



CELEBRATING THE BEST IN OUR STATE

NSW RACEHORSE OWNERS ASSOCIATION (NSWROA) WILL NEXT MONTH STAGE THE NSW RACING INDUSTRY'S NIGHT OF NIGHTS, RACING'S NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS

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You are invited to join the NSW Racehorse Owners Association (NSWROA) for the flagship event of the Association, and the NSW Racing Industry's night of nights, Racing's Night of Champions at Royal Randwick on Thursday, 16 August 2018.

We will be 'Celebrating the Best' that New South Wales racing has to offer as well as proudly supporting our charity of choice, the Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation (POWHF).

POWHF is an established charitable organisation supporting and promoting research, education, health promotion and patient care for and at the Prince of Wales Hospital Randwick.

To assist with our celebration, we have enlisted one of Australia's finest young singers, Harrison Craig, as our feature performer for the night.

Few will ever forget the tale of a young Harrison who took to singing to remedy his stutter. Such was his success with his new vocation that he won the second series of The Voice

Australia in 2013.

Since then Harrison has set records on the ARIA charts with two albums. His first album, *More Than a Dream* achieved platinum status and Harrison played to sold out shows on a national tour spanning five months.

His second album *L.O.V.E.* achieved gold status and remained in the top 10 album charts for six weeks. His third and current album is entitled *Kings of Vegas* which pays homage to some of the iconic artists from that 1950s era, such as, The Rat Pack, Nat King Cole, Elvis Presley & Frankie Valli.

Harrison has been most fortunate to have worked with the likes of Seal, David Foster, Baz Luhrmann, songwriter Diane Warren, Barry Gibb and Olivia Newton-John.

His unique tone and crooning style sets him apart in his genre and walking in the footsteps of the giants before him.

The 2018 Racing's Night of Champions Awards will again be televised live to an international audience on Sky Thoroughbred

Central by our exclusive media partner, Sky Racing, with highlights of the night also being shown across the Sky Racing platform.

As readers would be aware, the awards presented at Racing's Night of Champions are to honour the New South Wales Racing Industry.

The feature award of the night is, of course, the TAB NSW Champion Horse of the Year. This esteemed award has a long list of illustrious winners including in recent times It's a Dundeel (NZ) (2013), Boban (2014), First Seal (2015) and Winx (2016 and 2017).

Other awards to be presented on the night include:

- NSW Two-year-old of the Year
- NSW Three-year-old of the Year
- NSW Sprinter of the Year
- NSW Miler of the Year
- NSW Middle Distance Horse of the Year
- NSW Stayer of the Year
- Queen of the Autumn
- NSW Country Champion Horse of the Year

- NSW Provincial Champion Horse of the Year

Racing NSW is once again a major sponsor of Racing's Night of Champions and will present the following additional awards:

- BOBS Horse of the Year
- Sydney Strapper of the Year
- NSW Racing Writers' Personality of the Year
- TJ Smith Award
- George Moore Award
- Theo Green Award; and
- Bart Cummings Medal

The success of this event relies predominantly on sponsorship monies, the monster auction and the silent auction.

We are indebted to our fantastic sponsors and, on behalf of the Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation, we thank them for their wonderful support of Racing's Night of Champions.

NSWROA is very pleased to welcome back as sponsors for this year's event, TAB and Racing NSW – the major sponsors of the event, Sky Racing, Emirates, Australian Turf Club,



ABOVE: Feature performer Harrison Craig
OPPOSITE: Part of the crowd during Racing's Night of Champions

International Animal Health Products, New Zealand Bloodstock, Inglis, Carrazzo Consulting and De Bortoli Wines.

We would also like to welcome Wild Oaks and Hall Chadwick to the sponsorship ranks this year.

NSWROA would like to thank those

companies and individuals who have kindly donated prizes to the Monster and Silent Auctions.

And let's not forget those wonderful attendees to this event!

A very big thank you to those of you who have attended this event previously and we look forward to seeing you again this year.

To those of you interested in attending Racing's Night of Champions for the first time, book now so you do not miss out – it's an experience you will not forget.

Mr Ray McDowell, NSWROA President, said: "I look forward to welcoming everyone to the Association's flagship event – there is no other night like this in our industry."

For more information regarding the 2018 Racing's Night of Champions, contact the NSWROA office via telephone (02) 9299-4299, by email nswroa1@ozemail.com.au or visit the NSWROA website www.nswroa.com.au **RNSW**



Connections of Winx accept the 2017 TAB.com.au NSW Champion Horse of the Year