



NSW RACEHORSE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

July 2008

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**NSW CONFIRMED AS
OFFICIAL OWNERS
REPRESENTATIVE BODY IN
NSW**

NSWROA has officially been recognised as the body representing owners in NSW.

The Hon Graham West MP, Minister for Gaming and Racing in NSW, has determined that NSWROA will take the owners representative position on the Appointment Panel to select the board of Racing NSW.

NSWROA President Mr Stephen van Eyk stated “It goes without saying that I am delighted that NSWROA has finally been recognised for its years of hard work and independence in the NSW Racing Industry”.

Mr van Eyk said that the NSWROA board members were looking forward to the tasks of providing the industry with thought leadership, ensuring that racing is led by a skilful and independent board and representing the interests of all owners in NSW.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REMINDER

A reminder to members that the forty-third Annual General Meeting of the NSW Racehorse Owners Association Limited (ACN 000 498 859) will be held at 'The Rugby Club', Rugby Place, Off 31A Pitt Street, Sydney, 3rd Floor - Barbarian Room, on the 22 July 2008 at 6.00pm.

NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR NSWROA

NSWROA is pleased to announce that Ms Sharon Hunt has joined NSWROA as our Executive Officer.

Ms Hunt, who has a wealth of experience in the thoroughbred industry, was formerly the Executive Officer of Thoroughbred Breeders NSW.

NSWROA President Mr Stephen van Eyk stated “NSWROA has been most fortunate to obtain the services of Ms Hunt for the role of Executive Officer. The breadth

of knowledge she brings to the position will greatly assist NSWROA with our future goals”.

Ms Hunt said “I look forward to my new role with NSWROA and assisting the President and Committee to further and protect the rights of racehorse owners in NSW.”

RACING'S NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS 2008

With a headline act like Human Nature it is no wonder that tickets for this year's Racing Night of Champions have been selling fast.

In what will surely be the biggest event in our Association's history, the night is in aid of Redkite – Australia's leading cancer support charity who provide valuable assistance to children with cancer and their families.

This prestigious charity evening, to be held at The Pavilion, Royal Randwick Racecourse on Thursday 14 August 2008, will feature the 2008 NSW Racing Awards including Champion Horse of the Year, Trainer of the Year, Jockey of the Year and the inaugural NSWROA Recognition Award.



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The event will also feature Glamour at the Gala – inspired by Fashions on the Field – a search to find the most glamorous and stylishly dressed women and men on the red carpet.

And just when you thought it couldn't get any better, the headline act for the evening is the Australian Aria Award Winners - **Human Nature**. Superb !!

For more information or to purchase tickets to this industry night of nights, simply:-

- visit the NSWROA website at: www.nswroa.com.au;
- call (02) 9650 1415 or
- email: racingsnightofchampions@hotmail.com.

See you there.

NSWROA WORKS HARD TO ENSURE INDEPENDENT BOARD

Many members have expressed concern regarding recent press reports that the process for selection of the board of Racing NSW will not be independent.

I can assure members that your Board has spoken to all participants engaged in the selection panel, and expressed our absolute commitment to an independent process and outcome.

The Minister for Gaming and Racing, the Hon. Graham West MP, has also expressed his commitment to ensuring that the Board has highly skilled, independent members who are committed to the future of the industry as a whole – not just part of the industry.

If he feels this has not been achieved he has stated he will not accept the outcome.

RACE FIELDS LEGISLATION

The race fields legislation is designed to ensure that all businesses making use of the racing product to generate income adequately compensate industry participants for it's use.

There has been a huge leakage of betting turnover towards parts of the industry that do not pay adequate compensation and therefore rob owners of prizemoney as well as other participants of earnings.

It can't be allowed to continue unchecked.

I will report further on progress on this issue in coming months.

NOMINATIONS TO BOBS

A reminder to members that 2008 Racehorse Nominations for rising two-year-olds to join the highly-successful BOBS incentive scheme must be received prior to the Monday, 1st September 2008 deadline.

Racehorse Nominations for horses by BOBS-eligible stallions cost \$660 (including GST).

Please note that late nominations after this date rise to \$5500 (incl. GST).

To download the necessary form, click on the following link - [BOBS 2008 Racehorse Nomination Form](#).

Racehorse Nominators should also view the [BOBS 2008 Terms & Conditions](#).

All other BOBS information including BOBS Horse Search, BOBS Forms, Double-Up details and BOBS Contacts can be viewed at - [BOBS General Information](#).

Yours in Racing



Stephen Van Eyk
President
15th July 2008



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