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NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2016

TWILIGHT HARNESS RACING IN TAMWORTH SUN 4 & WED 14/12 FRIDAY NIGHT HARNESS RACING IN TAMWORTH 23/12/2016

TAMWORTH SHOWGROUND SOON TO BE KNOWN AS PACEWAY TAMWORTH

In a dramatic but strategic change in direction Harness Racing NSW has successfully secured the Tamworth Showground property thus ensuring uninterrupted racing for the local Club.

Following an extended period on the open market the Showground which is owned by the Tamworth Pastoral and Agricultural Association was open to final offers which closed Thursday 24/11.

For harness racing in Tamworth securing the property removed the possibility of a break in racing in the city, had the site been purchased by another owner or developer with the planned new facility still not progressed to the development application stage. The purchase is a positive for harness racing in Tamworth, the North West Region and the Industry at large according to HRNSW Chief Executive John Dumesny. "The purchase of the established track site has considerable positives not least that the racing schedule at Tamworth will proceed uninterrupted" Dumesny said. "In securing this site the opportunities are endless especially in the harness racing activities. I must stipulate the 2017 Tamworth Show will be held on its traditional site the Tamworth Showground on March 24 and 25. The HRNSW Board has made an immediate commitment to a substantive infrastructure spend on the Showground inclusive of members and public facilities as well as an all-weather cover to the existing race stalls. The ultimate aim is to convert the 200 permanent stables already in place into an accessible training centre for the current and new participants which HRNSW will aim to attract to Tamworth. Other works and strategies which enhance the productive capabilities for the property will be investigated in consultation with the Board of the THRC however the priority commitments will begin

before settlement on February 1" Dumesny concluded. The immediacy of the offer was due to the closure of the offer period however HRNSW management had been undertaking costs analysis comparisons of the Showground and the green field site and other related industry impacts for some time. Investigations in relation to a valuation on the Showground property as well as heritage and contamination implications have been a prerequisite of the HRNSW discoveries.

Tamworth P&A Association President Brett Nies predicted the future direction of the Association and the Tamworth Show was encouraging and exciting. "For us, as a group of volunteers the sale is a great outcome as it preserves the recreational use of the Showground and it secures the Associations viability in the long term future, for the community. In accordance with our constitution the P&A will retain a portion of the property as our base and administration office".



THRC Deputy Chairman Robert Betts expressed the positive views of his fellow Board members in relation to the acquisition. "This is an exciting opportunity taken at the right time which will ensure continuity of harness racing in Tamworth, with ownership of a North West facility renewing enthusiasm amongst THRC members" For all of the harness racing community these new and upgraded facilities will ensure the sustainability of harness racing in this region" Mr Betts concluded. Tamworth Mayor Col Murray in discussions with HRNSW was fully supportive of the decision made which preserved the tradition of the sport in Tamworth and he looked forward to future growth in this activity.

THRC Chairperson 2016-18

The THRC Board finalised the application process on Thursday 1/12 for the position of Chairperson and is excited that Julie Maughan has accepted the position for the next two years. The Club feels lucky to receive applications from high quality candidates to lead a board that has made great progression over the last four years, which sets a great platform for the future. Outgoing Chairman Terry Browne has made an exceptional commitment over the last two years that has seen changes made to THRC that will benefit staff, participants and patrons for years to come. Julie Maughan brings a life time of Harness Racing experience and strong management skills to the board at a time when the club is transitioning into an exciting new future underpinned by exceptional performance both on and off the track in recent years. She joins Joyce Walsh, Graham Moon, Greg McDonnell and Robert Betts for an exciting next two years at Paceway Tamworth.

2015/16 Premiership Awards

Congratulations to the Premiership Awards winners:

* **Global Bloodstock Trainers Premiership**

JULIE WEIDEMANN - 42 wins

* **Global Bloodstock Drivers Premiership**

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* **Sauers Glass Owners Premiership**

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* **Global Bloodstock NNWHRA Young Drivers Premiership (Local U23) - TOM ISON (Tamworth)**



* **Peter & Dianne McNamara Horse of the Year**
MAJOR DEED – Owned & Trained by Julie Weidemann - 23 points



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* **The Pub Group Drive of the Year**

SARAH RUSHBROOK driving Jedi Superstar 19/5/16.



* **NNWHRA Trainers Premiership (Local)**

ANTHONY MISSEN (Tamworth)

* **Nevele R Stud Mare of the Year**

PEPPERALL – Owned & Trained by Julie Weidemann.

* **THRC Volunteer of the Year - JULIE MAUGHAN**



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THRC Membership

A new category of THRC Membership has been introduced for the 2016/17 Racing Season. Licenced **Person Membership** is available at \$22 for all participants licenced with a Harness Racing authority. 12 months Full Membership remains at \$55 and \$27.50 for Pensioner Members, including GST. Membership provides free entry and race book for all meetings, voting rights and **entry into the NEW Peter Jackson Bookmaker Members' Draw.**

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TAB Ladyship Classic winner, the unbeaten Takara Truffle, looks a very exciting prospect. Having her third start she cruised to a 22.5 meter win posting a mile rate of 1:57.6. Driven by Guy Chapple she is trained by Aaron Goadsby from Singleton.



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2016 THRC AGM

The THRC AGM was held on the 20th October 2016 with good numbers in attendance. New Board member Graham Moon was welcomed and Robert Betts was elected Deputy Chairman.

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TRACK NEWS

Trainers wishing to use the Tamworth Paceway for track work will be required to submit and sign an Application to Train to the THRC. The Conditions for Use of the Tamworth Paceway contains track rules, fees and information. Applications to train are available at the office. Track fees for 2016/17 remain unchanged.

Thank-you to the participants who helped to restrain a runaway horse who entered the stabling area at speed during the 6/11 meeting. This was a timely reminder of why **children are not allowed in the stabling area.** Keeping all equipment including the wheelbarrow out of the centre aisle is also a safety pre-requisite.

After a recent incident on the track during training the Club reminds drivers and trainers that **good communication is vital in keeping people safe.** The number one priority is safety and not 'who was on the track first'. **Incident reporting is mandatory** and gives information on the nature and frequency of near miss incidents.

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TAMWORTH HRC RACE MEETING DATES 2016/17

Date	Day	Time	TAB	Meeting Classification	Proposed Feature Races
2016					
7-Jul-16	Thursday	DAY	8	B / \$5000	
21-Jul-16	Thursday	DAY	8	B / \$5000	\$7000 Psarakis Accounting Marathon (2730m) (Open)
4-Aug-16	Thursday	DAY	8	B / \$5000	\$7000 Nevele R Breeding Barn Classic (1980m) (3YO F & 4YO M C2)
14-Aug-16	Sunday	TWILIGHT	8	C / \$3500	
2-Oct-16	Sunday	DAY	8	B / \$5000	
16-Oct-16	Sunday	TWILIGHT	8	B / \$5000	Wests Race Day
29-Oct-16	Saturday	NIGHT	8	C / \$3500	
6-Nov-16	Sunday	TWILIGHT	8	A / \$6000	\$8000 TAB Ladyship Classic (1980m.) (3YO F & C0-C3 Mares)
4-Dec-16	Sunday	TWILIGHT	8	C / \$3500	
14-Dec-16	Wednesday	TWILIGHT	8	A / \$6000	\$8000 BMR Quarries Dash for Cash (1230m) (C2-C4)
23-Dec-16	Friday	NIGHT	8	B / \$5000	Xmas Gift Box (1980m.) (10 best noms)
2017					
8-Jan-17	Sunday	TWILIGHT	8	B / \$5000	Family Fun Day @ THRC
18-Jan-17	Wednesday	NIGHT	8	A / \$6000	\$10,000+ Nugget The Pub Group Gold Nugget (2360m.) (C4-C7) Heats Prydes EasiFeed Golden Guitar (1980m)(C2-C5) Heats Star Maker (1980m) (Open 3YO)
22-Jan-17	Sunday	TWILIGHT	8	C / \$3500	
27-Jan-17	Friday	NIGHT	8	A / \$6000	\$25,000 Prydes EasiFeed Golden Guitar (1980m) (Listed) \$15,000 Star Maker (1980m) (Open 3YO) \$12,000 Garrards Tamworth City Cup (2360m) (C4-C7)
5-Feb-17	Sunday	TWILIGHT	8	B / \$5000	
19-Feb-17	Sunday	TWILIGHT	8	B / \$5000	\$7000 Joan Bullock Memorial (1980m) (3YO F & C0-C1 M) \$7000 Bearing Accessories Pace
9-Apr-17	Sunday	TWILIGHT	8	C / \$3500	Old Boys' Day Perc Verning Memorial / Merv Johnston Memorial
20-Apr-17	Thursday	NIGHT	8	B / \$5000	\$7000 Select Autoglass 3YO Classic (2360m) (Open 3YO)
5-May-17	Friday	DAY	8	B / \$5000	
14-May-17	Sunday	TWILIGHT	8	B / \$5000	
28-May-17	Sunday	TWILIGHT	8	B / \$5000	\$7000 Droughtbreaker Mile (1609m) (Maidens)
11-Jun-17	Sunday	TWILIGHT	8	B / \$5000	
24-Jun-17	Saturday	NIGHT	8	B / \$5000	\$7000 Winter Warmer (1980m) (C1)



* **Race Date change** – now racing on Friday Night 23rd December 2016.

* **Meetings upgraded** – 14th May & 11th June 2017 are now B/\$5000 meetings.

Pryde's Corner

Which Feed is Best? Here are the top 3 things you should ask before using a race feed:

1. Will the feed fuel muscles? During sprints, a racehorse's muscles can only use glucose for fuel. The starch (the white stuff in the middle of a grain) in grains like corn and barley is pure glucose BUT a horse will only fully digest and absorb the starch as glucose if it is well cooked before it is fed. Research shows that extruded grains like those in our Pryde's racing feeds are the easiest to digest and absorb as glucose.

2. Will the feed build muscle? A horse needs muscle to run, so a big focus of training racehorses is developing the muscles that power them. The quality of the protein in a feed has a huge impact on how easily a horse will build muscle. Feeds like the Pryde's racing feeds that use soybean as their primary protein will support excellent muscle development. Feeds that use unnamed 'vegetable protein meals' or cottonseed meal are less likely to provide the building blocks needed for muscles to fully develop.

3. Are high quality ingredients used to make the feed? Horse feeds are either made to a set recipe or they are made via a 'least-cost' formulation. Feeds made by the 'least-cost' formulation method will have generic ingredients like 'cereal grains', 'vegetable protein meals' and 'vegetable oils' on their ingredients list and literally use the ingredients available at the lowest cost to the manufacturer. Cheap feed ingredients are cheap for a reason, so feeds made with these ingredients are almost always of inferior quality. All of the feeds made at Pryde's EasiFeed are made to set recipes using high quality ingredients to provide the best quality nutrition.



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