (3) months of Bank Statements with a consistent minimum, each month, of \$3,000 in savings
  - Three references from industry participants
  - Two credit references from suppliers (preferably from within the racing industry ie; Feed Merchants, Veterinary Surgeons etc)

The current Harness Licence Application Checklist can be viewed in the Harness Licensing and Registration section of the RWWA Website.

FOALING NOTIFICATION FEES FOR 2019/2020

Correct payment MUST accompany the Foaling Notification for the document to be processed. Please remember that the lodgement of a Foaling Notification later than 21 days after the birth of the foal will incur a late Foaling Notification fee which comprises the normal cost of the Foaling Notification, plus an additional fee of \$50 for each month elapsed after the birth of the foal.

For foals born in the 2019/20 season that are notified after 31st August 2020, an additional fee of \$1000 will apply to the normal Foaling Notification fee. Once a foal reaches the age of 2 years without having its Foaling Notification lodged with RWWA with the appropriate fee and a Statutory Declaration (on RWWA's website), the registration of that horse may not be approved.

Please note that Licensing & Registrations department have a new fax number 08 6314 4792.

All L&R documents can also be sent via email to RWWA Licensing Registrations & Stakes [licreginfo@rwwa.com.au](mailto:licreginfo@rwwa.com.au), via post, dropped in the mailbox at Gloucester Park or Ascot Offices (internal courier service daily), or through reception at Head Office 14 Hasler Road, Osborne Park.



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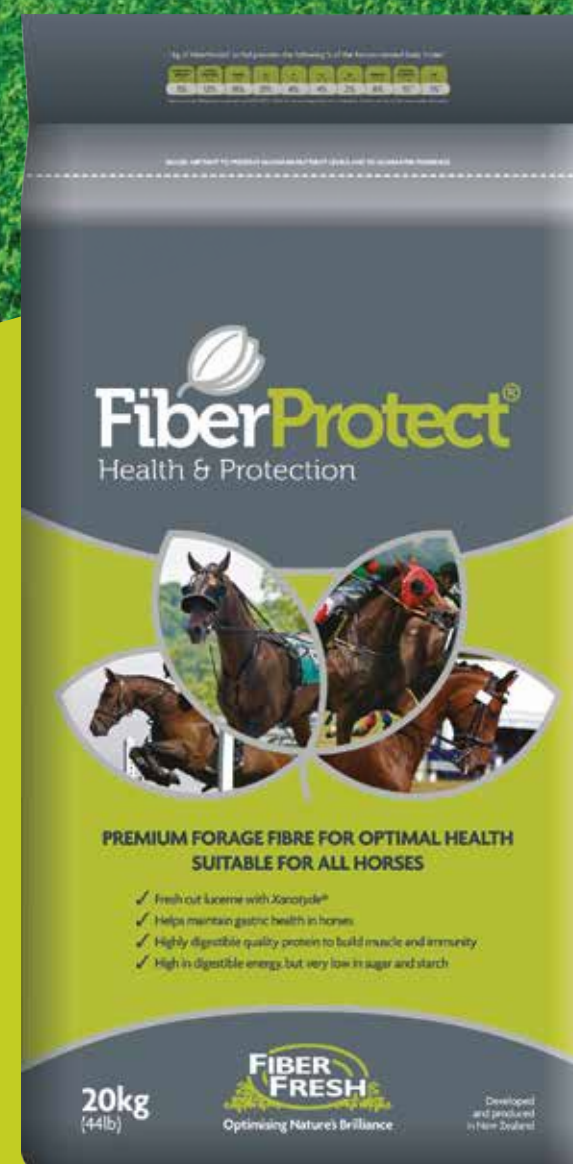
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