

# 2009 ends with a *flourish* for NSWROA

NSW RACEHORSE OWNERS ASSOCIATION CELEBRATED THE START OF SYDNEY'S NIGHT RACING SEASON WITH A SELL-OUT FUNCTION AT CANTERBURY PARK

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With the month of December marking the end of the membership year for NSW Racehorse Owners Association (NSWROA) and also the start of the Summer Night Racing Season in Sydney, what better way to celebrate both of these events (and also the festive season), than by holding a cocktail function at Canterbury Park Racecourse.

The function, which took place on Thursday 3 December, was attended by members, friends and supporters of the Association and, in following with the other functions held by NSWROA throughout the year, was another 'sell-out' success.

On behalf of the President and Committee of NSWROA, I would like to thank our members for their support via membership and attendance at our functions throughout the year.

May I also at this point send a big thank you to Sydney Turf Club for allowing the Association to utilise its Directors Room for our cocktail function.

The room, which overlooks the Winning Post, provided our guests with a fantastic view of the action on the track whilst they enjoyed the superb food and beverages on offer.

I would also like to thank the Minister for Gaming and Racing, the Hon. Kevin Greene, MP and his staff for their attendance at the function.

The 3rd of December was an incredibly busy day (with a new Premier being elected) so the Minister's attendance demonstrated yet again his great interest and support of the thoroughbred industry.

The night was primarily an 'informal function' but there

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were a couple of short addresses by the President, Ray McDowell, highlighting the achievements of the Association throughout the year, a 'thank you' electronic presentation to supporters and sponsors of the 2009 NSWROA Racings Night of Champions, and a raffle for our charity of choice, Redkite.

Redkite, formerly the Malcolm Sargeant Cancer Fund for Children in Australia, was founded in NSW in August 1983. Redkite works to ease the pressure and to alleviate distress by providing emotional support, financial assistance and educational services to children, young people and their families throughout the difficult treatment period and beyond.

The Chief Executive of Redkite, Jenni Seton, was also in attendance at the function and was overjoyed at the success of the raffle. Ms Seton said "my thanks to the NSW Racehorse Owners Association for their continued support of Redkite".

Racing under lights is always a very exciting affair and the more so of course for those lucky enough to have runners or even better still, having winners.

NSWROA members recorded wins in Race 2 when I Don't Recall saluted for Mr John Thompson and partners and Race 3 with Lupara for Mr Gerry Harvey – our congratulations to both gentlemen.



ABOVE LEFT: The Cashman Family ABOVE RIGHT: NSWROA President Ray McDowell addresses the function MIDDLE: (L-R) Ray McDowell, Stephen Brassel, Jane Lundmark & Mick Robbins TOP LEFT: Some of the Laurel Oak Bloodstock group enjoying the night TOP RIGHT: NSWROA President Ray McDowell and Sharon Lenton

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As mentioned earlier, this cocktail function was the last event of the year for NSWROA. The Association has had tremendous success with our functions throughout 2009 and looks forward to achieving the same success in 2010.

In 2010 NSWROA will be conducting a number of functions including a cocktail function for the closing of the Night Racing Season, the Golden Slipper Hats and High Tea, the very popular Sydney Cup Day Luncheon and of course, our flagship event, the Racings Night of Champions.

I am very pleased to advise that in 2010 our membership rates will remain at the same rate as this year.

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To those owners who are not as yet members of the Association, why not join our winning team and become a member of NSWROA. Applications are now open for the 2010 membership year.

For further information, simply visit our website - [www.nswroa.com.au](http://www.nswroa.com.au) - or telephone the NSWROA office on (02) 9299 4299. **RNSW**



ABOVE: NSWROA Treasurer John Vouris and Ann Vouris with guests  
TOP LEFT: (L-R) NSWROA Director Narelle Anderson & Redkite CEO Jenni Seton  
TOP RIGHT: (L-R) Jane Henning, Suzette Halliwell & Christine Mathers