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MEMBER RACING TOUR TO HONG KONG



A reminder to members that bookings are now being taken for the NSWROA Members Racing Tour to Hong Kong in late April 2009.

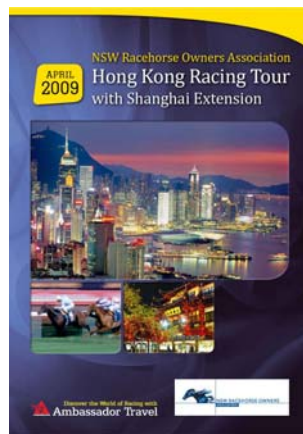
The tour includes attending race meetings in both Hong Kong and Macau; sightseeing and leisure time that will introduce you to some of Hong Kong and Macau's most popular scenic attractions and their hidden charms.

Members who are interested in attending the tour and would like a brochure can either:-

* email us at nswroa1@ozemail.com.au;

* telephone the NSWROA office on (02) 9299 4299; or

* visit the Ambassador Travel website www.ambassadortravel.com.au.



We look forward to members joining us on our inaugural racing tour.

RACING NSW COUNTRY AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

The 2008 Racing NSW Country Awards for Excellence Dinner was held on 23 January 2009 in the Grand Ballroom at Star City with a large audience in attendance.

The awards give recognition to individuals and clubs who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to improve and develop NSW Country Racing.

The award winners for 2008 were:

- Simon Nivison Special Achievement Award - **David Wallace OAM**, for more than 40 years service to racing in the Southern Districts
- TAB Race Club Award - **Scone Race Club**
- Community Race Club Award - **Cooma-Monaro Race Club**
- Best Innovation or Improvement by a Club Award - **Mudgee Race Club**, for Social Networking Initiative 'Mudgee Race Rock'
- Most Popular Feature Race Meeting Award - **Albury Gold Cup**
- Country-Trained Horse Award - **Takeover Target**
- Media Award - **The Border Mail**
- Country Trainer Award - **Brett Cavanough**
- Country Jockey Award - **Greg Ryan**
- Country Apprentice Jockey Award - **Jamie Quinnell**
- Special Achievement Award - **Ray Lane**, for 40 years service to racing in the Sapphire Coast Region
- Special Achievement Award - **Stralara**, for the Best Country-Performed Horse



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• Special Achievement Award - **Bob Vaughan**, for over 34 years as an official in the southern region of NSW

• Special Achievement Award - **John Cannon**, for over 50 years service to racing in North West NSW, especially the Armidale Jockey Club.

Our congratulations to all award winners, finalists and nominees for their fantastic efforts during the 2007-2008 season.

RACE HANDICAPPING/ PROGRAMMING

Submissions have been invited by Racing NSW by close of business on Thursday 12 February 2009 on handicapping and programming to racing@racingnsw.com.au.

Three information papers on the issue are currently available on the Racing NSW website www.racingnsw.com.au

Members are advised that NSWROA will be making a submission.

FIXED RACE DATES FOR AUTUMN CARNIVAL



The Sydney Autumn Racing Carnival will be held as fixed dates in the month of April from 2009 to 2012.

The Sydney Turf Club's Golden Slipper Stakes will be held on the first Saturday in April with the

Australian Jockey Club carnival starting the following week.

Easter, which has been the traditional time for the carnival, will be equally shared between the Sydney Turf Club and the Australian Jockey Club.

NEW RACING NSW BOARD

A new five-person independent Board of Racing NSW was appointed by Racing Minister Kevin Greene on 11 December 2008. The appointment was made on the recommendation of an Independent Selection Panel.

The members of the new Board of Racing NSW are:

- **Alan Brown, for 4 years;**
- **Alan Bell, for 4 years;**
- **Kim Harding, for 3 years;**
- **Ken Brown AM, for 3 years;**
- and**
- **Arthur Inglis, for 2 years.**

The Panel adopted staggered terms of office for reasons of succession management and operational efficiency. The terms do not reflect on the merit selection of any person recommended for appointment.

"A fantastic result for the industry" was how NSW Racehorse Owners Association President Mr Ray McDowell described the appointment of the new Board of Racing NSW.

"My congratulations to the Selection Panel for delivering to the industry exactly what was required - a truly independent board."

VALE – MR JOHN BESTON

The NSW Racehorse Owners Association (NSWROA) was greatly saddened to hear of the passing of NSWROA member Mr John Beston in early December.

On behalf of the NSWROA Committee and our members we extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs Sue Beston and family.

EARLY BIRD MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL COMPETITION CLOSING SOON



The **2009 Early Bird Membership Renewal Competition**, with three great prizes on offer, **closes on Friday 6 February 2009.**

Your entry to the competition is automatic upon renewal of your NSWROA membership.

So if you have not already done so, now is the time to renew your membership.

Our thanks to those members who have already renewed.

Yours in Racing

Ray McDowell,
President
26 January 2009



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