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NSWROA SYDNEY CUP DAY LUNCHEON – A ‘SELL OUT’ SUCCESS

What odds do you think you would get for two sell-out functions in a row – perhaps something akin to the odds for a maiden winning a Group One event?

I am very pleased to say that has been the case with the last two functions held by the NSW Racehorse Owners Association (NSWROA); an incredible feat in our

current economic climate!

The Golden Slipper Hats and High Tea function at the Sir Stamford at Circular Quay in late March was the first event and the second was our Sydney Cup Day Luncheon on Saturday, 25th April 2009.

We had an inkling that our annual Sydney Cup Day Luncheon was going to

be something extra special when it was scheduled to take place on Anzac Day.

Racing on Anzac Day is an Australasian tradition and one which NSWROA was very pleased to be involved with. So much so that when some of the many servicemen on course for the day came collecting, they were invited to stay.



NSWROA president, Ray McDowell, pictured with servicemen at the luncheon



Master of Ceremonies at the Sydney Cup Day Luncheon – Richard Davey



Joanne Cracknell (left) – winner of the Best Hat Competition, with Catherine Kelly from Embellish Atelier



The function commenced with pre-luncheon drinks in the Kingston Town Room before moving into the Vista Room for a sumptuous buffet luncheon.

At this point I would like to extend our thanks to Roger Brassington from the AJC Convention Centre for all his help with the function and also to all the staff 'on duty' that day – their service and assistance was great.

The Master of Ceremonies for the day was our good friend Richard Davey, who did a brilliant job, as always, keeping everyone updated and entertained and we extend our sincere thanks to him.

One of the many highlights on the day

was the Tipping Competition.

To assist the vast array of guests, we were most fortunate to obtain the services of Stephen Brassel, Tony Brassel, Ken Callander, Henry Noonan and Max Presnell as our Guest Tipsters for the afternoon.

Henry Noonan was also kind enough to provide bookmaking services for the function.

Our thanks to all gentlemen and congratulations to Scott Heffernan, winner of the competition.

The Best Hat and Best Tie Competitions were other highlights on the day. Catherine Kelly from Embellish Atelier, another of our wonderful supporters, was

kind enough to adjudicate on the Best Hat Competition – and what a fantastic job she did.

The Best Tie Competition was also a closely contested event. Redkite's CEO, Jenni Seton, took on the hard task of selecting the winner of this competition.

As readers would be aware, Sydney Cup Day was the last day of the AJC Autumn Carnival and what a carnival it was for NSWROA members who recorded Group One wins on the three Saturdays of the carnival.

Our congratulations to the following members who recorded Black Type wins for the carnival:-

Gr 1-AJC Australia Derby

Gr 1-T J Smith Stakes

Gr 1-Doncaster Handicap

Gr 1-Champagne Stakes

Gr 2-Sapphire Stakes

Gr 3-Adrian Knox Stakes

Gr 3-South Pacific Classic

Listed-Hall Mark Stakes

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Bangaloe Stud Syndicate

Sheikh Mohammed

Dato Tan Chin Nam

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Former NSWROA director, Michael Larmer (second from left), with guests at the luncheon

Our congratulations also to NSWROA members Bob and Jan Bergstrom who recorded a Black Type win at Flemington on Anzac Day with Extra Zero in the Listed-Anzac Day Handicap.

NSWROA members also recorded wins on Anzac Day at Broadmeadow, Murwillumbah and Nyngan.

Whilst I am always reluctant to highlight one win over another, it would be remiss of me not to make special mention of Takeover Target.

His win in the Gr 1-T J Smith Stakes was simply awesome. He completely dominated his rivals and brought the crowd to its feet and cheering with gay abandon.

What can I say about this amazing champion galloper that hasn't been said before? Probably nothing!

The Takeover Target story is the ultimate 'fairytale' so much so that I believe that Hollywood has come knocking on Joe

Janiak's door.

At the time of writing, Takeover Target has just recorded another Group One victory – this time in the Goodwood Handicap at Morphettville.

His adoring fans were cheering loudly prior to the running of the race and even louder after his exceptional win.

In what could only be described as "a champion effort from a champion galloper" Takeover Target collared the speedy I Am Invincible with 200m to go and then asserted his dominance to win as he liked.

That success brought up win number 21 for Takeover Target from 39 career starts. His wins include eight Group One events, two Group Two events, two Group Three events and four Listed Races – he has amassed some \$6,019,400 in prizemoney to date.

Despite reaching 9 years of age, it appears that 'age shall not weary him'

and Takeover Target was set to defend his title in the Gr 1-Kris Flyer International Sprint at Singapore, en route to England and Royal Ascot.

We wish him every success and I am sure all of Australia will be cheering for him.

The next event on the NSWROA calendar is our flagship event – the NSW Racing Industry's Night of Nights, the Racing's Night of Champions.

The function will be staged this year at The Grand Pavilion, the spectacular event centre, at Rosehill Gardens on Thursday, 13th August 2009.

For more information regarding the 2009 Racing's Night of Champions or if you are interested in becoming a member of the NSW Racehorse Owners Association, contact the NSWROA office by telephone **(02) 9299 4299**, by email **nswroa1@ozemail.com.au** or visit the NSWROA website **www.nswroa.com.au**

THANK YOU TO SYDNEY COUTURE MILLINERS

A 'belated' BIG THANK YOU goes out for the contribution of Sydney Couture Milliners to NSWROA's Golden Slipper Hats and High Tea in March for the wonderful array of millinery on parade:-

- Lindsay Clare
- Embellish Atelier (Catherine Kelly)
- Jennifer Kelly
- Suzanne O'Brien
- Di van Ooi
- Papillion Hats by Margaret Keeble
- Rebecca Willis Millinery
- Petra Wollerman
- Lin Teo Designs.
- Certificate 4 Students from TAFE

Thanks also to Sonia Lipski, Miss World Australia Runner-Up 2008 for her assistance, Richard Davey our Master of Ceremonies,

Neil Grigg our celebrity milliner, Warren Turner our guest judge, Kathrine Taliana for providing the entertainment and our guest of honour, the incredible Jean Carroll.

A very special thank you to the Sir Stamford at Circular Quay and in particular to Samantha Storry for all her assistance, Moët & Chandon and to the Sydney Turf Club for its endorsement and support of the event.

Congratulations also to Sharon Lenton and Catherine Kelly (event organisers) for such an outstandingly successful event. To have any event sell out is a fantastic accomplishment but to do so in the current economic climate is wonderful.

For those who missed out or were unable to attend the event, NSWROA advises that a spring millinery function will be held – so make sure you book in early to avoid disappointment!

Stay tuned to the NSWROA website www.nswroa.com.au for further details.