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NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED FOR 2011 RACING'S NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS

The New South Wales Racehorse Owners Association (NSWROA) is pleased to announce the nominations (in alphabetical order) in respect of our annual awards for the 2010/11 season:

<u>Award</u>	<u>Nominations</u>
NSW 2 YEAR OLD OF THE YEAR	Helmet Hot Snitzel Sepoy
NSW 3 YEAR OLD OF THE YEAR	llovethiscity Retrieve Shootoff (NZ)
NSW SPRINTER/MILER OF THE YEAR	Beaded Hay List More Joyous (NZ)
NSW MIDDLE DISTANCE HORSE OF THE YEAR	Descarado (NZ) My Kingdom of Fife (GB) So You Think (NZ)
NSW STAYER OF THE YEAR	Cedarberg Descarado (NZ) Herculian Prince (NZ) Maluckyday (NZ) Stand to Gain (IRE)
QUEEN OF THE AUTUMN	Jersey Lily Red Tracer More Joyous (NZ)
NSW COUNTRY CHAMPION HORSE OF THE YEAR	Border Rebel Jest Crewsin' Voice Commander
NSW PROVINCIAL CHAMPION HORSE OF THE YEAR	Atomic Force Hay List Sincero

The awards are to be presented at a prestigious charity evening to be held in The Randwick Pavilion, Royal Randwick Racecourse on Thursday, 11 August 2011. Other awards to be presented on the night include the T J Smith Award, the George Moore Award, the Theo Green Award, and the "big one", the Luxbet.com NSW Champion Horse of the Year.

One of the many highlights on the night will be the presentation of the Bart Cummings Medal. This award which is named after industry icon Bart Cummings and recognises his contribution to the thoroughbred racing industry over many years, acknowledges consistent, outstanding performances amongst jockeys and trainers at NSW metropolitan race meetings through the racing season with points being determined by a panel of leading racing media figures.

Our charity of choice for this year's event is the **Vincentian House KEEP Program, a Special Work of the St Vincent de Paul Society NSW**. KEEP (Kids Engaged in Education Program) is underpinned by seven strategies that aim to break intergenerational cycle of poverty and disadvantage and offer a range of targeted support for children and young people who are staying at Vincentian House – a crisis accommodation and case management service for homeless families. We are confident that everyone will “dig deep” to help this very worthwhile cause.

Without giving too much away about the night, some of the fantastic items that will feature in the Monster and Silent Auctions will include:-

- an incredible trip to Royal Ascot 2012 – the prize includes two return Business Class tickets to Europe flying with the multi-award winning airline, Emirates, internationally acclaimed for its superb level of inflight service together with a Royal Ascot Tour package from Ambassador Travel
- a package for 4 people to attend the prestigious Committee Lunch at the Tatts Cox Plate on Saturday 22 October 2011
- get your message out there with an advertising package with the leading racing broadcaster SKY Racing* *Advertisements must comply with Sky's Advertising Policy
- two people will join the East Sail 2.5 hour Morning Adventure Group Sail on Sydney Harbour aboard a luxurious Beneteau yacht
- Mystique – a mixed medium acrylic on canvas work of Kerri Koczanowski of an African Girl
- your opportunity to get fit and well for summer with a high end personal training service in the eastern suburbs of Sydney

to name but a few. There will also be a raffle with exceptional prizes conducted on the night and a “lucky door prize” will also be awarded.

NSWROA are delighted to welcome back the following sponsors to this year's event: Luxbet.com, Racing NSW, Patinack Farm, Gow Gates Insurance Brokers, New Zealand Bloodstock, Emirates, Ambassador Travel, Inglis, Carrazzo Consulting, International Animal Health Products, De Bortoli Wines and Tooheys. Whilst technically not a “new” sponsor, the Association is very pleased that the Australian Turf Club is supporting the event by sponsoring the awards the Australian Jockey Club and Sydney Turf Club had in previous years.

We would also like to welcome aboard to this year's event as a first time sponsorship participant SKY Racing, our exclusive media partner, who will televise the awards live to the world on Sky Racing World. And lastly, and by no means in the least, our thanks to those companies and individuals who kindly donated prizes to the Monster and Silent Auctions. It goes without saying that we are indebted to our wonderful sponsors and on behalf of the Vincentian House KEEP Program we thank them for their continued support of Racing's Night of Champions.

I am pleased to advise that NSWROA has again arranged for a return bus service to the event for guests. The bus will travel between Rosehill and Randwick and bookings for this service will be essential.

And just when you thought it couldn't get any better, it does. The Association has been most fortunate to obtain the services of multi-platinum, multi-ARIA Award winning and a true Australian icon as our feature performer – Jimmy Barnes.

So if you haven't already done so, reserve your place now at a truly fantastic night. Tickets are selling fast, so BOOK NOW to avoid disappointment. For more information regarding the 2011 Racing's Night of Champions, contact the NSWROA office on telephone (02) 9299-4299, by email nswroa1@ozemail.com.au or visit the NSWROA website www.nswroa.com.au.

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